



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

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3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Synthetic Biology – AUDIO

Venue: HITEC building, Rue Eugène Ruppert 11, L- 2453 Luxembourg

Meeting room HTC 03/383

Meeting date: 26 November 2013, between 13:00-16:00

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair of the WG welcomed the participants. 4 apologies announced. The representatives from DG RTD and EFSA joined the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with 2 additional items included: points 5 and 6: Time schedule and literature search.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

The Chair requested to participants to declare any interest on matters on the agenda. No declarations of any conflict of interest were made by participants.

4. Time schedule

Following discussions with the interested DGs, it was proposed to split the second opinion in 2 parts: one dealing with the key issues of safety and the second one dealing with research aspects. DG RTD will check with DG ENV the text of COP 11 Decision so as to establish what parts of the opinion should be finalised by the end of September 2014.

The new proposed deadlines will be discussed by the Secretariat with DG ENV and DG RTD.

5. Literature search

The WG members discussed the preliminary results of the literature search sent by the external contractor and the spreadsheet headings the WG required so as to be able to evaluate the revised papers according to their relevance for different parts of the opinion.

It was proposed to ask the contractor to check if there is any possibility to indicate if the identified publications have high or low index.

WG members have to send to Secretariat their comments on the spreadsheet and proposals for inclusion and exclusion criteria of the papers.

6. Discussions of the task list

The entire list of tasks was discussed and various contributions presented and commented by the WG members.

It was suggested to merge/ combine some of the tasks and to enlarge the sub working groups working on those.

All the contributions to different tasks are to be submitted to the Chair of the WG and the Secretariat no later than 9 December 2013.

7. Planning of meetings and teleconferences

Next meeting towards the end of January 2014 (physical one). The Secretariat will launch a doodle to set up the date.

8. Any Other Business

- None