



**Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks
(SCHEER)**

**2nd Meeting of the Working Group on public health impacts and risks resulting
from onshore hydrocarbon exploration and production in the EU – AUDIO**

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

Meeting date: 24 April 2017

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants; three apologies were received. The representatives of DG ENV joined the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matters on the agenda.

1. Literature search

The Secretariat asked the EC library to provide support for the literature search. The results will be available on 12 May.

2. Call for experts

Call for experts is open until 7 May. All applications received during the call will be assessed by the working group during the audio meeting on 15 May.

3. Discussion on the structure of the opinion

Structure of the opinion was discussed and agreed by the experts. DG ENV made clear that the focus of the Opinion should be on risks to and impacts on public health associated with onshore oil and gas exploration and extraction practices in areas of the EU where there have already been large scale commercial activities and not on shale gas production.

4. Distribution of tasks:

Once the results of the literature search will be made available by the EC Library, four members of the working group will check them for their relevance for the opinion and will present their conclusions during the audio conference on 15 May.

5. Next meetings

15 May (Audio) and 3 July (physical meeting)