



Luxembourg, 20 March 2024

Inter-committee Coordination Group (ICCG) meeting

19 March 2024, Luxembourg, 9:30 – 13:00

AUDIO MEETING

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies, approval of the agenda and declaration of interests

No apology has been received.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

The minutes of the previous ICCG meeting were adopted by the members via written process and published on the website [Inter-committee coordination group \(2022-2026\) \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/inter-committee-coordination-group).

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.

2. List of points discussed

2.1 Information from the Commission

- The Secretariat informed the group on the news related to the Commission's Chemicals Strategy and developments of the 'One Substance-One Assessment' (1S1A) objective of Commission. The revision of the EU Cosmetic Regulation is under finalisation at Commission level.
- In the context of Chemical Strategy for Sustainability and 1S1A, **EFSA has taken the initiative to commission a study** titled '*Mapping of data requirements and assessment methodologies linked to the regulatory frameworks and remits of the relevant EU Agencies (ECHA, EFSA and EMA) and EC Scientific Committees (Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety, SCCS, and Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks, SCHEER)*', which was **published in December 2023** (to be found at: <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.2903/sp.efsa.2023.EN-8540>). SCCS/SCHEER contributed with Commission and EU scientific bodies to exchange relevant information and will follow-up. A clear agreed definition of NAMs is needed.
- Secretariat launched an internal questionnaire for the members on the overall satisfaction with the work of the Secretariat and organisation of meetings. Results provided and discussed in November were followed-up to improve where needed.

2.2. Exchange of information on working procedures and activities of the Committees

- SCHEER work – highlights/issues, feedback from the last SCHEER plenary meeting and ongoing opinions
 - SCHEER received two new mandates on brain stimulators and on emerging risks (foresight project FORENV cycle VI) on biodiversity/ecosystems.
 - SCHEER is working on the update of the Memorandum on Weight of Evidence (WoE) and uncertainties -> a SCCS member is involved in that WG.
 - SCHEER will work on the new list of emerging risks (self-mandate).

- The preliminary Update of the Guidelines on Phthalates used in medical devices has been adopted on 12 March and will be published for public consultation at the latest from 27 March until 28 April (here: [Consultations - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)); deadline for the final document is June 2024. A public hearing is planned during the public consultation on 11 April 2024 and will be confirmed soon, depending on the number of the participants having applied and eligible: see [Public Hearing on the SCHEER guidelines on the presence of phthalates in certain medical devices - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#).
 - Comments received on Opinion on potential health effects of exposure to low Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) are under assessment and technical advice for an amendment of Annexes to Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC on the limitation of exposure of the general public to EMF is planned to be finalised by July 2024: [SCHEER - Opinions - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#). Factsheets are under preparation.
- SCCS work – highlights/issues, feedback from the last SCCS plenary meeting and ongoing opinions
 - SCCS informed about future mandates and ongoing work, such as on aluminium, UV-filter benzophenone-4, microsilver, and TiO₂ genotoxicity via oral/inhalable products – the preliminary scientific advice to Commission received comments, which are under assessment. Also, the preliminary Opinion on acetylated vetiver oil (volatile fragrance) is under commenting period (see [SCCS - Opinions - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)),
 - The SCCS is planning a Methodology Workshop on New generation of Risk Assessment on 10 December 2024 in Brussels to discuss more deeply the PBPK modelling and to tentatively agree on criteria needed. SCHEER will also be represented by a few members.

3. Date of the next meeting

29 October 2024

4. Any other business

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