



Luxembourg, 20 June 2023

**Scientific Committees on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)
5th Plenary meeting (2022-2026)**

8-9 June 2023, Luxembourg

MINUTES

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. Two apologies received for both days. R. Bertollini resigned ahead of the plenary meeting due to personal reasons.

The agenda was adopted with some additional points added.

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

2. Points for discussion/decision

2.1 Mandates for adoption

2.1.1 Mandates in the pipeline by Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV).

- Mandates expected in 2023 on PFAS (ground and surface waters),
- Mandates expected in 2024-2025 on copper (surface water) as well as effect-based methods & trigger values.

2.2 Opinions for adoption

2.2.1 Final Opinion on TiO₂ in toys – opinion has been adopted and will be published.

2.3 Opinions for discussion/ongoing work

- 2.3.1 Preliminary Opinion on animal welfare zebra fish and passerine birds – public consultation open until 12 June.
- 2.3.2 EMF II – work of the working group is ongoing.
- 2.3.3 Update on Guidance on Phthalates – work of the working group is ongoing.

- 2.3.4 FORENV cycle V – ten issues received from DG ENV. SCHEER selected five issues to describe in this cycle. Proposal sent to ENV and European Environmental Agency (EEA).
- 2.3.5 Update of the Memorandum on Weight of Evidence – SCHEER members decided to update the Memorandum.
- 2.3.6 Update on Emerging risks – SCHEER members decided to draft an update on emerging risks.
- 2.3.7 Environmental Quality Standards – position paper published and sent to ENV to distribute to their stakeholders for comments.

3. A.O.B.

- Breast implants related lymphoma (BIA-ALCL) meeting in Rome, Session 4 - BIA-ALCL: The Role of Authorities. Invitation shared internally in SANTE. One SCHEER member will participate on behalf of his employer.
- Letter from Plastic Europe (by Polycarbonate/Bisphenol A product group). Letter forwarded to ENV and JRC.
- Term report 2016-2021 published
- Reports from external meetings shared with the members
- SCHEER decided to begin the process of recruiting one or two new members after the latest resignation
- **Dates of the next plenary meetings:** 6 October – AUDIO ALL DAY