



Luxembourg, 7 June 2024

**Scientific Committees on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)
8th Plenary meeting (2022-2026)**

4 June 2024, Luxembourg

MINUTES

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. Two apologies were received.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

2. Information from Members/Commission/Secretariat

- Report from the Chair on EREN¹ meeting organised in May by EFSA.
- Reports from the members participating in the workshops of the EU Foresight System (FORENV)² on the cycle VI issues on biodiversity organised in May by DG ENV.
- Report from the Vice-Chair on PARERE³ meeting organised by DG JRC on 29 May.
- Research and innovation -> Safe and sustainable by design⁴: the second feedback collection is open until 30 August 2024 - https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/SSbD_Reporting2_Upload

3. Points for discussion/decision

3.1 Mandates for adoption

- Self-mandate on SCHEER Memorandum on Emerging Risks adopted.

3.2 Opinions for discussion/ongoing work

- Update of the SCHEER Guidelines on the use of phthalates in medical devices. Written procedure for adoption planned after the last WG meeting to

¹ [31st Emerging Risks Exchange Network meeting | EFSA \(europa.eu\)](#)

² [Research and innovation - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

³ [PARERE - EURL ECVAM Network for Preliminary Assessment of Regulatory Relevance - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁴ [Safe and sustainable by design - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

be held on 7 June. Publication of the final text, together with the SCHEER responses to comments received, by 18 June.

- Technical Advice on the Council Recommendation on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz). Two meetings to be held to finalise the Advice.
- Weight of Evidence – Memorandum 2024 – update on the finalised chapters.
- Opinion on brain stimulators – external expertise is needed, and a specific call might be launched; literature search will be performed by the Commission Library.
- FORENV cycle VI – mandating Commission Directorate General on Environment to send list of issues to be assessed within this cycle.

3.4 Other points to discuss

- Factsheets on EMF I – adopted

4. A.O.B.

Dates of the next plenary meetings: 22-23 October 2024 (audio)