



Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER)

3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Rapid Risk Assessment

22 January 2016

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

The Chair requested participants to declare any conflict of interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any conflict of interest.

4. Quicksilver Plus 2015 Exercise: recommendations relevant to SCHER

Lessons learned from the Quicksilver exercise were discussed, focusing on recommendations relevant for rapid risk assessment carried out by the SCHER.

5. ECHEMNET paper discussion

The WG discussed handover documents prepared by Echemnet project. The document will serve the WG in drafting the procedure for rapid risk assessment.

6. ECHEMNET Command Post Exercise (16th and 17th Feb 2016)

The involvement of the WG members was discussed. The exercise will be a good opportunity to test the SCHER draft procedure on rapid risk assessment.

7. Procedure for a-hoc rapid risk assessment of serious cross border health threats – content

It has been agreed to send the draft procedure by the end of January to the WG for comments. The aim is to submit the final document for adoption to the SCHER plenary meeting in March.

8. Annexes to the procedure (RRA, CERM sheet, Hazard Statement, Case definition templates)

The WG discussed templates prepared and used for risk assessment by the Echemnet project.

9. What next (including setting up TC to discuss and finalise procedure

The WG concluded to have an audio-meeting to finalise the procedure at the beginning of March.

10. AOB

No AOB.