



Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks SCHEER

Meeting of the Working Group on FORENV cycle VI

Meeting date: 20 September 2024

Minutes

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. There were no apologies. The agenda was adopted without changes.

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

- List 5 issues received from DG ENV to be assessed in the opinion:
 - 2. Will preserving biodiversity become an increasingly polarising topic, in the light of rising inequality? Could this lead to disparities in how biodiversity is managed?
 - 5. Unintended consequences of technological solutions and developments in the context of the intensification of all drivers of biodiversity loss
 - 6. Will innovations in the food system help protect and enhance biodiversity?
 - 7. The power of genetic technologies to create, modify or destroy nature
 - 8. Risks and opportunities of hidden ecosystems
- Issues divided according to the expertise of the working group members and discussed; new draft version prepared.
- One more meeting is needed to finalise the text.

3. Next meeting: 11 October 2024

4. A.O.B.

None.