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<p style="text-align: center;">Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks Working Group on public health impacts and risks resulting from onshore hydrocarbon exploration and production in the EU</p>
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Minutes

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

The Chair welcomed the participants and announced four apologies. The agenda was adopted as presented.

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

The Head of C2 Unit attended the meeting and clarified the aspects related to the participation of DGs requesting the opinions at the meetings of the working groups. It was mentioned that, according to the Rules of Procedures, the representatives of the risk management DGs can participate in the work of the SCs as observers. They can intervene when needed, e.g. to clarify the mandate and steer its scope, to explain legislation, but they cannot interfere with the scientific content.

2. List of points discussed and conclusions

2.1 Discussion on the draft opinion:

The Working Group members went through the various chapters of the draft opinion and agreed on revisions or updates to be inserted in the updated version of the document. All contributions received were discussed and some of the chapters have been restructured. The Chair allocated tasks among the WG members. The WG members were asked to review all relevant papers and to develop their assigned chapters. All contributions are expected by 18 September. The preliminary opinion will be sent to the SCHEER Plenary scheduled on 28 September for discussion and approval for public consultation.

3. Information from the Commission and WG members

No information.

4. Next meeting(s)

A doodle was launched to set the date of the next meeting at the beginning of October.