



Luxembourg, 14 June 2021

**Scientific Committees on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)
18th Plenary meeting**

9-10 June 2021, Luxembourg (AUDIO)

Minutes

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

The Chair welcomed the participants.

No apologies were received.

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. Points for discussion/decision

2.1. New (draft) mandates for adoption

SANTE C2 presented the EMF mandate. The mandate has been submitted by DG SANTE and DG CNECT (DG RTD and DG EMPL are associated).

After discussion, the SCHEER adopted the draft mandate and set up a core working group.

According to the Rules of Procedure, the following steps are required for the selection of external experts: i.) reserve list ii.) Database of experts iii.) Launch of call for external expertise (if needed), in that order of priority.

2.2. Opinions for adoption

None

3. Information from Commission and members of the SCHEER

SANTE C2 updated the SCHEER about the following issues:

- Current situation in the SCs secretariat,
- Selection of a new SCHEER member and external experts for the WGs,
- Possible move of the Scientific Committees to an EU agency.

SCHEER members reported on their participation in external meetings, which they attended on behalf of the SCHEER.

2.3. Opinions for discussion

- **SCHEER review of the JRC report on Technical assessment of nuclear energy with respect to the ‘do no significant harm’ criteria of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (‘Taxonomy Regulation’)**

The Chair of the WG presented the current state of play of the review of the JRC report. The deadline for the review is the end of June. The review is planned to be sent to the SCHEER for adoption by written procedure in the week 25.

4. Ongoing work

The Chairs of the working groups updated the SCHEER on the state of play in their respective working groups:

- SCHEER Memorandum on emerging issues/risks from SCHEER
- FORENV cycle 3
- SCHEER WG on environmental quality standards for water framework directive and groundwater directive
- SCHEER WG on cobalt in toys
- SCHEER WG on titanium dioxide in toys
- SCHEER WoE WG - findings based on the application of the Memorandum in the past 3 Opinions (ALCL, e-cigarettes, squishy toys)

5. A.O.B.

WG on RRA

The WG on RRA continues to be on hold due to the ongoing support of the SCs secretariat to the COVID-19 department and lack of staff.

Dates of the next meetings:

7-8 October 2021

February/March 2022, June 2022, October 2022 (exact dates to be confirmed)

Next WG meetings:

WG on taxonomy: 14/06, 28/06

WG on TiO₂ in toys: 15/06, 20/07, 24/08, 28/09

WG on Co in toys: 14/07

WG on EQS for WFD and GWD: 28/06