European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change

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25th Advisory Board meeting
Minutes

Wednesday 26 February, 13:00-17:00 (CET), 2025
Online meeting

Participants
See Annex 1.

Agenda
See Annex 2.

Documents
All meeting documents are directly available on the Advisory Board's Teams site.

1. Opening of meeting
The minutes from 10 December 2024 were adopted without further comments.

The agenda of the meeting was adopted without comments.

2. General update by the Chair
The Chair reflected on recent news and the publication of the CDR report. The Chair indicated that a meeting with the Chair of the EEA management board had been scheduled.

3. General update by the Secretariat
The Head of Secretariat reflected on recent and upcoming policy developments (see Brussels Bulletin in folder), as well as past and upcoming meetings with stakeholders.

The Head of Secretariat announced the new social media account on Bluesky and the publication of declarations of interest on the website. He also gave an update on the year plan and on ongoing recruitments.

4. CDR project
The Secretariat gave an update on the finalisation process of the CDR report and communication materials available on the folder (presentation, Q&A, translated press release).

The Secretariat presented the media coverage, outreach metrics and reactions from stakeholders in meetings and on social media (see collection of media coverage and stakeholders' reaction in the meeting folder).

The Advisory Board reflected on the need to further emphasise the distinction between fossil-CCS and CDR, to emphasise the recommendations relating to biodiversity and to monitor reactions on social media. The Chair and the Secretariat also shared feedback from high-level meetings with the Commission.

5. Agriculture project

The Secretariat presented an update on the narrative, scope and timeline of the agriculture report (see updated narrative and discussion paper in the folder). The proposed scope of the report is focused on agricultural production, as it represents the largest part of GHG emissions. The Advisory Board discussed the different dimensions of the scope (e.g. distributional impacts, scope 3 emissions, fertiliser use vs production, alternative proteins, bioeconomy, food security, resilience) and endorsed the overall scope as presented by the Secretariat.

The Secretariat then presented the role of the 'vision for agriculture' in the report and introduced the concept for two stylised visions, structured around five key questions. The Advisory Board discussed the framing of the two visions and how measures could be combined between them. The Advisory Board discussed the different dimensions to consider when designing the pathways, how to present the implications of pathways, and the scientific approach to define objectives, criteria and to evaluate measures. The Advisory Board also discussed the role of climate adaptation, and the interaction between adaptation and mitigation. The Advisory Board concluded by requesting the Secretariat and the subgroup to make a few changes to the proposed approach.

6. European Climate Law revision and adaptation projects

The Secretariat presented the new project (see project description in the folder) to provide an input to the revision of the European Climate Law, which is scheduled to be revised this year. The advice is foreseen to be published in response to the Commission proposal for the revision, which will include the EU's 2040 climate target.

A new subgroup was created and kicked off, with Jette Bredahl Jacobsen designated as Subgroup Champion, as well as two co-Champions: Joeri Rogelj for mitigation and Elena Lopez Gunn for adaptation. The Secretariat presented the indicative timeline and tentative messages to frame the analysis on climate mitigation and climate adaptation. The Secretariat will be interviewing experts to scope the analysis, and will be developing the narrative and outline of the publication.

The Secretariat presented a structure of the project and tentative messages. The Advisory Board discussed the scope and level of detail for the key messages, particularly for:

1. the integration of separate targets for removals in the EU climate targets' structure, either in the European Climate Law or in another part of the EU's post-2030 climate policy framework
2. the alignment of the European Climate Law with the Paris Agreement on loss and damage.

7. Any other business

No other business was raised.

Annex 1: Participants

Advisory Board members	Signature
Jette Bredahl Jacobsen	Signed
Constantinos Cartalis	Signed
Suraje Dessai	Signed
Laura Diaz Anadon	Signed
Ottmar Edenhofer	Signed
Vera Eory	Signed
Edgar Hertwich	Signed
Lars J. Nilsson	Signed
Lena Kitzing	Absent
Elena Lopez Gunn	Signed
Keywan Riahi	Absent
Joeri Rogelj	Signed
Nicolaas Schrijver	Signed
Jean-François Soussana	Signed
Maarten van Aalst	Signed

Secretariat to the Advisory Board	
François Dejean	Signed
Pieter Lemmens	Signed
Ciaran Maguire	Signed
Elsa Malika Malki	Signed
James Clarke	Signed
Frederik Silbye	Signed
Rasmus Sangild	Signed
Mar Moure	Signed
Dora Szeker	Signed
Sebastian Franz	Signed

Observer	
Christopher Leisinger	Signed

Annex 2: Meeting agenda

Time	Item
13:00-13:05	1. Opening of meeting 1.1 Adoption of minutes from the 10 December 2024 meeting 1.2 Adoption of agenda
13:05-13:20	2. General update by the Chair
13:20-13:45	3. General update by the Secretariat
13:45-14:20	4. CDR project
14:20-15:20	5. Agriculture project
15:20-15:35	*Break*
15:35-16:45	6. European Climate Law revision and adaptation projects
16:45-17:00	7. Any other business