European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change

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27th Advisory Board meeting
Minutes

Tuesday 13th May, 09:00-13:00 (CEST), 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 the 26th Advisory Board meeting (31 March 2025) were adopted without further comments.

Regarding the agenda of the meeting, the Chair suggested using the 15 minutes allocated for Any Other Business for a longer discussion on adaptation. This adjustment was agreed upon.

2. General update by the Chair
The Chair provided an update on the designation process for the second term of the ESABCC, reflected on key policy developments (see Brussels Bulletin in folder), past meetings with stakeholders, and outlined the expectations for the meeting.

3. General update by the Secretariat
The Head of the Secretariat reflected on the recent EU climate policy developments and meetings, notably regarding the Soil Monitoring Law, the informal Environment Council, the REPowerEU Roadmap, the Copenhagen ministerial meeting ahead of COP30, the European Climate Law revision and EU NDC. He also mentioned the confirmation of Friedrich Merz as German Chancellor.

The Head of the Secretariat mentioned recent stakeholder meetings held by the Secretariat, the feedback given to new terms of reference of the ICCN, and gave an update on Secretariat personnel.

4. European Climate Law project

The project champion, together with the Secretariat, gave an update on the project's status, including the timeline, the need for comments on the draft, and the relevance of addressing the proposed flexibilities in delivering the 2040 target.

The Advisory Board discussed various flexibility mechanisms for the 2040 target, including international credits. It was agreed to focus on options that align with the previous advice.

The Secretariat agreed to send the final draft of the European Climate Law report to the Advisory Board after incorporating the comments being made in the discussion, and invited members to an extraordinary meeting for its final adoption.

5. Agriculture project

The project champion, together with the Secretariat, introduced the state of play and aim of the project, the proposed overall approach for Part B and conclusions in Chapter 5, and invited the Board to have a preliminary discussion on scope and nature of recommendations for Chapter 7 (GHG pricing mechanism).

The Advisory Board endorsed the overall proposed approach and preliminary conclusions for Chapter 5 on the overall policy mix. Concerning the scope and nature of recommendations on specific policy options (Chapters 6–8), the Board suggested an approach that identifies the most promising and suitable options, without necessarily recommending one single option.

6. Adaptation project

The project co-champion, together with the Secretariat, provided an update on the project, outlining a proposed report structure, core topics, and the need to align with the European Climate Adaptation Plan.

The Board agreed with the approach set out in the tentative project description. As the structure of the project was not fully elaborated, it was proposed to continue the discussion in the next Advisory Board meeting in June.

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	Absent
Lena Kitzing	Signed
Elena Lopez Gunn	Signed
Keywan Riahi	Signed
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
James Clarke	Signed
Frederik Silbye	Signed
Rasmus Sangild	Signed
Kamila Paquel	Signed
Sebastian Franz	Signed
Kristina Madsen	Signed

Observer	
Christopher Leisinger	Signed

Annex 2: Meeting agenda

Time	Item		Notes
09:00-09:05	1.	Opening of meeting	
	1.	Adoption of minutes from the 31 March 2025 meeting	*For adoption*
	2.	Adoption of agenda	*For adoption*
09:05-09:25	2.	General update by the Chair	*For information*
09:25-09:35	3.	General update by the Secretariat	*For information*
09:35-11:00	4.	European Climate Law project	*For discussion, decision, and information*
11:00-11:15	*Break*		
11:15-12:15	5.	Agriculture project	*For guidance and decision*
12:15-13:00	6.	Adaptation project	*For discussion and decision*