European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change

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30th Advisory Board meeting
Minutes

Monday 20 October 09:00 – Tuesday 21 October 16:30 (CEST), 2025
European Environment Agency, Kongens Nytorv 6, 1050 Copenhagen

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 29th Advisory Board meeting (3-4 September 2025) were adopted without further comments.

The agenda of the meeting was adopted without comments.

2. General update by the Chair
The Chair provided an overview of key recent policy developments, focusing on the EU 2040 climate target. He also shared updates on outreach activities, including meetings with members of the cabinet of Commissioner Lahbib, DG AGRI's Director-General Elisabeth Werner, and Artur Runge-Metzger (former director at DG CLIMA).

3. General update by the Secretariat

The Head of the Secretariat complemented the Chair's update with a presentation of additional policy developments, as well as events in Brussels. The briefing covered *The State of the Union*, the transport sector, developments in agriculture, energy and grids, carbon markets, as well as major reports such as the EEA's *Europe's Environment* report, which emphasises the need for urgent systemic change, and the *EAT-Lancet 2025* report on food systems.

The Secretariat also reported on recent meetings and operational activities. These included exchanges with representatives of the Secretariat of the French High Council on Climate, DG CLIMA, the Danish Presidency, the Polish climate ministry, and the European Parliament. Furthermore, the Secretariat participated in meetings with the International Climate Councils Network (ICCN), the JPI Climate, Danish climate think tank Concito, and delivered a keynote at the joint EEA–ESA conference on 'Earth Observation for monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon removals'.

4. Agriculture project

The Secretariat presented the current status of the report along with updated draft key messages and recommendations, which will form the basis of the report's summary. The Advisory Board discussed these draft messages and recommendations and, on that basis, provided strategic guidance to the Secretariat, including on the changes needed to climate-proof agri-food systems and the policies required to deliver them. It was agreed that, reflecting this guidance, the Secretariat would revise the report and prepare a draft Executive Summary for discussion at the next Advisory Board meeting.

5. Presentation by Joint Programming Initiative Climate

Representatives of the Joint Programming Initiative "Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe" (JPI Climate) joined the meeting online and gave a presentation on the Equinox process and products, as well as a roadmap leading to the Climate Neutrality Forum in May 2026. This was followed by an exchange with Advisory Board members.

6. Adaptation project

The project Champions provided a brief update on the tentative narrative, progress of the Adaptation Report and outlined the next steps in its development. The Advisory Board was invited to review the draft chapters for the guiding principles and discuss. Members offered feedback on the scope covered, policy gaps and on potential recommendations. The approach taken across the guiding principles was endorsed, conditional on the feedback being addressed.

7. Timeline of reports

The Advisory Board agreed that the Adaptation Report will be published before the Agri-Food Report, with the aim of releasing both reports before the end of the current term in March 2026. The Advisory Board will explore the possibility of holding an additional online meeting in December, alongside the one already scheduled for 9 December 2025. Furthermore, the Board will consider organising an in-person meeting in the first half of January 2026, during which both reports could be formally adopted.

8. Any other business

No other business was raised.

Annex 1: Participants

Advisory Board members	Signature
Jette Bredahl Jacobsen	Signed
Constantinos Cartalis	Online
Suraje Dessai	Signed
Laura Diaz Anadon	Signed
Ottmar Edenhofer	Signed
Vera Eory	Signed
Edgar Hertwich	Signed
Lars J. Nilsson	Signed
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
Elsa Malika Malki	Signed
Mar Moure	Signed
Martina Popova	Signed
Mathilde de Goër de Herve	Signed
Kristina Madsen	Signed

Observer	
Christopher Leisinger	Signed

Annex 2: Meeting agenda

Time	Item	Notes
09:00-09:05	1. Opening of meeting	
	Adoption of minutes from the 3-4 September 2025 meeting	*For adoption*
	Adoption of agenda	*For adoption*
09:05-09:15	2. General update by the Chair	*For information*
09:15-09:30	3. General update by the Secretariat	*For information*
09:30-10:30	4. Agriculture project	*For information and discussion*
10:30-10:45	*Break*	
10:45-12:30	Agriculture project (continued)	*For discussion*
12:30-13:30	*Lunch*	
13:30-15:30	Agriculture project (continued)	*For discussion*
15:30-15:45	*Break*	
15:45-17:30	Agriculture project (continued)	*For information / discussion / decision / adoption*
18:30-21:00	*Dinner*	

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09:05-09:45	5. Presentation by Joint Programming Initiative (JPI)	*For information and discussion*
09:45-10:45	6. Adaptation project	*For information and discussion*
10:45-11:00	*Break*	
11:00-11:45	Adaptation project (continued)	*For discussion*
11:45-12:30	Adaptation project (continued)	*For discussion*
12:30-13:30	*Lunch*	
13:30-14:15	Adaptation project (continued)	*For discussion*
14:15-15:00	Adaptation project (continued)	*For discussion*
15:00-15:15	*Break*	
15:15-16:00	Adaptation project (continued)	*For discussion*
16:00-16:15	7. Timeline of reports	*For decision*
16:15-16:30	8. Any other business	*For information*