European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change

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35th Advisory Board meeting
Minutes

Monday the 16th of March, 14:00-17:00 (CET), 2026
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 34th Advisory Board meeting (16th January 2026) were adopted without further comments.

The agenda was adopted without comments.

2. General update by the Chair
The Chair provided a summary of the main outcome of the 34th Advisory Board meeting and key developments since that meeting. The Chair then outlined expectations for the meeting.

3. General update by the Secretariat
The Head of the Secretariat gave a brief update on the Secretariat's recent activities: the finalisation of and outreach for the adaptation and agri-food reports, an internal evaluation of the Advisory Board's first term, and preparations for the Advisory Board's second term.

4. Adaptation report: outreach and evaluation
The Secretariat presented the outreach and coverage achieved during publication of the adaptation report, including an overview of stakeholder reactions. Board members shared their initial reflections on the project process and outcomes as part of the evaluation process.

5. Agri-food report: outreach and evaluation

The Secretariat presented the dissemination, media coverage and stakeholder response to the agri-food report. Board members shared their initial reflections on the project process and outcomes as part of the evaluation process.

6. Reputation analysis of the Advisory Board's first term

The Ecologic Institute presented the key findings of its independent assessment, commissioned by the Secretariat, of the Advisory Board's reputation among stakeholders. This assessment, which draws on interviews with senior stakeholders, was structured around six benchmarks: relevance, timeliness, credibility, consensus, balance, and institutional maturity.

Ecologic presented a summary of the findings across these dimensions, as well as cross-cutting findings and considerations for the Advisory Board's second term. Members were invited to discuss the assessment with Ecologic.

7. Internal stocktaking and evaluation of the first term

The Head of Secretariat presented the findings from its internal stocktake of the first term. This focused on the body of work produced by the Advisory Board, steadily growing interest and coverage across different forms of media, which together have strengthened the Board's legitimacy and visibility. Members were invited to comment and reflect on achievements, lessons learned and potential priorities for the next term.

8. Any other business

No other business was raised.

9. Closing remarks by the Chair

The Chair reflected on the successful completion of the Advisory Board's first mandate, highlighting the delivery of eleven substantive outputs and the establishment of the Board as a credible, independent voice in EU climate policy. He noted key achievements, including the influential 2040 target advice.

The Chair praised the constructive collaboration among members, strong support from the Vice-Chairs and Secretariat, and positive external recognition. Looking ahead, he noted that broader interdisciplinary engagement will enhance the Board's impact. He concluded by thanking all members for their dedication and meaningful contributions.

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	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
Rasmus Sangild	Signed
Pieter Lemmens	Signed
James Clarke	Signed
Frederik Silbye	Signed
Kamila Paquel	Signed
Sebastian Franz	Signed
Martina Popova	Signed
Mar Moure	Signed
Elsa Malika Malki	Signed
Kristina Madsen	Signed

Annex 2: Meeting agenda

Time	Item	Notes
14:00-14:05	1. Opening of meeting	
	1.1 Adoption of minutes from the 16 January 2026 meeting	*For adoption*
	1.2 Adoption of agenda	*For adoption*
14:05-14:10	2. General update by the Chair	*For information*
14:10-14:15	3. General update by the Secretariat	*For information*
14:15-14:45	4. Adaptation report: outreach and evaluation	*For information and discussion*
14:45-15:15	5. Agri-food report: outreach and evaluation	*For information and discussion*
15:15-15:25	*Break*	
15:25-16:00	6. Reputation analysis of the Advisory Board's first term	*For information*
16:00-16:50	7. Internal stocktaking and evaluation of the first term	*For information and discussion*
16:50-16:55	8. Any other business	*For information*
16:55-17:00	9. Closing remarks by the Chair	*For information*