European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change

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36th Advisory Board meeting
Minutes

Tuesday the 24th of March, 14:00-16:00 (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 35th Advisory Board meeting (16th March 2026) were adopted.

The agenda was adopted without comments.

2. Introductions
It was the first meeting under the second mandate of the Advisory Board, with six new members joining. All members of the Advisory Board briefly introduced themselves. Thereafter, the staff members of the Secretariat also briefly introduced themselves.

3. Introduction to the Advisory Board
The Secretariat gave a brief presentation outlining:

- how the Advisory Board came to be in the context of EU climate policy development, its mandate and main tasks under the European Climate Law and other EU legislation;
- the Board's strategic and operational framework, which guides its work. These frameworks will be reviewed and – where appropriate – adjusted for the second mandate.

Some of the reappointed Board members briefly reflected on lessons learned during the first mandate, emphasising the value of the procedures and working methods put in place over the past four years.

4. Illustrating the Advisory Board's work

The Secretariat briefly presented three Advisory Board publications from the first term and explained how these interacted with EU climate policy developments.

The Board discussed its role in assessing progress alongside annual progress reports by the European Environment Agency and European Commission. It also discussed to what extent findings and recommendations from the first mandate should be carried over and followed up under the second mandate. Finally, it discussed possible report formats and lengths going forward.

5. Current climate policy landscape and outlook

The Secretariat briefly introduced the current EU climate policy context and key developments expected for the period 2026–2030.

The Advisory Board briefly discussed specific topics that could be considered in more depth given the political context, including the social and international dimensions of climate policies.

6. Next steps and conclusions

The Secretariat briefly outlined the main agenda points and objectives for the upcoming Advisory Board meetings.

The Secretariat outlined best practices for communication when representing the Advisory Board, and emphasised the importance of permanent coordination between Board members and the Secretariat.

7. Any other business

No points were raised.

Annex 1: Participants

Advisory Board members	Signature
Annela Anger-Kraavi	Signed
Constantinos Cartalis	Signed
Suraje Dessai	Signed
Laura Diaz Anadon	Signed
Ottmar Edenhofer	Signed
Vera Eory	Signed
Lena Kitzing	Signed
Kati Kulovesi	Signed
Lars J. Nilsson	Signed
Åsa Persson	Signed
Keywan Riahi	Absent
Jean-François Soussana	Signed
Giorgio Vacchiano	Signed
Detlef van Vuuren	Signed
Zinta Zommers	Signed

Secretariat to the Advisory Board	
François Dejean	Signed
Rasmus Sangild	Signed
Pieter Lemmens	Signed
Ciaran Maguire	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	1. Opening of meeting and adoption of agenda	*For information*
14:05	2. Introductions	
14:45	3. Introduction to the Advisory Board	*For information*
	3.1 Set up and legal mandate	
	3.2 Strategic framework	
	3.3 Operational framework	
15:30	4. Illustrating the Advisory Board's work: three reports from the first term (2022-2026)	*For information*
15:40	*5.* Current climate policy landscape and outlook	*For information*
15:50	6. Next steps and conclusion	*For information*
15:55	7. Any other business	