



Agenda

**17th meeting of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors
22-23 March 2019
Brussels**

Venue: 22 March: Charlemagne¹ (15/031), Berlaymont² (09/121), 23 March: ORBN³ (3/67)

1st meeting day: 22 March 2019

1. Welcome and adoption of agenda

14:00 -14:30

2. Impact of published scientific opinions: Cybersecurity in the European Digital Single Market – feedback from DG CNECT

Participation of Director-General Roberto Viola

14:30-15:30

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

3. Topic: Microplastics Pollution*⁴

Participation of Commissioner Karmenu Vella (Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries)

16:00 – 16:45

4. Exchange with Theodorus Vermeire, Chair of the Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER), and Marco Vighi, Member of SCHEER*

16:45-17:45

5. Exchange with Sierd Cloetingh, President Academia Europaea, Chair of SAPEA Board

17:45 – 18:30

19:30 Dinner

- End of first day -

¹ For 22 March: all agenda points except 3

² For 22 March: agenda point 3

³ For 23 March

⁴ * indicates a point requiring a decision

2nd meeting day: 23 March 2019

6. Topic: Climate Change and Health *
09:00-09:45

7. Topic: An EU Sustainable Food System
09:45 – 10:15

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee Break

8. Topic: Making Sense of Science under Conditions of Complexity and Uncertainty*
10:45 – 12:15

9. Candidate Topic: Data Governance
12:15 – 12:30

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

10. Topic: Transforming the Future of Ageing
13:30 – 14:00

11. Follow-up to delivered Scientific Advice
14:00 – 15:00

- **Authorisation Processes of Plant Protection Products**
- **Gene Editing Statement**

12. Up-coming meetings
15:00 – 15:45

13. Wrap up and AOB
15:45 – 16:00

- End of Meeting -

List of Participants

Group of Chief Scientific Advisors

Rolf-Dieter Heuer, Chair;
Pearl Dykstra, Deputy Chair;
Janusz Bujnicki, Member (day 2);
Nicole Grobert, Member;
Carina Keskitalo, Member;
Sir Paul Nurse, Member;

SAPEA (Science Advice to Policy by European Academies)

Sierd Cloetingh (President Academia Europaea), Chair of SAPEA board (agenda items 2 and 5);
George Griffin (President FEAM) (agenda items 3 and 4);
Rudolf Hielscher, SAPEA Coordinator (agenda items 2 – 5);

Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)

Theodorus Vermeire, Chair (agenda items 3 and 4);
Marco Vighi (agenda items 3 and 4);

European Commission

Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (agenda item 3);
Helena Braun, Cabinet of the First Vice President Frans Timmermans (agenda item 3);
Andrew Bianco, Cabinet Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (agenda item 3);
Keith Sequeira, Cabinet Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation (agenda item 3);
Robert Schröder, Cabinet Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation (agenda item 3);
Roberto Viola, Director-General of Communication, Networks, Content and Technology (agenda item 2);
Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General for Research and Innovation (agenda item 3);
Kestutis Sadauskas, Director for Environment (agenda item 3);
Johannes Klumpers, DG RTD, Head of Unit 0.2 Scientific Advice Mechanism;
Jeremy Bray, DG RTD, Deputy Head of Unit 0.2 Scientific Advice Mechanism;
Sigrid Weiland, DG RTD, Unit 0.2 Scientific Advice Mechanism, Manager of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors;
James Gavigan, Unit 0.2 Scientific Advice Mechanism;
Several members of Unit 0.2 Scientific Advice Mechanism, depending on the respective agenda item