



### ***Agenda***

**23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors  
11 - 12 May 2020  
Videoconference (via Webex)**

#### **11 May 2020 – Day 1**

***Start: 10:00***

- 1. Welcome with the participation of Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General for DG RTD**

*10:00-10:30*

- 2. Adoption of the agenda and the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> plenary meeting**

*10:30-10:35*

- 3. Ongoing and possible future scientific advice**

*10:35-12:30*

- a. Climate change and health*
- b. Energy systems*
- c. Biodegradability of plastics*

***Lunch break: 12:30-13:30***

- 4. Ongoing and possible future scientific advice, cont'd**

*13:30-15:45*

- 5. Exchange with the Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans and information about SAM's activities of relevance to the EU Green Deal - scientific opinions on 'Towards a sustainable food system' and 'Adaptation to climate change-related health effects'**

*15:45-16:45*

***End: 16:45***

**12 May 2020 – Day 2**

**Start: 9:15**

- 6. Exchange with Professor Peter Piot, special advisor to EC President Ursula von der Leyen and member of the panel of scientific advisors on COVID-19, including discussion on possible future topic on COVID-19 ; with the participation of Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General for DG RTD**

*9:15-10:15*

- 7. Exchange with Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, Mariya Gabriel on ongoing and possible future scientific advice**

*10:15-11:00*

- 8. Updates from Secretariat**

*11:00-12:00*

- *Update on the identification committee for the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors and publication of call for nominations*

- 9. Discussion with Reinhard Hüttl (Chair of Board 'Science Advice for Policy by European Academies')**

*12:00-13:00*

- 10. Planning and feedback from events**

*EuroScience Open Forum (2-6 September 2020)*

*13:00-13:15*

- 11. Wrap-up**

*Action points*

*13:15-13:30*

- 12. AOB**

*13:30-13:45*

**End: 13:45**

## **List of Participants**

### Group of Chief Scientific Advisors

Rolf-Dieter Heuer, Chair;  
Pearl Dykstra, Deputy Chair;  
Janusz Bujnicki, Member;  
Elvira Fortunato, Member;  
Nicole Grobert, Member;  
Carina Keskitalo, Member;  
Paul Nurse, Member;  
Éva Kondorosi, new Member as of 16 May 2020.

### Other participants

Peter Piot, Special advisor to EC President von der Leyen and member of the panel of scientific advisors on COVID-19.

### SAPEA (Science Advice to Policy by European Academies)

Reinhard Hüttl (President of Euro-CASE, Chair of SAPEA board);  
Rudolf Hielscher, SAPEA Coordinator.

### European Commission

Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth;  
Chiara Salvelli, Deputy Head of Cabinet Gabriel;  
Vasco Ferreira, Member of Cabinet Gabriel;  
Dorina Byanova, Assistant to Commissioner Gabriel;  
Cidalia Santos, Assistant to Vasco Ferreira and Chiara Salvelli;  
Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President of the European Commission;  
Damyana Stoyanova, Member of Cabinet Timmermans;  
Lukas Visek, Member of Cabinet Timmermans;  
David Kiss, Assistant to Damyana Stoyanova;  
Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General of Directorate General for Research and Innovation;  
Renzo Tomellini, DG RTD, Head of Unit 03 Chief Scientific Advisors – SAM, EGE;  
Jeremy Bray, DG RTD, Deputy Head of Unit 03 Chief Scientific Advisors – SAM, EGE;  
Sigrid Weiland, Assistant to Special Advisor to the EC President on COVID-19, Peter Piot;  
Annabelle Ascher, DG RTD, Unit 03 Chief Scientific Advisors – SAM, EGE, Secretary of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors;  
Vladia Monsurro, DG RTD, Unit 03 Chief Scientific Advisors – SAM, EGE, Secretariat of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors;  
Additional members of the unit depending on topic discussion.