



ECDC Management Board

Minutes of the Sixth Extraordinary Meeting Stockholm, 20-21 February 2024

Adopted by the ECDC Management Board at its Sixtieth meeting, 13-14 March 2024

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Summary of Proceedings – ECDC Management Board Meeting

The Sixth Extraordinary meeting of the ECDC Management Board (MB) convened in Stockholm, Sweden, on 20-21 February 2024. During the meeting, the Management Board:

- ❖ adopted the draft programme;
- ❖ nominated Dr Joy Pamela Rendi-Wagner for the position of ECDC Director for the period 2024-2029.

Opening and welcome from the Chair (and noting the Representatives)

1. The Chair of the ECDC Management Board (MB) welcomed all participants to the Sixth Extraordinary meeting of the Management Board, which was devoted to the election of the next ECDC Director 2024-2029.
2. A special welcome was extended to the following newly appointed members and alternates: Irene Kászoni-Rückerl, alternate, Austria; Rebecca Georgiou Papapetrou, member, Cyprus; Christakis Chatzichristodoulou, member, Greece; Pedro Gullón Tosio, member, Spain; Philippe Roux, member, DG SANTE, European Commission. The Chair further announced that Gesa Lücking had been appointed as member representing Germany (after many years as alternate member), while Miriam Schmidt was participating as the new alternate for Germany.
3. Apologies had been received from Liechtenstein, Slovakia (proxy to Czech Republic), and from Laurent Muschel, Member, DG HERA, European Commission (proxy to Philippe Roux, Member, DG SANTE, European Commission).
4. The Chair noted that all participants had submitted their Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI) and no conflict of interest had been noted. She informed the MB that, as usually, she would cede her voting right to Taneli Puumalainen, alternate, Finland, to be able to fully focus on chairing the meeting. The MB discussed and agreed that holding the same nationality as the candidates was not a ground for conflict of interest for the members or the Chair of the MB.

Adoption of the draft programme (*Document MBEXT06/01*)

5. The Chair informed the MB members that some adjustments in the timings had been made in the draft programme and the updated programme had been tabled for them. A draft detailed procedure for the election had also been tabled and would be discussed during the closed session in the morning.
6. The Chair clarified that the following session would be open to MB members and alternates only. During the interviews and the voting, the Head of Section Legal Services, and designated staff members from the ECDC Executive Office as well as an AV technician would be present to provide practical support.

The Management Board adopted the draft programme.

Preparation for the interviews for the ECDC Director post 2024-2029 (*Document MBEXT06/Info Note 1 CONF*)

7. Closed session. [Members of the Management Board only]
8. During this session, the MB agreed on the election procedure to be followed and on a set of standard questions to be posed to each candidate.

Interviews for the Post of Director of ECDC (2024-2029)

9. Closed session [Members of the Management Board and designated staff from the ECDC Executive Office and Legal Services Sections].

Election of the ECDC Director (2024-2029)

10. Closed session [Members of the Management Board and designated staff from the ECDC Executive Office and Legal Services Section].
11. The Chair recalled briefly the election procedure. As previously agreed by the MB, Øysten Riise, Observer, Norway, and Christian Schultheiss, Head of Section, Legal Services, ECDC, were asked to act as tellers.
12. The Chair then reconfirmed that duly signed proxy statements had been received from the following MB members: Slovakia (proxy to Czech Republic), Laurent Muschel, Member, DG HERA,

European Commission (proxy to Philippe Roux, DG SANTE, European Commission). The MB then proceeded with the vote.

13. The MB selected Dr Joy Pamela Rendi-Wagner as the next ECDC Director 2024-2029. The decision was taken by secret ballot with the required majority of two thirds of the members with the right to vote.

14. The Chair informed all the candidates of the results individually via phone and the elected candidate was invited back to the Board Room. The Chair congratulated Dr Joy Pamela Rendi Wagner and asked whether she was willing to accept the nomination, to which she responded affirmatively. The Chair reminded the Director-nominee that, prior to the appointment, she will be invited to a hearing before the European Parliament, which is foreseen to convene on 19 March 2024.

The Management Board nominated Dr Joy Pamela Rendi-Wagner for the position of ECDC Director for the period 2024-2029.

Any other business

15. The Chair thanked the MB members for their active participation in the meeting and in the election process. She also thanked the staff from the Executive Office and the Head of the Legal Services Section for their support. She reminded that the next MB meeting will take place in Stockholm on 13-14 March 2024.

16. The meeting was adjourned.

Annex 1. List of participants

	Country/Organisation	Representative	Status
1.	Austria	Sigrid Kiermayr	Member
2.		Irene Kászoni-Rückerl	Alternate
3.	Belgium	Lieven De Raedt	Member
4.	Bulgaria	Angel Kunchev	Member
5.	Croatia	Bernard Kaić	Member
6.	Cyprus	Rebecca Georgiou Papapetrou	Member
7.	Czech Republic	Pavla Svrčinová	Member
8.	Denmark	Kirstine Moll Harboe	Member
9.	Estonia	Heli Laarmann	Member
10.	Finland	Anni Virolainen-Julkunen (<i>Chair</i>)	Member
11.		Taneli Puumalainen	Alternate
12.	France	Anne-Catherine Viso	Alternate
13.	Germany	Gesa Lücking	Member
14.		Miriam Schmidt	Alternate
15.	Greece	Christakis Chatzichristodoulou	Member
16.	Hungary	Ágnes Dánielisz	Member
17.	Ireland	Colette Bonner	Member
18.	Italy	Francesco Maraglino	Member
19.	Latvia	Jana Feldmane	Member
20.	Lithuania	Audrius Ščeponavičius	Member
21.	Luxembourg	Jean-Claude Schmit	Member
22.	Malta	Mariella Borg Buontempo	Alternate
23.	The Netherlands	Bas Joost Lambert Derks	Alternate
24.	Poland	Dariusz Poznański	Member
25.	Portugal	Cristina Abreu Santos	Alternate
26.	Romania	Amalia Serban	Member

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27.	Slovenia	Mario Fafangel	Member
28.	Spain	Pedro Gullón Tosio	Member
29.	Sweden	Karin Tegmark Wisell	Member
European Parliament			
30.		Zofija Mazej Kukovič	Member
31.		Maria Eleni Koppa	Member
European Commission			
32.	DG SANTE	Philippe Roux	Member
33.	DG SANTE	Isabel de la Mata Barranco	Alternate
34.	DG RTD	Barbara Kerstiens	Member
EEA Countries			
35.	Norway	Øystein Riise	Member