



ECDC Management Board

Minutes of the Third Extraordinary Meeting of the ECDC Management Board Stockholm, 26 March 2015

Adopted by the Management Board at its Thirty-fourth meeting, 16-17 June 2015

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Summary of Proceedings – ECDC Management Board Meeting

The Third Extraordinary meeting of the ECDC Management Board (MB) convened in Stockholm, Sweden, 26 March 2015. During the meeting, the Management Board:

- ❖ carried out interviews for the position of the Director of ECDC;
- ❖ decided to re-open the call for ECDC Director's position and to publish the same vacancy notice as soon as possible;
- ❖ unanimously agreed to appoint Andrea Ammon as the Acting Director until the new Director takes office;
- ❖ expressed their utmost gratitude and deep appreciation for the work of Dr Marc Sprenger as well as the entire ECDC staff during the last five years.

Opening of the meeting

1. The Chair opened the Third Extraordinary meeting of the Management Board by thanking the Board for all the good work during the previous day which led to the current meeting of paramount importance. Reference was made to the revised procedure for the election discussed in detail during the closed session and the questions to the interviewees which had been tabled for the MB members. The Chair confirmed the attendance. The proxies were checked and it was noted that Denmark had provided proxy for the United Kingdom. The total number of voters was confirmed to be 32 and the Board also agreed that as per Founding Regulation, two-thirds majority of all members, i.e. 22 votes, is required for the successful candidate. Iceland and Norway were confirmed to be tellers. The election would be carried out via secret ballot and there would be no interpretation during the voting process. The Third Extraordinary meeting was closed to all ECDC staff with the exception of the ECDC Corporate Governance Section and the ECDC Legal Services Section.

Election of the Director of ECDC:^{1, 2} Interviews

2. Each of the two candidates was interviewed separately for approximately 60 minutes. During these sessions, and prior to each interview, the candidates presented themselves briefly for a maximum of 10 minutes.

3. Following each interview, the candidate left the Board Room. They were subsequently instructed to remain in designated rooms (outside the Board Room) until the voting procedure was finished.

Election of the Director of ECDC: Board confers and votes

4. The Management Board reconvened to vote. As decided previously by the Board, the session was open solely to the Board, the ECDC Corporate Governance Section and the ECDC Legal Services Section. No interpretation was provided during the voting process.

5. The Chair informed that all the Board Members would cast their votes. A duly signed proxy statement was received by one Board member, Denmark (proxy to the United Kingdom).

6. The Board convened to vote.

Election of the Director of ECDC: Ballot result announced and the way forward

7. The ballot result was announced: no two-thirds majority was reached by any of the candidates in any of the voting rounds. The Chair informed that in such case, according to the election rules adopted by the Board, the election would end without a result and asked whether members would like to reconsider this conclusion. None of the Board members expressed this intention. The candidates were notified of the results by the Chair individually.

8. The Board decided to re-open the call for the vacancy of ECDC Director. It was confirmed that the mandate of the current Director in place will end by the end of April. The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Andrea Ammon, current Deputy to the Director, as the Acting Director from 1 May 2015 until the new ECDC Director takes office. It was suggested that the maximum time for the Acting Director to be in place should not exceed 1 year.

9. Considering the outcome of the elections, the Board also unanimously agreed that at the next election, the Board needs to ensure a successful result.

10. It was requested to clarify among the Board Members whether the Board would adopt the revised Rules of Procedure prior to the next election procedure, and it was confirmed that even though

¹ The Management Board shall take its decisions by a simple majority of all members. A two-thirds majority of all members shall be required for the adoption of its Rules of Procedure, the Centre's internal rules of operation, the budget, the annual work programme and the appointment and removal of the Director.

² The election of the Director of ECDC will be carried out via secret ballot. Please refer to Document MB33/11 (*Detailed procedures for the election of the ECDC Director*).

the decision is for the Board to make, it would bode well to use the current Rules of Procedure. The revision process would take time and it should be a priority to ensure that a new Director is in place as soon as possible.

11. With regards to the timetable, it was noted that it would be preferable to avoid a similar situation next time where the shortlist was announced only five working days prior to the meeting. It was highlighted by the European Commission that the Commission can provide an indicative timetable; however, there are no guarantees. In this respect, the Board agreed to schedule the MB meeting in accordance with the timing for the shortlist, i.e. call for an Extraordinary Meeting as per the Commission's actual schedule. In order to speed up the process, the Board agreed to launch the same vacancy notice without any new changes.

12. The Chair informed the Board that there will be an ECDC staff meeting following the Board meeting to announce to staff the results of the election as well as the next steps. It was noted that the meeting shall be attended by the Chair of the Board and the representative from the European Commission, Martin Seychell.

13. In conclusion, the Board acknowledged that despite the difficult result, the process was fair to all parties involved. The Board also unanimously expressed their thanks to both candidates.

As a result of the election, the Board decided to re-open the call for ECDC Director's position and to publish the same vacancy notice as soon as possible.

The Board also unanimously agreed to appoint Andrea Ammon as the Acting Director until the new Director takes office.

The ECDC Management Board expressed their utmost gratitude and deep appreciation for the work of Dr Marc Sprenger as well as the entire ECDC staff during the last five years.

Adjournment

14. The Chair of the Management Board thanked all the delegates for their valuable input during the meeting. A special thanks of appreciation was extended to the interpreters and the ECDC staff for their hard work.

15. The next meeting will take place in Stockholm on 16-17 June 2015.

16. The meeting was adjourned.

Annex: List of Participants

Country/Organisation	Representative	Status
Austria	Peter Kreidl	Alternate
Belgium	Daniel Reynders	Member
Bulgaria	Angel Kunchev	Member
Croatia	Marijan Erceg	Member
Cyprus	Irene Cotter	Alternate
Czech Republic	Jozef Dlhý	Alternate
Estonia	Tiiu Aro (<i>Deputy Chair</i>)	Member
Finland	Anni Virolainen-Julkunen	Member
France	Françoise Weber (<i>Chair</i>)	Member
	Anne-Catherine Viso	Alternate
Germany	Susanne Wald	Member
	Gesa Lücking	Alternate
Greece	Maria Pirounaki	Alternate
Hungary	Hanna Páva	Member
	Beatrix Oroszi	Alternate
Ireland	Colette Bonner	Member
Italy	Maria Grazia Pompa	Alternate
Latvia	Dzintars Mozgis	Alternate
Lithuania	Audrius Ščeponavičius	Member
Luxembourg	Robert Goerens	Member
Malta	Anthony Gatt	Member
Netherlands	Marianne Donker	Member
	Herbert Barnard	Alternate
Poland	Michał Ilnicki	Alternate
Portugal	Paula Vasconcelos	Alternate
Slovak Republic	Ján Mikas	Member

Country/Organisation	Representative	Status
Slovenia	Mojca Gobec	Member
Spain	Karoline Fernández de la Hoz	Member
Sweden	Anita Janelm	Alternate
United Kingdom	Helen Shirley-Quirk ³	Member
European Parliament		
	Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori	Member
	Jacques Scheres	Member
European Commission		
DG SANTÉ	John F Ryan	Member
DG SANTÉ	Martin Seychell	Member
DG RTD	Cornelius Schmaltz	Alternate
EEA Countries		
Iceland	Sveinn Magnússon	Member
Norway	Sverre Berg Lutnæs	Member

³ During the Third Extraordinary Management Board meeting on 26 March 2015, Dorte Hansen Thrige, newly appointed Member from Denmark, had given proxy to the United Kingdom.