



## **Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**

### **SCENIHR**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Electromagnetic Fields (Research Priorities)**

**20 April 2009**

#### **Minutes**

#### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair of the working group (WG) welcomed the participants and communicated the apologies received.

#### **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (ANNEX I)**

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

#### **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS OF THE AGENDA**

Several members of the WG declared an interest in view of their affiliations.

Taking into account the nature of the declarations, the members of the Working Group (WG) agreed that these did not constitute a conflict of interest.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, all declarations of interest will be published after the completion of the work and the publication of the opinion.

#### **4. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION**

##### **4.1. Terms of Reference (ToR)**

The ToR were discussed by the WG in the presence of the requesting service and were accepted as written. It was agreed with Commission services that a short extension of the deadline was acceptable in order to fully address the ToR. However, the final version of the opinion should be adopted by SCENIHR before the summer.

##### **4.2. Documentation**

The WG agreed that the documentation and data available was sufficient to produce the opinion.

### **4.3. Scoping and structure of the opinion**

The WG decided on a provisional structure of the opinion.

### **4.4. External experts**

Due to the short deadline of the mandate, the WG was established before the first meeting based on the expertise available in the SCENIHR, the Pool, and the Database of experts.

### **4.5. Discussion**

The Rapporteur reported back on contributions received from other WG members. The first draft of the opinion was discussed and was already considered a useful basis for the future discussion of research priorities. The outcome of the discussion at the WG-meeting and comments on suggested revisions were retained in an updated Draft Version of the opinion.

### **4.6. Distribution of tasks**

The preliminary distribution of tasks to current members of the WG was confirmed.

### **4.7. Time table**

After a first review by the Rapporteur, the draft opinion would be sent to the WG for further revision. An updated draft would be circulated to the WG before the next meeting.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The WG decided on future meeting dates. These will be confirmed by the Secretariat via an official invitation in due time.

## **ANNEX I**

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<sup>1</sup> Mandate: [http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_risk/committees/04\\_scenihhr/docs/scenihhr\\_q\\_017.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scenihhr/docs/scenihhr_q_017.pdf)