



Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks

(SCHEER)

Meeting of the Working Group on Rapid Risk Assessment

Meeting date: 11 November 2016

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants; no apologies were received.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

One member declared an involvement in Emetnet project (funded by DG ECHO). The WG and the secretariat concluded that participation in EU project does not constitute conflict of interest.

4. Selection of experts for the pool of experts

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matters on the agenda.

The WG discussed a proposal prepared by the Chair indicating applicants meeting/not meeting the minimum criteria.

The minimum criteria were as follows:

- Experience with dealing with acute chemical incidents and providing follow up response to chemical exposures/ incidents and be able to provide advice in relation to chronic health problems related to these chemical exposures/ incidents
- Specialist knowledge in one or more of the following areas: public health risk assessment, general toxicology, clinical and medical toxicology, exposure assessment, environmental sciences and chemical agent specific knowledge
- Experience in relevant EU projects addressing public health risk assessment of chemical threats (e.g. Echemnet, ASHT)
- Good knowledge of English

The WG also concluded that four experts will be included in the SCHEER WG on RRA in order to help the WG with developing its core capacities as well as with the capacities of the pool of experts. It was concluded that out of 63 applicants, 52 meet the minimum criteria. The secretariat will check the DoIs of all selected candidates and those experts not having CoIs (relevant to the area of work of the working group on Rapid Risk Assessment: i.e. chemical cross-borders incidents) will be included into the pool of experts on RRA and/or the WG on RRA.

5. Guidance on Rapid Risk Assessment (RRA)

The WG discussed the guidance on RRA and comments were integrated in the document.

6. Future meetings

The next meeting will take place on 13 January 2017.