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Meeting:	MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Date:	1 June 2021 (Executive Board meeting) 3 June 2021 (wrap-up Executive Board meeting)
Venue:	Virtual meeting
Documentation	https://extranet.osha.europa.eu/eb-meetings/2021-eb-meeting-june

These notes include the comments made by the different groups and the Commission both at the official Executive Board meeting and the informal wrap-up meeting, which takes place after the interest group meetings with the view to consolidating positions and views for the plenary session. As much as possible they are meant to complement the discussions, viewpoints and decisions as these are reported in the Management Board meeting minutes. If such comments were made and minuted for the Management Board meeting, they will not be reported here.

1. Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The Chairperson welcomed the attendees and introduced the timeline and the agenda arrangements for the Management Board meeting.

He provided an overview on the schedule and set-up of the meeting, which was going to be spread across three days. The first day was going to start with this Executive Board meeting and then continue with a first plenary meeting, where the Agency would introduce the different agenda items and provide clarifications. On the following day, the interest groups were going to meet and discuss the agenda more in-depth. On the third day, the Executive Board was going to reconvene in an informal wrap-up meeting, where, following the discussion in the interest groups, they would draw conclusions from the interest groups discussions. Finally, the Management Board was going to reconvene in a last plenary, work through the whole agenda and adopt the necessary decisions when required.

The Chairperson introduced the draft Agenda and asked whether there would be any items under “Any other business”.

The Chair then asked the attendees whether they might have a potential conflict of interests with any of the items to be discussed, in compliance with the Agency’s policy on prevention and management of conflict of interests. No Executive Board member declared any.

CONCLUSION: The Executive Board adopted the draft agenda.

2. Adoption of Draft Minutes

The draft minutes from the Executive Board meeting held in January were circulated previously. No comments were received and none was made at the meeting.

CONCLUSION: The Executive Board adopted the minutes of the January 2021 meeting.

3. Management Board Meeting Preparation

The Chairperson referred to the draft Management Board agenda. Under “Any other business”, the Agency informed that they wished to bring some additional issues: the participation of the European Gender Institute (EIGE) and the European labour Authority (ELA) to EU-OSHA’s Management Board in an observer capacity; and a proposal related to future possible arrangements of the accounting function at EU-OSHA. The Chairperson informed that he was going to provide to the Management Board an

overview on the next steps related to the recruitment procedure of the next Executive Director, after the selection at the meeting on 10 May.

The Executive Board then worked through the Management Board agenda.

Regarding items 2 and 3, the Agency replied to some requests for clarifications that were also going to be raised at the plenary meetings. Regarding the suggestion raised by the Workers and echoed by the other groups, of planning better stakeholders' consultations, the Agency committed to look into the internal process and streamline consultations to the extent that this was possible and to warn the coordinators in advance. Similarly, with the view of ensuring a good communication flow between the Advisory Groups, the interests groups and ultimately the Management Board, the Agency would ensure that the agendas and the minutes of the Advisory Groups meetings would be systematically sent to the coordinators of the groups.

Regarding items 4 and 5, respectively addressing the length of the OSH and digitalisation campaign and the strategy for the campaign, the Executive Board raised several substantial comments. Whereas there was agreement on the decision on the campaign cycle, more discussion appeared to be needed to find a consensus on the campaign strategy before the end of September. To this end, the Executive Board agreed to propose to the Management Board that the Executive Board would review the strategy in the following weeks and months. There was the two-fold objective of ensuring that a consensus text could be agreed upon; and within a timeframe that is suitable to the Agency's programming requirements.

Regarding item 6 – and in particular regarding the Agency's proposal on virtual meetings, the Executive Board reiterated the importance of physical meetings as an important channel for networking and for fostering social dialogue. The Executive Board called for a flexible approach, to which the Agency agreed, and in particular, remarked that items that required discussions should be taken at physical meetings. The Workers' group put forward some concerns related to the use of the multilingual platform that the Agency had been using to run the Management Board meetings during the last year. Whereas the effort is acknowledged, a solution that allows more interaction would be preferred.

The Executive Board congratulated the Agency on the good work done so far in 2021 as well as to the achievements in 2020, when discussing the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2020 under item 7.

CONCLUSIONS: This item was for discussion

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The Chairperson thanked the Executive Board members and closed the meeting.

ANNEX – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Renārs	LŪSIS	Government	Chairperson
Boel	CALLERMO	Government	Coordinator
Yogindra	SAMANT	Government	Observer
Mercedes	TEJEDOR	Government	Alternate
Michael	GILLEN	Employers	Vice-Chairperson
Anna	KWIATKIEWICZ-MORY	Employers	Coordinator
Kris	DE MEESTER	Employers	Observer
Eckhard	METZE	Employers	Alternate
Georgi	STOEV	Employers	Alternate
Jesús	ÁLVAREZ	European Commission	Vice-Chairperson
Charlotte	GREVFORS ERNOULT	European Commission	Alternate
Julia	NEDJELIK-LISCHKA	Workers	Vice-Chairperson
Ignacio	DORESTE	Workers	Coordinator
Károly	GYÖRGY	Workers	Observer
Andreas	STOIMENIDIS	Workers	Alternate
Christa	SEDLATSCHEK	EU-OSHA	
Andrea	BALDAN	EU-OSHA	
Jesper	BEJER	EU-OSHA	
William	COCKBURN	EU-OSHA	
Ilaria	PICCIOLI	EU-OSHA	
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