



Decision concerning the establishment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their working groups

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Needs to update the rules

- To improve efficacy and clarity of rules
- To be more clear for the roles of SC/SP and their WGs
- To simplify certain processes
- To learn from experience
- To update the list of Scientific Panels (ANS and CEF)
- To adapt the expert indemnities to promote use of tele-meetings and align with Commission ceilings

→ **CONSULTATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

Main changes included in Title I

Title I Scientific Committee and Panels

Article 4	Election of Chairs and vice-Chairs of the Scientific Committee and Panels -Simplified to follow the Management Board rules
Article 7	Requests for a Scientific opinion -Inclusion of the Mandate Review Committee role in advising the Executive Director
Article 16	Adoption of Scientific opinions -Listing main content of the scientific opinions
Article 17	Minority Opinions of Panel members -Clarification of the process

Art 17 Minority Opinions

- Shall be presented and explained by their authors at the latest at the meeting where the draft opinion is put on the agenda for adoption
- Shall include supporting part of the main opinion to which they refer to
- Shall be attributed to their authors
- Shall be discussed by the Scientific Committee or the relevant Scientific Panel and the discussion recorded

Separate Title for Working Groups

Current MB decision	The new proposal
Article 5 Working Groups	Article 20
Article 6 External experts	Article 24
Article 7 Rapporteurs	Article 25
Article 10 Secretariat of the Scientific Committee and the Panels	Article 26
Article 12 Planning of meetings, invitations, agenda, documentation	Article 26
Article 16 Access to meetings and confidentiality of individual views of participants	Article 28
Article 19 Technical Hearings	Article 30
Article 20 Minutes	Article 31

Title II Working Groups - main changes

- Possibility to have also vice-chairs in WGs (Art 23)
- Number of rapporteurs based on needs (Art 25)
- Clarification for the process from WG to Panel (Art 29)
 - Finalisation drafts at meetings or in writing
 - Chair decides when draft is ready for Panel discussion and addresses the Terms of Reference
 - Diverging views expressed by the members of the WG shall be reported by the chair to Scientific Committee or the competent Panel

Title III Expert indemnities

- main changes

- To reduce travel time and be more environment friendly we develop telemeetings for scientific experts by:

Compensating participation in each telemeeting :

- by an hourly rate of 100€ (with a ceiling in line with the daily indemnity of a physical meeting)
 - by an additionally hourly chair indemnity of 50 € from 1st February
- Align EFSA indemnity from 1st July for participation in physical meeting to EC level indemnities (daily indemnity of 385€)