

## Minutes of the meeting in the Committee of Science-based advisory activities

**Date:** 27 May 2019

**Attendees:** TEL, OKN, PLA, BH, NBH

**Apologies received:** VVN

**Minute taker:** CEJ

### 1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

### 2. Comments to the minutes of 22 January 2019

The minutes were adopted.

### 3. Information from the ST Committee of Science-based advisory Activities on 26 April 2019

TEL informed about the content of the meeting with the ST Committee of Science-based activities. The minutes will be forwarded at a later date.

### 4. Annual meeting of DANAK on 8 April 2019

TEL informed about the meeting. Half of the people from DANAK who were going to carry out the audit were sick. Consequently, they were only able to make an external audit of some of the working processes.

On 24 of June, the rest of the working processes will be audited.

Due to the future certification of the Quality Assurance Processes, DANAK asked PLA to survey her staff. It was accepted that the quality of the analysis reports which they carry out was sufficient to guarantee their working effort which was the purpose of the survey.

Increased demands in connection with the certification of the Quality Processes resulted in 17 deviations but they have all been corrected

The technical part was approved.

### 5. Bid for tender on science-based advice for air and emission

The subject is not relevant right now as long as the election is going on.

We await the new government's decisions in this matter.

The investigation of who is the rightful owner of the air pollution models and stations are not finished yet.

### 6. Certification of science-based activities

Certification of science-based advisory activities and the writing of a pixi book describing the procedures are in process now and will be finished soon.



Afterwards, the employees will be informed.

The deadline for signing up to the course in Science-based advisory Activities have expired on 24 May 2019. If the course is not full, BH, PLA and OKN would like to sign up some employees. TEL will find out and inform them and send them a mail with the program.

The course will be offered next year as well.

VVN is trying to find out, if it is possible to attend the course without handing in a written assignment.

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**7. Quality control of reports, briefs etc. – is there a need for more information about the assignment? What mandate does the person who is carrying out the quality control have?**

It is important to find out what mandate the people who carry out quality control of reports and memorandums have and how they do it. It should be uniform.

Are we sure that corrections are added to the text? And is it necessary to proofread the text afterwards to make sure that the corrections are included?

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The item was discussed and it was agreed that it will be very resource demanding to read the same text twice, however it is important in relation to the process of certification.

In the future, it is important to emphasize that quality control is included in the project economy, so that there are enough resources for carrying out the quality control.

This subject will be an item on the agenda at the next meeting of the Committee of Science-based advisory Activities on 26 of August 2019.

**8. The result of the evaluation of ENVS**

Although the result of the evaluation of ENVS is confidential, the recommendations in the report can be used in connection with updating the strategy from ENVS from 2015 and for the description of new flagships which includes our goals and missions.

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**9. Information from the sections on science-based advisory activities/everyone**

*New Projects:*

OKN has received several tasks since the last meeting: two review tasks from the EU Commission, the projections of the different countries, a task for the Danish EPA about Greenhouse gas projections.

NBH has received a task in connection with genetic modification. In this connection, it is important that we know and follow the rules of the Danish EPA as regards the treatment of confidential information.

Different systems for saving confidential material were discussed.

PLA are checking the list of substances in the water quality to find those substances which are not yet mentioned.

PLA are carrying out

- a study of environmental substances in nature which describes how much ends in nature from the sewage treatment plants. A tender for environmentally hazardous substances has been sent out.
- a nontargetscreen on water quality.

TEL and OH have become members of an expert committee in Copenhagen investigating the health risks people are subject to living in Copenhagen. They are going to attend 3 to 4 meetings annually of 6 hours each.

On 12 June TEL participates in a conference at Egtveds Pakhus about the environment and health arranged by the Danish Health Authority.

#### **10. External Communication relevant for counselling**

The environmental Library Book on Air Pollution by TEL and OH needs a revision after the inclusion of NO<sub>2</sub> in the model calculations which results in an increased number of deaths annually.

The environmental Library Book by HASA, the publishers have received and commented on it.

BH has published some policy briefs as part of different projects. These briefs will be sent out before the next meeting and it will be discussed if they are relevant to publish at the internet.

#### **11. Miscellaneous information and any other business**

PLA has been asked to become a technical assessor for DANAK and she has accepted.