Welcome to our stakeholder network

ASO info session

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OUR PURPOSE

We protect health and the environment through our work for chemical safety

OUR VISION

Chemical safety through science, collaboration and knowledge

Our mandate

Implement EU chemicals laws and policy through technical, scientific, and administrative tasks

Provide independent, high-quality **scientific opinions** and **decisions** to serve as basis for EU measures

Collaborate with EU institutions, EU countries' authorities, and other bodies

Support companies, particularly smaller ones, in fulfilling their duties

Ensure stakeholders get relevant, reliable and objective **information**

Our tasks

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Legislation

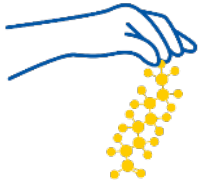
- REACH – Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction
- Classification, Labelling and Packaging
- Biocidal Products
- Prior Informed Consent
- Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Batteries
- Waste Framework Directive
- Drinking Water Directive
- Cross-border Health Threats
- Environmental Action Programme

Our tasks

Specific tasks

- EU Chemicals Legislation Finder
- EU Observatory for Nanomaterials
- Occupational exposure limits
- Assist EU accession countries
- IUCLID for EFSA
- Partnership for the assessment of risk from chemicals

Contributing to EU goals for chemical safety



Phase out most harmful chemicals in consumer products

Tackle cocktail effect

Consolidate and simplify chemical regulations

Promote alternatives to animal testing

Boost innovation and safe by design chemicals

Play a leading role globally

Helsinki – hub for chemical safety

We bring together experts from EU countries and stakeholders

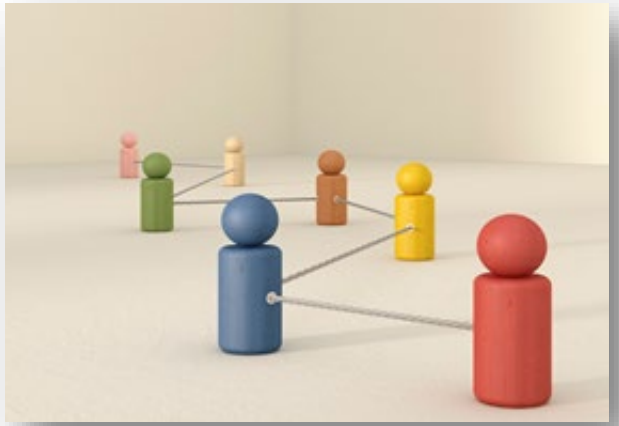
- → 4 scientific committees
- → 4 expert groups
- → Enforcement forum
- → Networks of national authorities
- → Independent Board of Appeal

Collaborate with us

You are vital for us

- → Channel feedback and expertise from the field
- → Give scientific input to our opinions
- → Cooperate to raise awareness on chemical safety
- → Help us ensure transparency

Engage with us



- Subscribe to news
- Join free events
- Give input in consultations
- Follow substance activities from first plans to final decisions
- Use EU chemicals legislation finder for support with 50 laws
- Visit our database for info on 300 000 chemicals
- Take part in calls for tenders to support our scientific work

Support for you at EU level

→ Your national helpdesk

→ ECHA Helpdesk

→ LinkedIn discussion groups:

- Substitution to safer chemicals
- EU observatory for nanomaterials
- Poison centres
- IUCLID
- System-to-system submissions

How to participate in ECHA Committees

Joining committee meetings

Regular observers

- Represent larger industry groups or general/cross-sectorial/broader sector-specific interests
- **Invited** to participate in committees' work on regular basis
- Attendance under strict conditions, respecting ECHA's Code of conduct for observers from accredited stakeholder organisations
- List of observers reviewed and updated annually by the committees

Occasional observers

- Represent industry sectors or other more specific interests who wish to participate in a meeting for a specific case, substance, agenda item or discussion
- May **request to participate** in the meetings of RAC and SEAC according to Approach on the admission of observers from accredited stakeholder organisations to the work of the ECHA committees

How to join committees as occasional observer

- → Identify a point of interest on the agenda published on ECHA's website
- → Email the relevant committee as early as possible but at least **10 calendar days** before the meeting
- → Committee Chair decides on the requests received and informs about the decision made
- → Places are limited
- → Minutes and agendas are available on our website

Participation in RAC and SEAC meetings (1)

→ Occasional observer

- Committee uploads the draft agenda on the ECHA website in line with the timelines foreseen in their rules of procedure (RAC / SEAC)
- When an accredited stakeholder identifies a point of interest in the meeting agenda, it should indicate its interest to participate in this specific agenda item to the Chair of the Committee in writing ***at least 10 calendar days before the meeting***, specifying the details of its nominated representative and the potential benefits from their participation
- Considering the expressed interests per agenda item, the specified benefits for the Committee in question and the practical possibilities for participation, the Chair decides on the requests received and informs the stakeholder concerned, of the decision regarding their participation

Participation in RAC and SEAC meetings (2)

→ Required documents

a) Identify the agenda item(s) from the provisional draft agenda for which you are registering for
b) A short CV of the representative participating in the meeting
c) A short motivation letter as to how their expertise are relevant for the discussion on the specified agenda item(s)
d) Declaration of Confidentiality from the representative's personal email address[1]

[1] According to the ECHA handling of declarations procedure, the declaration should not include a physical signature. The email proves that the declaration was approved, and it is originated from the respective person.

Participation in RAC and SEAC meetings (3)

→ Accompanying Expert

- One accompanying expert can be nominated to attend with ASO representative
- Same documents required for the accompanying expert as for the ASO representative
- Experts should possess specific expertise on the topic for which they are nominated for
- The ASO representative is responsible for their accompanying experts' conduct during the meeting(s)
  - The expert may only attend the Committees' meeting(s) accompanied by the ASO representative – this also applies to remote meetings

Participation in RAC and SEAC meetings (4)

→ Purpose of the stakeholder observers' attendance and their role

- to provide, on request, ***technical and scientific input*** based on the specific expertise and knowledge of the interest group in question
- to contribute to the appropriate information flow from ECHA and its bodies to stakeholders

→ Participation at meetings

- In general, respect the observers' code of conduct
- Interventions
  - Technical and scientific
  - Brief, the time allocated by the Chair shall be respected
- Confidentiality
  - Sign the Declaration of Confidentiality prior to participation
  - The declaration of confidentiality in practice implies that stakeholder observers are allowed to share non-confidential meeting documents to which they have been granted access with their constituencies (hierarchy and members of the organisation) but they ***shall not make them or their content publicly available*** unless they are already publicly available

Important links

Approach on the admission of observers from accredited stakeholder organisations to the work of the ECHA committees

Code of conduct for observers from accredited stakeholder organisations

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