

Overview of speakers

**Geert Dancet**

Executive Director
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:**09:30 – 09:35****16:45 – 17:00****Opening****Closing remarks****Biography:**

Geert Dancet became the first elected Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in January 2008. Under his leadership, the Agency successfully managed the preregistration deadline of December 2008 and the first registration deadline of 30 November 2010. ECHA has become one of the large-size regulatory agencies of the EU with over 500 staff members in charge of the EU chemicals legislation, soon to include biocides.

The Commission nominated him as interim Executive Director in January 2007 shortly after the adoption of the REACH Regulation in order to set up the Agency in Helsinki.

From 2004 to 2007 he was the Head of the REACH Unit in the European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry. The unit was co-responsible for taking the REACH proposal through the regulatory process in the Council and the European Parliament as well as for developing and coordinating the REACH implementation strategy, which included the preparations for the new Chemicals Agency.

He first joined the European Commission in 1986 and worked for most of his Commission career in the competition policy field. Prior to working for the European Commission, Mr Dancet enjoyed a brief academic career in the University of Leuven (Belgium) and was a programme coordinator for the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) in Colombia.

He studied economics, econometrics and philosophy at the University of Leuven, Belgium. Mr Dancet is married with four children.

9:30 - 11:25

Session 1: Registration & REACH 2013**Christel Musset**Director of Registration
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)**Programme:**
Chair**Biography:**

Ms Musset joined ECHA on 1 September 2007 and is currently responsible for all activities related to the registration process under REACH – this also comprises data sharing and dissemination and the coordination of IT systems to support these activities, in particular REACH-IT and IUCLID. Before joining the Agency she worked in the European Commission, at the European Chemicals Bureau of the JRC in Ispra, where she coordinated the development of IT systems for REACH. Prior to joining the European Commission, she held several positions in the private sector, first managing large-scale IT projects and then as a director of Sales and Marketing. Ms Musset studied Physics and Computer science and is a postgraduate in Business and Administration.

Ms Musset is in charge of the Directorate for Registration. Ms Musset is of French nationality.

**Kevin Pollard**Head of Unit, Registration & Dissemination
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)**Programme:**
09:35 – 09:55**REACH 2013: Update of current activities****Biography:**

Mr Kevin Pollard is the Head of Unit for Registration and Dissemination at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Mr Pollard is from Edinburgh, Scotland and has been working in ECHA since August 2007. He became registration team leader in early 2008 after initially working on a range of REACH implementation issues in the context of the 'start-up' action plans and has been involved in all aspects of the registration process at ECHA. He became Head of Unit in February 2010.

Before joining ECHA Mr Pollard spent one year working at the European Chemicals Bureau at the DG JRC in Ispra, also on REACH implementation. Prior to that, he was working for around 8 years at the UK's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in the field of environmental exposure assessment, following a short period working in the agrochemical industry.

**Romanas Cesnaitis**

Junior Scientific Officer
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:**09:55 – 09:10****Registration of intermediates: tips for duty holders****Mike Rasenberg**

Head of Unit, Risk Computational Methods
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:**10:10 – 10:25****How to improve the quality and consistency of the dossier****Biography:**

Dr Romanas Cesnaitis is working at the Evaluation directorate since June 2009. He is involved in the dossier and substance evaluation activities as well as in verification of intermediate status of registrations. His main area of expertise is environmental risk assessment – hazard identification and exposure assessment - of chemicals.

Romanas Cesnaitis studied chemical engineering (M.Sc. in Chemical Engineering) at the Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania. In 2008 he obtained degree of Doctor of Science in the field of environmental technology at the Institute of Environmental Engineering, Lithuania. He began his career at the Institute of Environmental Engineering as the researcher dealing with risk assessment and management of chemicals and hazardous waste.

Biography:

Mike Rasenberg is a Chemist by education and has over 14 years of professional experience working in the field of chemical regulatory affairs with both governmental bodies and enterprises.

Mike was appointed in January 2011 as Head of Unit for Computational Assessment at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). From late 2009 until 3 January 2011, Mike was the Contingency Manager at ECHA having a coordinating role for the first REACH Registration and the CLP notification deadlines.

Before this, Mike was member of the REACH and GHS implementation teams of DuPont de Nemours, with different responsibilities, including pre-registration. During this time, Mike was also active in CEFIC.

Before joining DuPont, Mike took part in the REACH preparation projects by the European Commission (the REACH Implementation Projects - RIPs) as employee of the European Chemicals Bureau (DG JRC). He was involved in the development of IUCLID 5 and REACH-IT and was (co-) project leader for the development of the Guidance document for Data Sharing and the Guidance on Substance Identity.

His first relevant working experience was with Royal Haskoning as a consultant chemicals management.



Leo van der Biessen

Senior REACH & HSE Consultant
Royal Haskoning DHV

Programme:

10:25 - 10:40

**CHESAR: the tool for efficient CSR
production and effective Downstream
user communication?!**

Biography:

After graduating from the Wageningen University in Environmental Sciences, Leo van der Biessen has worked for over 20 years in the field of occupational hygiene and safety. In his ten years at Royal Haskoning he has developed a number of risk assessment tools. During the last seven years he has been working as a REACH consultant. He helped companies to prepare for registration and performed numerous chemical safety assessments focusing on worker and consumer exposure. Currently he also assists companies with their tasks regarding CLP, extended safety data sheets, Substances of Very High Concern and the restrictions in Annex XVII.

As the board member of the Dutch Industrial Hygiene Associations he keeps a keen eye on emerging risks i.e. stemming from the use of nanomaterials and on new challenges related to changes in regulations or in the science of hazard and risk management.

Within Royal Haskoning he is working on regulatory based engineering and the adaptation of production processes.

His strengths are a keen mind and a quick but incisive analysis of the tasks awaiting him. He develops tools and training programs on a regular basis. Furthermore he is well versed in the handling of non-toxic substance hazard i.e. fire and explosion and in the development of management programs aimed at enhancing safety and health.

11:40 - 13:45

Session 2: Evaluation and Communication in the Supply Chain

**Leena Ylä-Mononen**

Director of Evaluation
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:
Chair

Biography:

Ms Ylä-Mononen joined ECHA on 1 September 2007. Since January 2011 she has been in charge of the dossier and substance evaluation activities. Before becoming a Director, she was the Head of the Committees & International Relations Unit. Prior to joining the Agency she worked in the European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment, as a Deputy Head of Unit; there she was in charge of the implementation of the Biocides Directive 98/8/EC and Regulation (EC) No 304/2003 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, and of the co-decision negotiations on the Framework Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides. Ms Ylä-Mononen holds a Masters degree in Agriculture and Forestry, specialising in Environmental Protection.

Ms Ylä-Mononen is Finnish.

Biography:

Dr Kaihsu Tai is a Junior Scientific Officer at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). His academic career in Chemistry included university training in California and postdoctoral research in Oxford. He holds a postgraduate certificate in EU law.

**Kaihsu Tai**

Junior Scientific Officer, Evaluation
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:
11:40 – 12:10

**How can lessons learned from evaluation
support your registration?**



Erwin Annys

Director REACH/Chemicals Policy
CEFIC

Programme:

12:10 - 12:30

My substance is under evaluation. What should I know and do?

Biography:

Mr Annys is the director for REACH and chemicals policy at the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic), an organization he has been with since 2008.

He is an observer to the Competent Authorities Meeting for REACH and Classification and Labelling, as well in different Committees of ECHA.

He brings more than 16 years chemical industry experience to his current roles, in areas including production, technical services, research and development and regulatory affairs.

Before joining Cefic, Mr Annys spent four years at the Belgian federation of the chemical industry and the life sciences, Essenscia, where he was responsible for product and innovation policy.

Mr Annys has a PhD in Chemistry from the university of Ghent, focusing on nitrosamines in rubber.



Wim de Coen

Head of Unit, Evaluation
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:

12:30 - 12:45

Nanomaterials and REACH

Biography:

Wim De Coen holds a PhD in Applied Biological Sciences (University of Ghent, Belgium). After a Post-Doc at Michigan State University (USA), he became Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Antwerp (Belgium). The main theme of his research has been unravelling the biochemical and molecular modes of action of substances and their application in Chemical Risk Assessments.

Before joining the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in 2008, he worked at the European Chemicals Bureau (Ispra - DG Joint Research) on Existing substances and Biocides. Since 2010 he is Head of Unit of Evaluation in ECHA. He is currently also chairing ECHA's task force on nanomaterials which is responsible for developing and implementing ECHA's initiatives in relation to nanomaterials safety under REACH.



Bridget Ginnity

Senior Scientific Officer
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:

12:45 – 13:00

Communication Down the supply chain: Obligation and advice for downstream users

Biography:

Bridget joined ECHA in 2011, in the Risk Management Directorate. Since then, she has been involved primarily in aspects relating to chemical safety assessments and exposure scenarios, with a particular emphasis on how ECHA can support downstream users in meeting their obligations with respect to REACH.

Bridget graduated from Trinity College Dublin in Chemistry (BA(mod)) and Manufacturing Engineering (M.Sc.). She also holds postgraduate diplomas in occupational hygiene and in acoustics.

In the early years of her career, Bridget worked for multinational companies in development and marketing of gas measurement instrumentation. Based on the knowledge gained of monitoring and of occupational hygiene, Bridget established a successful occupational hygiene and environmental consultancy company. She has worked with companies from a wide range of sectors and of all sizes during her 15 years in consultancy.

14:45 - 16:45

Session 3: Risk Management and Applications for Authorisation

**Jack de Bruijn**

Director of Risk Management
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:
Chair

Biography:

Jack de Bruijn started working at the European Chemicals Agency right from the start in September 2007. He is currently heading the Risk Management Directorate that is responsible for identifying and implementing the authorisation and restrictions processes under REACH as well as managing the classification related tasks resulting from the CLP Regulation.

Before joining the Agency he worked at the European Chemicals Bureau of the JRC in Ispra where he coordinated the development of the guidance documents for REACH. Before joining the ECB he worked for many years for the Dutch national authorities in the area of regulatory risk assessment of chemicals. He is chemist by training and has a PhD in environmental toxicology.

**Palmi Atlason**

Junior Scientific Officer
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:
14:45 – 15:00

Classification and labelling inventory: Overview

Biography:

Dr. Palmi Atlason is a Junior Scientific Officer in the Classification unit at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Dr. Atlason is from Reykjavik, Iceland and has been working at the Agency since July 2010. During his time in the Classification unit, he has been involved in developing and publishing the Classification and Labelling Inventory, a database portal publishing notifications on hazardous chemicals on the EU market. He also acts as a Scientific Dossier Manager for substances submitted for harmonised classification and labelling at EU level.

Prior to joining ECHA, Dr. Atlason worked for six years in the UK, conducting academic research in the field of neuropharmacology. He has also spent three years working in drug development in the pharmaceutical industry.

**Matti Vainio**

Head of Unit, Risk Management Implementation
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:**15:00 – 15:15****Authorisation applications becoming a reality****Biography:**

Mr Matti Vainio has been working in ECHA since August 2007 through secondment from the European Commission. He became Team Leader in Socio-economic Analysis in 2009 having worked on various REACH implementation issues, such as confidentiality. He has mainly worked in issues relating to restriction and applications for authorisation. He became Head of Unit in March 2011.

Before joining ECHA Mr Vainio worked for 10 years in the European Commission as a Principal Administrator in Directorates General of Economic Affairs and Environment as i.a. Deputy Head of Unit in Clean Air and Transport as well as Energy and Environment Units developing cost-effective environmental policies to on air quality, transport and climate change issues. Prior to that, he was working in the United Nations (Geneva) on international trade issues, a director/economist in two Finnish companies and a project officer in the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. He started his career as a UN Volunteer in the Central Statistical Office in Zimbabwe. Mr Vainio holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics. He is Finnish.

**Bill Frazee**

Technical Director, Licensing
Huntsman Performances Products

Programme:**15:15 - 15:30****How industry can cooperate in making an application for authorisation****Biography:**

Mr. Frazee is a technical director in the licensing business of Huntsman Performance Products and is located at Huntsman's US headquarters in The Woodlands, Texas. Prior to joining Huntsman's licensing team in 2005, he held a variety of assignments and management positions in research and development. Mr. Frazee joined Huntsman in 1994 in connection with the acquisition of Texaco Chemical Company, where he had worked since 1986.

Mr. Frazee and his team work closely with worldwide licensees of Huntsman's maleic anhydride manufacturing technology, which is widely regarded as world leading.

Mr. Frazee has a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wyoming.

**Tatiana Santos**

Senior Policy Officer: Chemicals and Nanotechnology
European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

Programme:**15:30 - 15:45****Promoting substitution through the
authorisation process: role of NGOs and
third parties****Biography:**

Tatiana Santos holds a Chemistry degree and both MSc. in Occupational Safety and Health and Environmental Impact Assessment. She has been working in chemical risk issues, occupational health and safety, environmental protection and substitution of hazardous chemicals for 8 years.

During her former position at the Spanish institute ISTAS, she's developed the Substitution Support Portal (SUBSPORT). Currently, on behalf of European Environmental Bureau (EEB), the largest European federation of environmental NGOs, she is attending all European Chemicals Agency's (ECHA) committees as an accredited stakeholder.

**Lisa Anfält**

Scientific Officer
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Programme:**15:45 - 16:00****Substances in articles: Roles for notifiers****Biography:**

Ms Anfält joined ECHA in April 2010 as scientific officer in the Risk Management directorate. Her main areas of work are substances in articles and restrictions. Prior to joining the Agency she worked in the Swedish Ministry of Environment and The Swedish Chemicals Agency. Ms Anfält holds a Master's degree in Chemical engineering, specialising in Environmental Management, from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.