

Overview of speakers

Ninth Stakeholders' Day

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HELSINKI, FINLAND

Plenary session 1

Opening



Geert DANCET

Executive Director, ECHA

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Closing remarks

Geert Dancet became the first elected Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in January 2008. Under his leadership, the Agency successfully managed all regulatory processes of REACH and CLP. ECHA has become one of the large-size regulatory agencies of the EU with over 500 staff members in charge of the EU chemicals legislations, including the new Biocidal Products and PIC regulations. His mandate was renewed in 2012 and will end on 31 December 2017.

The Commission nominated him as interim Executive Director in January 2007 in order to set up the Agency in Helsinki from 1 June 2007.

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.

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Road to REACH 2018



Javier SANCHEZ

Directorate for Registration, ECHA

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How ECHA can support new registrants

Mr Sanchez joined ECHA in 2008 and currently oversees the implementation of provisions of the REACH Regulation for registration of substances.

Before joining ECHA, he worked at the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture and Environment and the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU, in Brussels, where his work focused on the environment and agriculture.

Mr Sanchez is Spanish.



Paweł FIGIEL

Directorate for Registration, ECHA

Programme:

09.25

The importance of substance identity in ensuring a successful registration

Dr Paweł Figiel has been working at the Substance Identification & Data Sharing Unit since June 2010. He holds an MSc. in Chemistry and a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Wrocław (Poland).

Before joining ECHA, Dr Figiel worked for five years as a post-doctoral researcher in the academic sector in the field of homogeneous catalysis.



Andrea PAETZ

Corporate Environmental Affairs, Bayer AG

Programme:

09.40

How industry is preparing to REACH 2018

Dr. Andrea Paetz is currently Director Regulatory Policy in the Corporate Center of Bayer AG. Her focus is on REACH, Nano and Product Stewardship; she is coordinating the groupwide activities on these issues.

She is a chemist by education and graduated from the Technical University of Clausthal-Zellerfeld; and has been working for Bayer AG for more than 30 years.

Andrea Paetz is chair of the CEFIC REACH Management Team and member of several REACH and Nano related working groups at CEFIC and VCI. She has been involved in REACH from the beginning.



Andreas HERDINA

Director of Cooperation, ECHA

Programme:

09.55

ECHA's approach to supporting SMEs

Born in 1953 and having grown up in the Austrian Tyrol. Andreas Herdina graduated from Innsbruck University in 1976 with a Doctorate of Law.

In 1987, he joined the Austrian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1989 to 1993 he was posted to the Austrian Embassy in Tokyo and subsequently was Deputy Head of the Austrian Permanent Mission to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva from 1993 until 1996.

From March 1996 to March 1999, the Austrian Foreign Ministry seconded Andreas Herdina to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina that implemented the Dayton Peace Agreement.

In 1999, Andreas Herdina joined the services of the European Commission. In November 2008, he took up his post as Director of Cooperation at ECHA. His directorate handles the Agency's helpdesk, guidance and communications activities and provides the secretariat of the Forum for the Exchange of Information on Enforcement. Andreas Herdina is Chair of the HelpNet, the network of national helpdesks, and of the Risk Communication Network. Since mid-2013, he is also the Agency's "SME Ambassador".



Born in 1977 in Milan, Dr Fabio Stratta holds a degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technologies and a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry focused on instrumental analysis and solid state technologies. Fabio worked as an Analytical R&D for a biotechnological company. He is currently the Reach Manager for the Faravelli Group since 2008 and Technical Director since January 2013.

Fabio STRATTA

Technical Director, Giusto Faravelli SpA

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**Learning from the registration
experience of an SME**

Plenary session 2

Evaluation and supply chain communication



Rupert SIMON

Evaluation Directorate, ECHA

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11.30

Lessons learnt from evaluation

Mr Simon joined ECHA in 2009. As a scientific officer, he has been coordinating dossier evaluation group activities, editing the annual Evaluation Report and facilitating the activities of physical-chemical experts within the Agency. Nowadays, as Team Leader, he is a member of the CSA-coordination group and leads the quality team of the Evaluation Directorate.

Before joining ECHA, Mr Simon worked in the European Commission's Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements, in the area of food safety and control including the provision of scientific legislative support.

Mr Simon has also worked in collaboration with the US Environmental Protection Agency, where he studied anthropogenic contaminants in ground water and designed an exposure facility for hazard assessment of chemicals to aquatic vertebrates.

Mr Simon studied chemistry and chemical engineering and prepared his PhD thesis on the interaction of plant protection products with soil organic matter constituents.

Mr Simon is German.



Augusto DI BASTIANO

Risk Management Directorate, ECHA

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Key messages on intermediates

Mr Di Bastiano joined ECHA in 2009. He is a senior scientific officer in the Risk Management Identification Unit.

He has been involved in various projects in the Agency, including work on the exposure scenario concept in the supply chain, assessing intermediates and identifying risk management options for substances of very high concern.

Before joining ECHA, Mr Di Bastiano worked in the semiconductor industry in Europe and the United States, coordinating ESH programmes on local and international scales.

He has also worked as a process engineer in the chemical industry and quality control in the mechanical industry.

Mr Di Bastiano is Italian and has a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Rome.



Bridget GINNITY

Risk Management Directorate, ECHA

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**Communication in the supply chain -
advice for downstream users**

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

Bridget is a chemist, with a postgraduate qualification in occupational hygiene.

Since graduating, Bridget has worked in various technical and marketing roles in manufacturing companies and, for the 15 years prior to joining ECHA, as an occupational hygiene consultant.



Marianne LYNGSAAE

Environmental and Quality, Brenntag
Nordic

Programme:

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Case study: downstream users and REACH

Marianne Lyngsaae is a chemical engineer. She has been working for Brenntag Nordic (Environmental and Quality department) as REACH advisor and Quality System Manager. In the past, Marianne worked for private companies, government agencies and as a consultant.

Marianne Lyngsaae is a member of Brenntag's European REACH core team and represents Brenntag in FECC, the European organisation for distributors. She has participated in ENES, a number of PEG and working groups for the CSR/ES Roadmap.

Plenary session 3

Risk management and classification and labelling



Elina KARHU

Risk Management Directorate, ECHA

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SVHC Roadmap 2020 - status update

Elina Karhu joined ECHA in January 2008 and is currently heading the Risk Management Identification unit. The unit is responsible for identifying substances for further risk management, implementation of the first steps of the authorisation process, and obligations related to substances in articles. The unit also contributes to the cross stakeholder CSA/ES roadmap work.

Prior to joining the Agency she worked at the DG Enterprise and Industry of the Commission where she was involved in the preparation for the restriction and authorisation process under REACH. Before joining the Commission she worked for many years for the Finnish national authorities in the areas of regulatory risk management of chemicals and industrial pollution prevention.



Jos MOSSINK

Risk Management Directorate, ECHA

Programme:

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Classification and labelling - looking ahead to 2015

Jos Mossink started in ECHA in 2011. Before his appointment as Head of the Classification Unit in 2012 he was the acting head of Unit for Biocides during the start up phase. Before joining ECHA, he worked as a department manager responsible for research and development on risk assessment for chemicals and food ingredients in a contract research organisation. As such he was involved in activities under several regulatory regimes, working for both industry and authorities. He started his career as a researcher and consultant on safety and health at work, followed by several years as a research manager.

He holds a Masters degree in chemical engineering and in information management. Jos Mossink is Dutch.



Matti VAINIO

Risk Management Directorate, ECHA

Programme:

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Lessons learnt from applications for authorisation

Mr Matti Vainio has been working in ECHA since August 2007 through secondment from the European Commission. He became Team Leader in Socioeconomic 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.e. 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, as 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 PhD in Economics. He is Finnish.



Tatiana SANTOS

Senior Policy Officer on Chemicals and Nanotechnology, European Environmental Bureau

Programme:

15.05

Civil society's role in the implementation of the authorisation process

Ms Santos graduated in chemistry specialized in environmental and food chemistry from the University of Cádiz (Spain). She also holds a master degree in both environmental impact assessment and occupational health and safety. Previously she worked for the Spanish occupational institute ISTAS and the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI).

She currently works for the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), created in 1974. The EEB is now Europe's largest federation of environmental organisations with over 140 member organisations who gain their membership from the general public. They work on a vast array of environmental issues and their policy officers use experts, scientists, members, and politicians to work towards developing and protecting environmental policies.



Steve GEORGE

REACH Working Group, Aerospace and
Defence Industries Association of Europe

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Authorisation - an industry perspective

Steve George has worked for the Aerospace industry for 26 years in a range of product development and management roles. In recent years, he has specialised in functional management of issues relating to supply chain management and engineering work undertaken by suppliers.

Steve is currently chair of the Aerospace and Defence Industries of Europe (ASD) REACH working group, and is also a Director of the International Aerospace Environment Group.