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Work Programme 2014 – building for the future

In 2014, ECHA is laying the foundation for the next five years, to advance the safe use of chemicals. Among its priorities are the identification of the necessary steps for the last REACH registration deadline in 2018; working towards the achievement of political targets on the safe use of chemicals in 2020; and a smooth authorisation process of substances of very high concern (SVHCs) and biocidal substances and products. The Agency will also follow up the Commission's REACH review.

Close cooperation with the Member States, the European Commission and Accredited Stakeholder Organisations will help ECHA to achieve its strategic objectives.

ECHA'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Maximise the availability of high quality data to enable the safe manufacture and use of chemicals

To improve the **quality of registration dossiers** ECHA, national authorities and industry need to work together. This long-term goal will be achieved through a combination of regulatory evaluation actions and improvements in methods, standards and tools for chemical safety and its communication in the supply chain. To improve access to its databases, ECHA will also work on the next, more user-friendly generation of its **information on chemicals**.

For the **2018 registration deadline**, many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) will register substances for the first time. ECHA is setting up a multi-annual planning to review its tools and guidance and to improve their user-friendliness to help these companies.

ECHA will raise awareness of industry so that they are aware of their **downstream user duties**. This includes the duty to communicate information along the supply chain, including updated safety data sheets with exposure scenarios.

The Agency will raise awareness about the obligations for labelling **mixtures under CLP** (classification, labelling and packaging), which will become mandatory in June 2015.

2. Mobilise authorities to use data intelligently to identify and address chemicals of concern

Together with the Member States and the Commission, 2014 will be the first full year where ECHA implements the ambitious **SVHC Roadmap to 2020**. This should not only focus on known SVHCs but also on those that as yet are unknown. The identification of the unknown substances of very high concern will be based on advanced screening of the registration database.

Regarding the authorisation to use SVHCs, ECHA aims to develop high-quality opinions within its Committees on the first applications for authorisation.

Estimates for 2014

Maximise the availability of high quality data	
Registration dossiers submitted	5 800
Testing proposal decisions	200
Requests for access to data older than 12 years	270
PPORD notifications submitted	300
Inquiries	1 300
Appeals made	23
Company size checks	600
Alternative name requests	100
Compliance check decisions	150
Proposals for harmonised classification and labelling	70

Mobilise authorities to identify and address chemicals of concern	
Substances on CoRAP list to be evaluated by the Member States	50
Substance evaluation decisions	35
Restriction proposals	8
Proposals for identification as SVHC	30
Authorisation applications	20

3. Address the scientific challenges by serving as a hub for scientific and regulatory capacity building of the Member States, European institutions and other actors

ECHA will continue to work on the issue of nanomaterials to ensure that nanomaterials and their uses are registered under REACH. The Agency will start up an expert group to support the identification of endocrine disruptors.

It will furthermore develop its **scientific competence**, providing scientific advice to the legislator on further regulatory questions related to chemical safety.

4. Embrace current and new legislative tasks efficiently and effectively, while adapting to upcoming resource constraints

ECHA will streamline its regulatory processes under REACH and CLP and become more efficient and effective. This will help to absorb the reduction in resources reserved for this legislation.

ECHA will also learn from its experience to set up smart and lean processes for the **Biocidal Products and PIC regulations**. Regarding biocides, the acceleration of the review programme will determine the success of the EU approval regime for active substances.

Estimates for 2014

Information requests	
Helpdesk, general and media enquiries	6 000

New legislative tasks: Biocides and PIC	
Biocides	
Opinions on active substances approval	50
Applications for union authorisation	20
Assessments for active substance suppliers	300
Assessments for technical equivalence and chemical similarity	150
PIC	
PIC notifications	4 000

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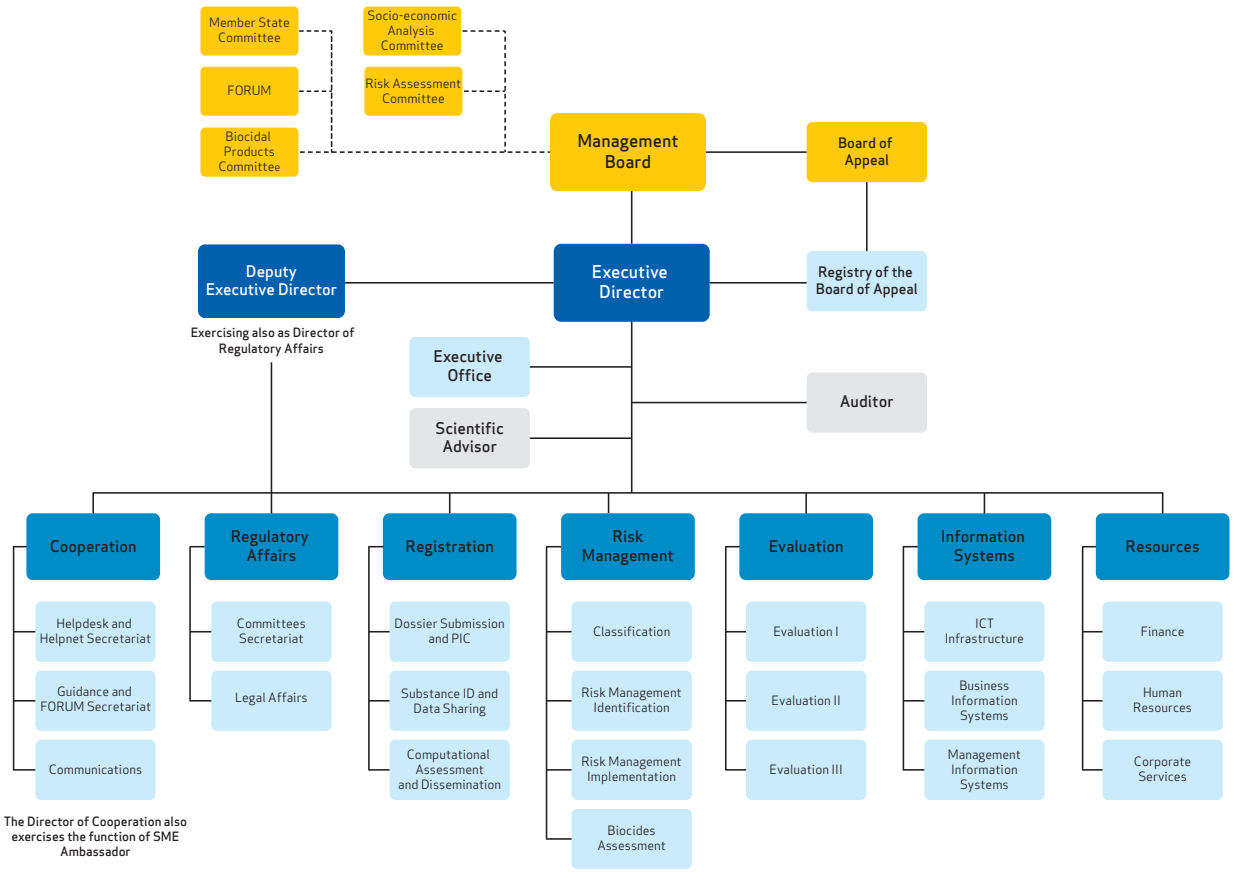

ECHA AT A GLANCE

- Around 600 staff from most EU countries
- 4 scientific committees with experts from 28 Member States
- 1 Forum of national enforcement authorities
- € 119 million budget for 2014

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