

# Work Programme 2016 – Highlights

ECHA works for the safe use of chemicals. It implements the European Union's chemicals legislation for the benefit of human health and the environment as well as for innovation and competitiveness.



The Agency helps companies to comply with the legislation, advances the safe use of chemicals, provides information on chemicals and addresses chemicals of concern.

In 2016, ECHA's priorities are defined by its four strategic objectives.

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**Maximise the availability of high quality information to enable the safe manufacture and use of chemicals**

2016 is a crucial year to prepare for the last REACH registration deadline. By 2018, companies manufacturing or importing chemicals of one tonne or more per year need to have registered their

substances. Many of these registrants are small and medium-sized companies.

## Helping industry to comply

To help companies to prepare their registrations, ECHA will roll out a new generation of user-friendly IT tools for dossier preparation and submission. Further support designed for SMEs will be provided through practical guides, guidance documents and the network of national helpdesks. This allows ECHA to invite new registrants to start submitting dossiers for the 2018 deadline already in 2016.

Other support tools and templates have been developed with industry partners for downstream

users of chemicals and registrants. These will help to pass on information on the use of substances and conditions of use in the supply chain.

### Checking substances that matter

To improve the safety of chemicals, ECHA checks registration dossiers for compliance. It focuses on the substances that matter the most for human health and the environment.

ECHA encourages companies to improve and update their registration dossiers. The Agency announces in advance substances which are potentially selected for compliance check.

ECHA also evaluates all proposals to test substances on vertebrate animals. By 1 June 2016, it will finish the examination of all testing proposals submitted for the 2013 registration deadline.

### Database: information on chemicals

To develop its unique database on chemicals, ECHA will continue to improve the accessibility and user friendliness of the data. This means information on 120 000 chemicals, including data on substances' intrinsic properties, hazards, uses and regulatory status in an easily accessible layout.



### Mobilise authorities to use information intelligently to identify and address chemicals of concern

ECHA and the Member States' authorities screen ECHA's data bases and identify potentially dangerous chemicals. They decide on the right evaluation instrument (compliance check or substance evaluation) or risk management measures (restrictions, authorisation or harmonised classification and labelling) to address the concerns. In 2016, many more substances are expected to be controlled by these measures.

ECHA anticipates a large number of applications for authorisation to use hazardous chemicals in 2016. Before preparing opinions on authorisation, the Agency will actively promote public consultations to gather information on alternative, less hazardous substances or techniques from third parties.



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

ECHA develops its scientific capacity in accordance with its regulatory science strategy. In 2016, this includes i.a. a read-across assessment framework for environmental endpoints; work on regulatory acceptance on new testing methods which help avoiding testing on animals; and improving the quality of data on nanomaterials in registration dossiers.

### ESTIMATES FOR 2016

#### Maximise the availability of high quality data

Registration dossiers submitted (including updates)	10 000
Inquiries (related to registration)	1 600
Alternative name requests	100
Notifications for PPORD (Product and process oriented research and development)	300
Compliance check decisions	180
Testing proposal decisions	250
Dossier evaluation follow-up examinations	350

#### Mobilise authorities to identify and address chemicals of concern

Concluded substance evaluations	45
Restriction proposals	10
Proposals for identifying substances of very high concern	20
Proposals for harmonised classification and labelling	60
Authorisation applications	60

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

ECHA develops its IT systems both to support industry and to streamline its internal administrative processes.

### Biocides

ECHA supports the Member States in their work under the review programme of active substances under the Biocidal Products Regulation and in the preparation of the related opinions by the Biocidal Products Committee. The Agency strives for an effective model for managing the authorisation of biocidal active substances and products. It will also finalise the guidance for industry.

### Report on REACH implementation

ECHA produces its second five-year report on the operation of the REACH and CLP regulations. The focus will be on proposals on how to make the legislation work more efficiently and effectively in the future.

### Providing specific support for SMEs

ECHA supports small and medium-sized enterprises preparing for the REACH 2018 deadline through

- dedicated web pages, webinars and guidance for new registrants
- tools and templates for downstream users - companies using chemicals
- improved information on chemicals
- providing guidance and other relevant documents in 23 EU languages

### Alternatives to testing on animals

ECHA promotes alternative test methods and works to ensure that animal testing is used by industry only as a last resort. This includes i.a.

- providing advice on new testing and assessment methods that can be used for the 2018 registration deadline
- updates of guidance documents with alternatives to animal testing
- examining all testing proposals in the registration dossiers to ensure that the generation of information is tailored to real information needs and that unnecessary testing on animals is avoided

### ESTIMATES FOR 2016

#### Biocides

Active substances to be assessed	50
Applications for Union Authorisation	8
Applications for active substance suppliers	35
Applications for technical equivalence and chemical similarity	30

#### PIC

PIC notifications	6 300
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#### Other

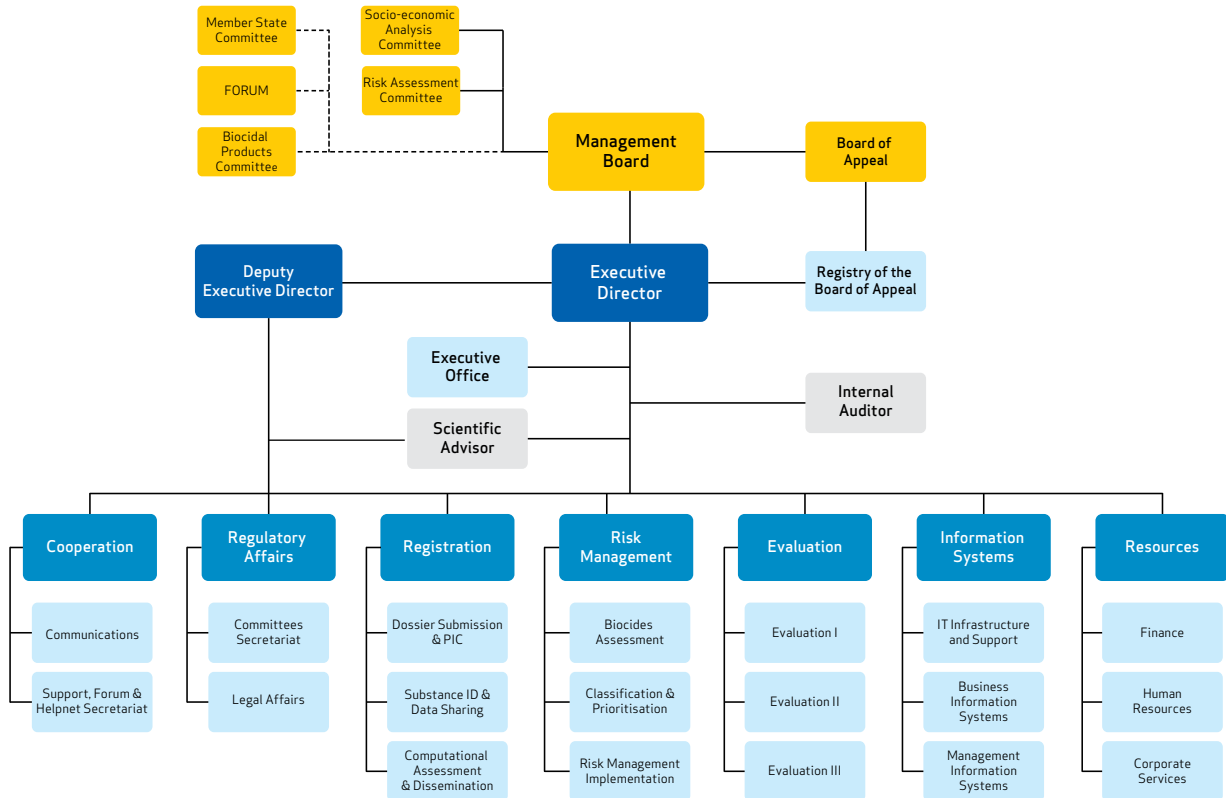
Helpdesk enquiries	7 950
Company size checks	250
Appeals submitted	26



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- ECHA Bodies
- Unit
- Executive Director
- Staff
- Directorate



## ECHA AT A GLANCE

- Around 600 staff from most EU countries
- 4 scientific committees with experts from 28 EU Member States and 2 EEA States
- Forum of national enforcement authorities
- € 107 million budget for 2016



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