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## The core of ECHA's work programme 2018



### OUR MAIN TASKS

ECHA works to protect people and the environment from the toxic effects of chemicals. This helps companies to stay competitive, to promote innovation and to improve the safety of their chemicals.

We implement the EU's legislation on chemicals - REACH, the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) and Prior Informed Consent (PIC) regulations, and the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) - and implement an increasing number of additional tasks in related areas.

**2018 is the year of the last REACH registration deadline** – companies manufacturing or importing more than one tonne of a chemical substance per year in the European Union or European Economic Area need to register their substance. Helping them in meeting the deadline is key to us.

## We

- support industry to comply with regulation requirements;
- advance the safe use of chemicals;
- address chemicals of concern; and
- provide information on chemicals.

Overall, our four strategic objectives are:

## 1 MAXIMISING THE AVAILABILITY OF HIGH QUALITY DATA FOR THE SAFE USE OF CHEMICALS

### Helping companies to register chemicals and to communicate in the supply chain

In 2018, thousands of companies – many of them small and medium-sized enterprises – will register their chemicals with us. We help them in the creation and submission of their registration dossiers through our IT tools, advice, communications and guidance documents.

We estimate to process around 60 000 dossiers and to assign them registration numbers so that companies can continue to manufacture, import or sell their substances on the European market.

To support all companies to handle chemicals safely, we provide and promote tools to improve the communication of risk management advice along the supply chain.

### Publishing information on chemicals

We publish most of the information on chemicals that we receive from companies in a unique database. Our website will contain a lot more data coming from the new registrations and also new information on biocides.

For chemicals of concern – substances that could have the highest impact on people or the environment – we have the ability to request more safety information. By screening in a systematic way the information we hold, we aim to prioritise all such chemicals on the EU market and to find out which ones need further regulation.

## 2 IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING CHEMICALS OF CONCERN

Once chemicals are identified as being of potential concern, their registration dossiers may be checked for compliance by us, or the substances are further

### What's in the database?

The European Chemicals Agency has a **unique data base on chemicals** manufactured and imported in Europe.

It has information on more than **130 000** chemicals.

This information comes from companies who have to keep it **up-to-date**.





**Our work contributes to a global goal on sustainable development:**

*By 2030, chemicals are used and produced in ways that minimise adverse effects on human health and the environment. This impacts also other policy fields positively, such as equality or health.*

evaluated by the Member States. To gain efficiency, this work is often done on groups of chemicals, rather than on a single substance.

When concerns have been confirmed, we analyse what is the best way to manage the risks of chemicals – through restrictions, authorisation or harmonised classification and labelling. We expect the number of chemicals within the scope of such risk management measures to grow in the coming years.

To gradually replace the most dangerous chemicals with safer ones, we help the industry and the Member State authorities in their work to analyse alternatives.

We monitor our information on chemicals to see whether less dangerous chemicals are being placed on the EU market. With new knowledge on renewable or recycled materials becoming available, we support the European Union's ambitions towards establishing a circular economy and a non-toxic environment.

## SERVING AS A HUB FOR SCIENTIFIC CAPACITY

We develop our scientific capacity in those areas which are most important for making regulatory decisions and update our guidance documents to reflect those latest developments. Special emphasis is put on guidance to improve the quality of registration information.

Other scientific focus areas in 2018:

- To identify substances with endocrine disrupting properties through the work of our Endocrine Disruptor Expert Group.
- To review our guidance on nanomaterials, once the European Commission has reviewed the REACH Annexes for these types of chemicals – this will help clarify how the safety of nanomaterials should be addressed in REACH registrations.
- To assess and promote alternative methods to animal testing, continuously developing our scientific expertise and data management capacity.

- To provide scientific advice to the Commission on how REACH information can be used to support other legislation.

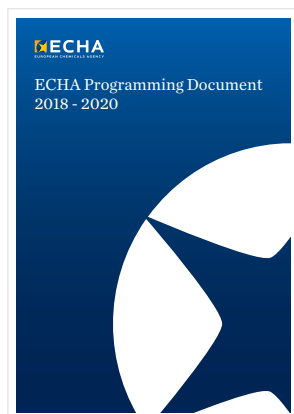
## IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND TAKING ON NEW TASKS

We aim to continuously improve our effectiveness and efficiency in all our work. Here are some examples of new tasks for 2018:

- We will start reviewing the Union Authorisation process of biocidal products, improving it to cope with the growing workload, also through work on collaborative IT tools.
- Preparations for an EU-wide notification portal on Poison Centres continue.
- We will publish new content about nanomaterials on the European Union Observatory for Nanomaterials website.
- A new tool called the 'EU Chemicals Legislation Finder' is under preparation. Its aim is to provide a comprehensive view on how a chemical substance is regulated across various legislations in Europe. This will be particularly helpful for small and medium-sized enterprises.

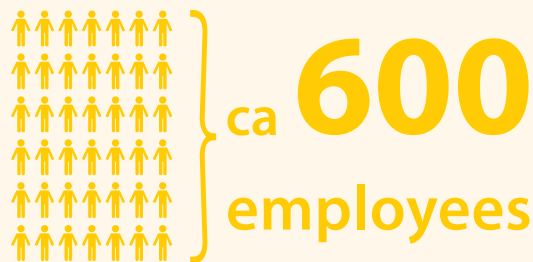
We are also working on our new strategic plan for 2019-2023, which will reflect the European Commission's analyses of further improving the EU chemicals legislation.

## READ OUR WORK PROGRAMME 2018:



» <https://www.echa.europa.eu/about-us/the-way-we-work/plans-and-reports>

## ECHA main figures



## 28+ nationalities

115 million  
**EURO**  
budget



## REACH 2018

REGISTER YOUR CHEMICALS BY 31 MAY 2018



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