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Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2023 – summary



By 2023, ECHA aims to become the main source of **knowledge and advice on chemicals** – protecting people and the environment against the harmful effects of chemical substances.

ECHA's work will build on the database of all main chemicals used in the EU and registered at ECHA by 31 May 2018 – the last REACH registration deadline.

Together with EU Member States and the European Commission, ECHA will **ensure safer chemicals use in Europe** by disseminating this data, checking it and taking regulatory actions when needed.

These actions will push industry to handle and use chemicals safely along the supply chain, improve product quality and become sustainable – **protecting EU citizens, workers and the environment.**

To reach these goals, ECHA will build on its data, knowledge and competences to put into practice **three strategic priorities.**

First and foremost, ECHA will focus on its Strategic Priority number 1 – continuation of the REACH, CLP (Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures) and BPR (Biocidal Products Regulation) processes, complemented by priorities 2 and 3.

Priority 1

Identify substances of concern and manage risks



Objective

Accelerate data generation and the identification of substances of concern.

Accelerate regulatory action on substances of concern.

Measure of success

By 2025, conclusions are available on whether registered substances are of concern; are currently not of concern; or need more data for a judgement to be made and the missing data has been defined.

By 2025, all substances of concern are identified and regulatory action is initiated.

Priority 2

Safe and sustainable use of chemicals by industry



Objective

Effective communication along the supply chain becomes mainstream.

Measure of success

More and more companies use recognised tools and formats for supply-chain communication.

Priority 3

Manage chemicals sustainably by applying EU legislation



Objective

ECHA's information, knowledge and competences support the implementation of EU legislation.

Measure of success

ECHA demonstrates synergies and consistencies created by the further interaction and integration of EU legislation.

ECHA acts as provider and facilitator for new data and data analytics. This improves the safe use of chemicals and leads to evidence-based regulatory changes.



Priority 1
**Identify substances
of concern and manage risks**

After 31 May 2018, ECHA will have information on all of the main chemicals on the EU market.

However, many companies do not provide enough of the required information to ensure the safe use of chemicals. If important safety information is missing, ECHA will request companies to provide more data.

The Agency will work with national authorities and the Commission to focus on chemicals that are of concern – those likely to pose risks to health or the environment.

Under this priority, ECHA will reduce data gaps, speed up work to identify the risks posed by those chemicals identified as a concern, induce faster responses from industry, and initiate concerted regulatory actions with national authorities and the Commission to improve safety.



Priority 2
**Safe and sustainable use
of chemicals by industry**

Companies must communicate information on how to handle chemicals safely along the supply chain to manufacturers, users, retailers and consumers.

ECHA helps companies manage chemicals safely while striving for sustainability and innovation by, for example, providing tools, guidance, information and best examples to support these goals.

The Agency's database on chemicals, analysis and tools are publicly available and free of charge for the benefit of companies, researchers, industry associations and consumer organisations.

Under this priority, ECHA will ensure industry increasingly uses the available tools and formats to fully communicate safety information on chemicals and chemicals in products along the supply chain.

This includes providing better information on a product's service life, waste disposal, recycling and exposure assessments. ECHA will also increase its support to industry and EU countries to encourage replacing chemicals of concern with less hazardous substitutes.



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Priority 3

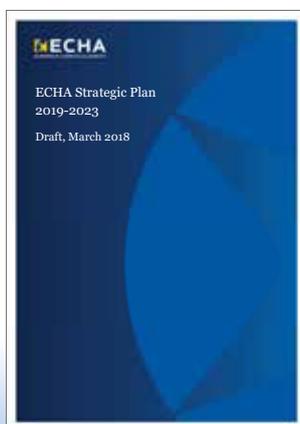
Manage chemicals sustainably by applying EU legislation

ECHA will work to enhance its knowledge and competences to support the application of EU legislation. Working with the Commission and EU countries, we will identify legislation and policy areas to which ECHA can contribute.

ECHA will focus on areas where we can contribute significantly to ensuring a greater level of protection and where synergies exist regarding our current knowledge and competences.

The Agency will build on its capabilities and digital tools to manage submitted data and its interpretation to improve the safe use of chemicals and evidence-based regulatory decisions.

In line with this approach, ECHA will increase its activity to create synergies with data sources from international programmes and countries outside the EU. We will also continue to contribute to the OECD chemicals programme and other international fora (e.g. SAICM), if requested by the Commission.



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ECHA's commitment

To achieve these three priorities, ECHA will work with the Commission to secure sufficient resources and that knowledge will always be available and efficiently used. New tasks will require additional resources or new priorities for those currently available. Success also depends on the involvement and support of other institutions and stakeholders.

ECHA – working for the safe use of chemicals

By implementing the EU's legislation on chemicals together with national authorities and the Commission, ECHA is:

- helping industry to comply with legal requirements;
- advancing the safe use of chemicals;
- addressing chemicals of concern; and
- providing information on chemicals.

