

ECHA/TRN/2022/005 – Risk Management II Unit (D4)

The Unit

ECHA's Risk Management Unit II coordinates the opinion making on applications for authorisation, socio-economic analysis, and analysis of alternatives in the substitution to safer chemicals. The staff of the unit also works on the preparation of restriction proposals and the corresponding opinion-making processes under the coordination of Risk Management Unit I.

ECHA receives numerous applications for the authorisation of hazardous substance uses in different industries. In addition, restriction proposals are submitted by EU member states when risks are not considered to be adequately controlled by previous regulation. ECHA and its scientific committees assess all submissions and provide scientific opinions on authorisations and restrictions which are sent to the European Commission to support decision making.

Socio-economic analysis assesses the impacts of regulation on the EU economy and compares these impacts to the expected gains of environmental and health protection. Another integral part of regulatory activities is the assessment of the availability of technically and economically feasible alternative substances or technologies for the substitution to safer chemicals. In addition to internal process-related analyses, the unit promotes these methodologies externally by providing guidance and support to ongoing substitution activities.

The Traineeship

The objective of this traineeship is to get to know and support the activities of the units. Depending on the skill set of the successful candidate, the position may be focused more on socio-economic assessments or the analysis of alternatives in substitution to safer chemicals (or both).

Based on own research and other available information sources, the trainee will be asked to carry out mainly analytical tasks, draft reports and present the results. The trainee will work with ECHA staff members in and outside the unit and may be required to liaise with ECHA's stakeholders, to obtain relevant information for assessments.

More information on ECHA's work relevant to this assignment can be found here:

- <https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/authorisation/applications-for-authorisation>
- <https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/restriction>
- <https://echa.europa.eu/support/socio-economic-analysis-in-reach>
- <https://echa.europa.eu/substitution-to-safer-chemicals>

Requirements

- University degree (minimum B.Sc.) in
 - Economics, business administration or similaror
 - (Chemical) Engineering, chemistry, environmental sciences or similar
- Ability to communicate clearly in written and spoken English
- Good analytical and research skills
- Experience in using MS Office tools

Starting Date: 01 March 2022

Duration: 6 months

Deadline for applications: 31 October 2021 at noon 12:00 Helsinki time (11:00 a.m. CET)