

ECHA/TRN/2023/031 – Risk Management I Unit (D3)

Unit

ECHA's Risk Management Unit I is responsible for REACH restrictions. The staff of the unit prepare restriction proposals for (groups of) substances and support the corresponding opinion-making process on restriction proposals in ECHA's scientific committees for risk assessment (RAC) and socio-economic analysis (SEAC). An overarching goal of the restriction processes is to manage uses of (groups of) substances that pose an unacceptable risk to the environment and human health, either by prohibiting their manufacture or use or by requiring specific conditions of use or risk management measures to ensure that risks are adequately controlled. Recent restriction proposals developed by the unit include those on lead in ammunition and fishing tackle and per and poly fluorinated substances (PFASs) in firefighting foams. Colleagues also work on applications for authorisations under the responsibility of the Risk Management Unit II.

Traineeship in REACH restriction

The trainee would work as a scientific assistant in the unit. The successful candidate will contribute to ECHA's development of REACH restriction proposals (<https://echa.europa.eu/current-activities-on-restrictions>) or to other restriction-related activities, such as the review of existing restrictions or the screening of substances, subject to authorisations, that are candidates for restrictions in articles. The successful candidate will also support the work of the RAC and SEAC during opinion development and will also be involved in connecting business needs to IT development.

For these assignments, the trainee will work closely with ECHA staff members in and outside the unit and may be required to liaise with ECHA's stakeholders, in particular industry associations, NGOs and Member State authorities to obtain relevant information for assessments. More information on the ECHA programmes relevant to this assignment can be found here:

- <https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/restriction>

Trainee Profile

General requirements

University studies in chemistry, chemical engineering, environmental sciences or health sciences (e.g. ecotoxicology or toxicology). B.Sc is sufficient;

- Ability to communicate clearly in written and spoken English;
- Good analytical and research skills;
- Experience in using MS Office tools.

Starting Date: 01 September 2023

Duration: 6 months

Deadline for applications: 11 April 2023 at noon 12:00 Helsinki time (11:00 a.m. CET)