

Conference Programme (as of 2 February 2015)

10-11 February 2015
Marie Curie Conference Centre (ECHA, Helsinki)

Sessions marked with an asterisk (*) will be web-streamed live via WebEx.
Remote participants can send in questions using the chat panel.

Day 1 - Lessons learnt to date

Registration and coffee (13.00 – 14.00)

Welcome (14.00 – 14.20)*

- *Geert Dancet (ECHA)*
- *Klaus Berend (European Commission)*

Session 1.1 Lessons learnt by applicants and stakeholders (14.20 – 15.40)*

Moderators: Erwin Annys (CEFIC) / Matti Vainio (ECHA)

- Experience under the adequate control route: Phthalates applications - case of DBP *Bill Frazee (Huntsman)*
- Diarsenic trioxide applications *Julius Waller (EPPA for Linxens and Yara)*
- Stakeholder feedback of the application process *Tatiana Santos (EEB)*
- Impacts of authorisation on business strategy and substitution: Case of HBCDD *Stephen Long (INEOS)*

Coffee break (15.40 - 16.00)

Session 1.2 Lessons learnt by authorities (16.00 – 17.20)*

Moderators: Jan Wijmenga (Dutch MSCA) / Björn Hansen (European Commission)

- Taking stock of received, processed and granted applications (16.00-16.40)
 - *Thierry Nicot (ECHA)*
 - *Katarina Piršelová / Mateo Gallego (European Commission)*
- Experience of RAC and SEAC and feedback to applicants (16.40-17.20)
 - *Tim Bowmer (RAC)*
 - *Tomas Öberg (SEAC)*

Session 1.3 Panel discussion on lessons learnt (17.20 – 18.00)*

- All presenters of Day 1 discuss and answer questions

Drinks served at 18.00

Session 1.4 Special parallel session (18.00 – 19.15)

The special parallel session is comprised of a series of short interactive discussions on different aspects of the AfA process facilitated by invited experts. Participants will move between the different discussion groups every 15 minutes and are warmly encouraged to contribute with their own experiences and suggestions.

Informal dinner (20.00 onwards at Restaurant Tony's Deli)

Day 2 - The future for applications

Recap from Day 1 (8.45 – 9.00)*

Jack de Bruijn (ECHA)

Session 2.1 Outlook from applicants' and stakeholders' points of views (9.00 – 10.15)*

Moderators: Klaus Berend (European Commission) / Mike Holland (EMRC/EAERE)

- The interests and needs of future applicants *Elke van Asbroeck (Apeiron)*
- How to encourage future applicants to focus on substitution and innovation? *Frida Hök (Chemsec)*
- Authorisation applications: process, learning lessons and suggestions *France Capon (European Precious Metals Federation and Eurometaux, Cefic and Amcham EU)*
- Outlook of chromates applications *Martin Kleban (Lanxess)*

Coffee break (10.15 – 10.30)

Session 2.2 Outlook from authorities' point of view (10.30 – 11.30)*

Moderators: Jack de Bruijn (ECHA) / Hugo Waeterschoot (Eurometaux)

- 'Authorisation: the bare necessities' Project to come to a "Standardized Application for Authorisation" *Martin Hoffmann (Bayer Healthcare) and Aart Rouw (BAuA)*
- Way forward (including implementing regulation) *Valentina Bertato / Anna Borrás-Herrero (European Commission)*
- Outlook on implementation of application process going forward *Matti Vainio (ECHA)*

Session 2.3 Panel discussion on the way forward (11.30 – 12.30)*

- All presenters of Day 2 discuss and answer questions

Conclusions and the way forward (12.30 – 13.00)*

- *Björn Hansen (European Commission)*
- *Jack de Bruijn (ECHA)*

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An area of the conference venue will be set aside for the "partners service for applicants". This service is administered by ECHA and is intended to allow companies, consortia, industry associations and consulting companies to find suitable partners for their applications for authorisation.

After the conference, Member States, the Commission and ECHA will hold a separate session concerning follow up in Margot Wallström conference room from 14.00 to 16.00.

The Marie Curie conference room is available for stakeholder participants from 14.00 to 16.00 for a similar discussion.

Conference participants are welcome to purchase lunch in the ECHA self-service restaurant on day 2 from 13.00 to 14.00.