

# Glossary:European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Statistics Explained

The **European Chemicals Agency**, abbreviated as **ECHA**, located in Helsinki, is the [European Union \(EU\)](#) regulatory body dedicated to manage and coordinate the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction processes of chemical substances under the [REACH](#) Regulation. Its mission is also to ensure a consistent implementation at EU level and provide Member States and the European institutions with the best possible scientific advice on questions related to the safety and the socio-economic aspects of the use of chemicals.

The European Chemicals Agency comprises:

- a *Management Board*, responsible for adopting the financial planning, work programme and annual reporting, an *Executive Director* and a *Secretariat*;
- a *Member State Committee* to resolve differences of opinion on draft decisions proposed by the Agency or Member States and make proposals for identification of substances of very high concern;
- a *Risk Assessment Committee* to prepare opinions on evaluation, on applications for authorisation, on proposals for restrictions and on classification and labelling;
- a *Committee for Socio-economic Analysis*;
- a *Forum on enforcement matters* to coordinate a network of Member States' competent authorities responsible for enforcement;
- a *Board of Appeal* to decide on appeals against decisions taken by the Agency.

## Further information

- [European Chemicals Agency](#)

## Related concepts

- [Registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals \(REACH\)](#)

## Source

- [Europa](#)