



# **The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)** ***Relationships with other EU Agencies and impact on activities of Scientific Committees***

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## **ECHA - Tasks**

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**Will be an independent European regulatory Agency**

- **Managing technical, scientific and administrative aspects of REACH**
  - **Will have certain decision making powers**
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## **ECHA - Committees**

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### **RAC and SEAC:**

- **Prepare Agency's opinions on authorisation, restrictions, other REACH-related questions**
  - on risks to human health or the environment,
  - on the socio-economic impact of possible legislative actions
  
- **Prepare Agency's opinions on proposals for harmonised C&L under Title X**



## **ECHA – Results**

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- **Provides scientific & technical advice on chemicals**
- **Delivers independent, scientific opinions to Commission**



## **ECHA – SC s Relation (1)**

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- **Possibilities for ECHA to seek SC s scientific advice welcomed**
- **Focus on AD HOC BASIS instead of « automatism » as is the case under Existing Substances Regulation seems to be appropriate**



## **ECHA – SC s Relation (2)**

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### **ECHA might seek advice:**

- **Methodological questions on RA**
  - **New scientific approaches**
  - **Impact of new technologies**
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- SC s maintain capacities in particular in Risk Assessment methodology would be welcomed**
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## **ECHA – Relations to Agencies (1)**

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**Relations to other Agencies will primarily focus on:**

- **Exchange of information and experiences**
- **Establish working arrangements between ECHA and Agencies**



## **ECHA – Relations to Agencies (2)**

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- **Cooperation on Classification and Labelling and future GHS**
- **Cooperation concerning Plant Protection Products and Biocidal Products**
- **Exchange of information on data security**
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**Thank you for the attention!**

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