

## **Selection of Accredited Stakeholders – supporting descriptions for eligibility criteria**

### **1. They are legally established within the EU/EEA and have activities at the EU level**

**Definition:**

An eligible organisation has to be legally established in one of the EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway. EU level activities are activities targeted at an EU-wide audience, *i.e.* not limited to the local, national or regional level.

**Evidence:**

The place of legal establishment may be evidenced by the founding document or any other suitable document proving that the entity's seat is located in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway. Organisations can explain the scope of their activities in the application form.

### **2. They have a legitimate interest in the areas of work of ECHA**

**Definition:**

The organisation represents a sector affected by the EU chemicals legislation (such as the REACH, CLP, Biocides or PIC Regulation) falling within the scope of the tasks of ECHA. An organisation is also considered to have a legitimate interest in the areas of work of ECHA if it represents a sector indirectly affected by the legislation. This also includes non-governmental organisations engaged in issues affected by the mentioned legislation.

ECHA's Accredited Stakeholders are accordingly typically active in industry, human health, animal welfare, environmental protection, scientific research and development, and consumer protection.

**Evidence:**

Organisations can explain their legitimate interest in the application form.

### **3. They are representative in the field of their competence**

**Definition:**

The organisation must represent the interests of a substantial part of the actors in its field of competence. ECHA's Accredited Stakeholders should be representative of actors in their sector or field of competence. The necessary number of member organisations and their size depends on the structure of the relevant sector. Also, the sector need not have a particular size, but must be distinguishable from other sectors with different fields of interest.

**Evidence:**

Organisations need to set out why they can be considered representative in the application form.

**4. They are non-profit making and do not exclusively represent individual companies**

**Definition:**

For the purpose of ECHA's Accredited Stakeholder applications, a non-profit organisation is one which is not operating for its own commercial profit or gain. It conducts its operations for the benefit of its members or of the general public.

**Evidence:**

This may be evidenced by the founding document or any other suitable document provided during the application process.

**5. They are registered in the Register of Interest Representatives maintained by the European Commission. This criterion only applies in case they wish to participate as observers in the Committee and Forum meetings of ECHA.**

**Definition:**

Accredited Stakeholders wishing to participate as observers in ECHA's Committee or Forum meetings must be registered in the Register of Interest Representatives maintained by the European Commission. Registration is free of charge and can be completed via the following website:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/transparency/regrin/welcome.do>

**Evidence:**

The organisations are requested to indicate their registration number in the application form.