

Opening address

Biocides Stakeholders' Day

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Welcome to Helsinki!



OVER
100 SMEs

160
INDIVIDUAL
COMPANIES

37
ASSOCIATIONS

Including...

- 43** Consultancies
- 19** Manufacturers & distributors
- 8** Service providers
- 7** Downstream users

More than

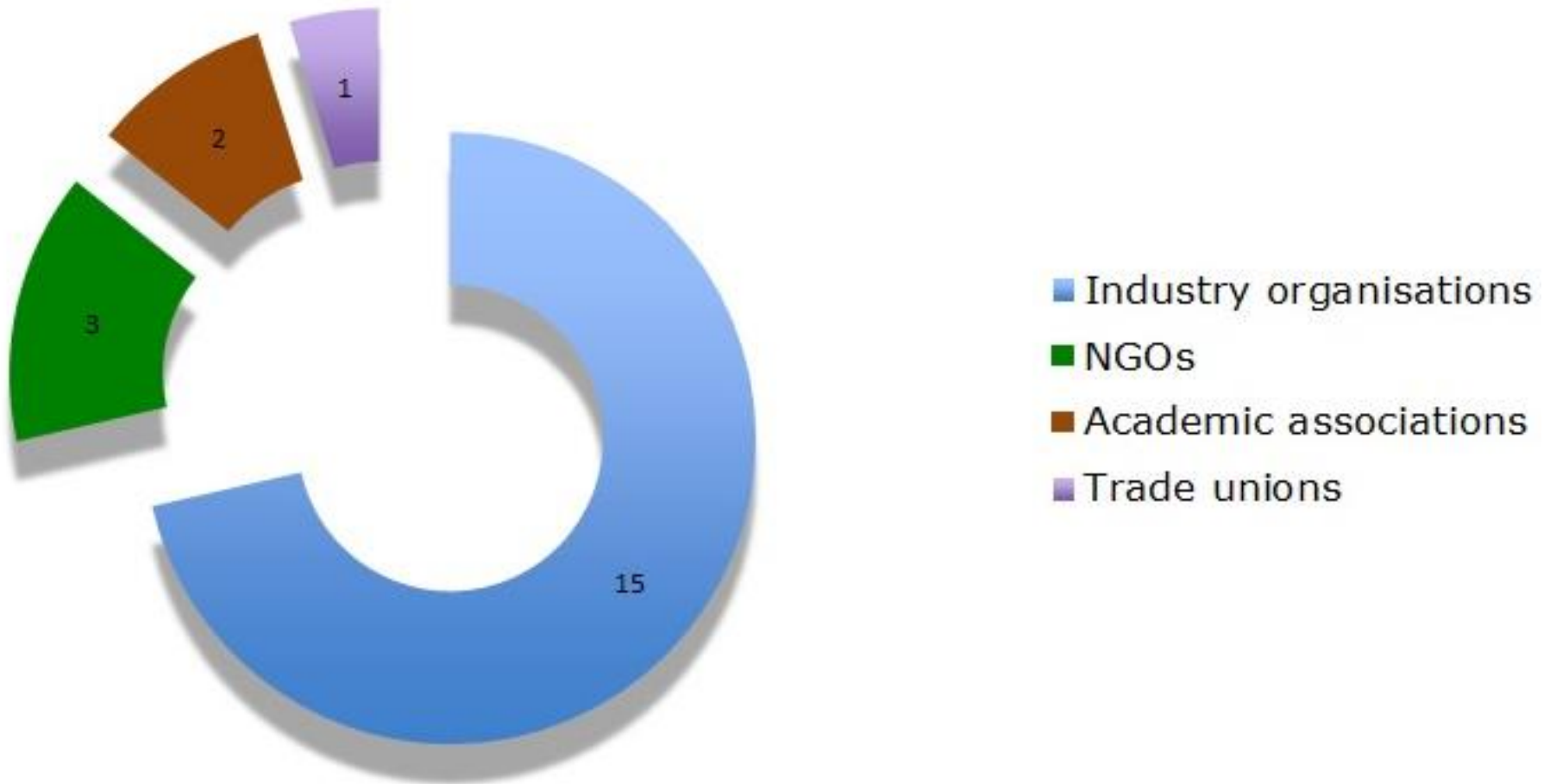
250
EXTERNAL
PARTICIPANTS

26 COUNTRIES



-  Canada
-  China
-  India
-  Switzerland
-  Turkey
-  USA
-  Many EU member states

Accredited Stakeholders for biocides



Programme

- The new Biocidal Products Regulation: what will change on 1 September 2013
- A new scientific committee
- A revamped R4BP IT-system
- Available support for applicants

Contact us

- Follow reactions on twitter: **@EU_ECHA**
- Submit questions using the hashtag: **#BiocidesDay**

or via web-form at:
echa.europa.eu/bshdqa



Learning and networking

- Visit the information stands
 - ECHA general information stand
 - IT-tools stand with R4BP 3.0 and IUCLID demos
 - ECHA helpdesk stand
- Meet ECHA staff after the last plenary session



Looking forward



From Directive to Regulation

- Biocidal Products Regulation enters into operation on 1 September 2013
- Objectives:
 - Improving functioning of the internal market and use of biocides
 - Ensuring high level of protection for human & animal health and the environment



New task for ECHA

- Building on experience from REACH and CLP
 - Administrative tasks and coordination
 - Support to the Biocidal Products Committee
 - How to handle substance sameness
 - Dissemination of public information
 - Manage and maintain IT-tools
 - Guidance and support



Joint effort

- Key players
 - Industry – applicants & their consultants
 - Member States Competent Authorities
 - European Commission
 - ECHA
 - Other stakeholders and public at large
- Cooperation is the key to successful implementation of the Regulation



I wish you a fruitful and
productive day!

