





Geert Dancet

Is ECHA's first Executive Director. Prior to joining ECHA, he was the Head of the REACH Unit in the European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry. The Unit was co-responsible for taking REACH through the regulatory process and coordinating the strategy for its implementation.



Margot Wallström

Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs since 2014. Previously, she served as the First Vice President of the European Commission, responsible for institutional relations and communication strategy (2004-2009), as well as European Commissioner for Environment (1999-2004). From 2010 to 2012, Ms Wallström was the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

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Patrick Hennessy



Former Director, European Commission, with responsibility for policy on chemicals and other industry sectors in the Directorate-General for Enterprise from 2000 to 2008.



Thomas Jakl

Former Chair of ECHA's Management board (2008-2012) and Deputy Director General of the Austrian Environment Ministry responsible for Chemicals Policy. His field of activity includes legislation on chemical substances at the national, European and UN levels.



Alain Perroy

Former Director General of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council. He was a member of the 1st Management Board of ECHA, appointed by the European Commission to represent interested parties.



Juha Sipilä

Prime Minister of Finland. Mr Sipilä has been a member of the Finnish Parliament since 2011 for the Centre Party, led the Party since 2012 and was elected Prime Minister in May 2015.



Daniel Calleja Crespo



Director General of the European Commission, Directorate General for Environment. Previously, he was the Director General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs.



Sharon McGuinness

Chair of ECHA's Management Board and Assistant Chief Executive in the Health and Safety Authority in Ireland where she is the head of the Chemicals and Prevention Division. She has served as the Irish Representative on ECHA's Management Board since 2014.



Rémi Lefèvre

Scientific Officer in ECHA, working in Regulatory Risk Management. He became the Chair of ECHA's fifth Staff Committee in November 2016. The Staff Committee's main role is to represent the interests of staff and to maintain continuous contact between ECHA's administration and its staff.



Saori Dubourg

Member of the Board of Executive Directors,
BASF and Vice President of Cefic, the
European Chemical Industry Council.



Julie Girling



Member of the European Parliament for South West England and is a member of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee (ENVI) within the European Parliament. She has been ENVI's contact point for ECHA since 2014.



Jeremy Wates

Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau. Prior to taking up his present post, Mr Wates served for more than a decade as Secretary to the Aarhus Convention with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.



Jim Jones

Former Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution at the Environmental Protection Agency in the USA from November 2011 until the end of the Obama Administration in January, 2017. In this position he was responsible for implementation of the Nation's pesticide and commercial chemical laws as well as a number of pollution prevention programs.



Björn Hansen

Head of Unit for Sustainable Chemicals in the European Commission Directorate General for Environment. In 2003 he joined the Chemicals Unit of DG Environment in Brussels. He was one of the European Commission Officials who were seconded to Helsinki to set up ECHA in 2007.



Peter Smith

Executive Director of the Product Stewardship Programme with Cefic, the European Chemicals Industry Council since 2012. Mr Smith is also member of the ECHA Management Board, appointed by the European Commission to represent interested parties.

