

# REACH2018 Stakeholders' Day Overview of speakers

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HELSINKI, FINLAND



# Plenary session 1

## Opening



**Bjorn Hansen**

Executive Director, ECHA

### Programme

09:00

Opening

16:15

Closing remarks

Bjorn Hansen started as ECHA's Executive Director on 1 January 2018.

After a post-doc in probability theory from Germany, he joined the European Commission in 1991. He first worked at the European Chemicals Bureau at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Italy and then from 2003 in the Chemicals Unit of DG Environment in Belgium. There Bjorn became Head of Unit in 2012. He also spent one year in ECHA from 2007 to 2008 as Director of Operations.

Bjorn was involved in the development of REACH and CLP from their very early days. He has been involved in international chemicals work since 1991, highlights being elected chair of the OECD Working Party on Manufactured Nanomaterials and having chaired several contact groups at three consecutive UN triple COPs.

Bjorn is Danish, but has lived long periods in four other EU Member States and the US. He is married with two adult children.



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## Four months to go



### Mercedes Viñas

Head of Dossier Submission and PIC,  
ECHA

### Programme

09:15

Where we are now

Mercedes Viñas joined the European Chemicals Agency in June 2013. She is currently heading the unit Dossier Submission and PIC in the Registration Directorate of ECHA. She oversees ECHA's activities on the submission and processing of dossiers including the 2018 registration deadline and the related support to industry.

Her unit is also in charge of the implementation of the Regulation on Prior Informed Consent (PIC) and the submission of information to the appointed bodies and poison centres under the CLP Regulation.

Ms Viñas is a Chemical Engineer with a postgraduate in European legislation. She has been working on the implementation of the REACH Regulation since 2004 in different positions in the European Commission and industry associations.



### Laura Walin

Scientific Officer, Registration, ECHA

### Programme

09:30

Last minute advice

Laura Walin joined ECHA in 2008 as a Helpdesk Officer and moved to work as an Assistant to Director of Registration in April 2010. She has coordinated downstream user related issues in the Agency and been part of the ECHA team in the CSR/ES Roadmap Coordination group.

More recently she has been in charge of developing SME support for 2018 registrants under ECHA's 2018 Registration Roadmap, and she coordinates ECHA's internal preparations for the 2018 registration deadline.

Before joining the Agency, she worked at the University of Helsinki as a researcher. She has also worked in national science administration in the Academy of Finland and in various positions within science communication.

Ms Walin holds two doctoral degrees, in evolutionary genetics and in medical law, and a bachelor's degree in comparative literature, all from the University of Helsinki.



## Karine Van de Velde

REACH Orphan Substances Consortium

### Programme

09:50

Support for SMEs

Karine Van de Velde graduated with a Master's degree in chemistry from the University of Antwerp and has worked for Sandoz (now Clariant) and Campine NV on regulatory affairs.

She helped create the IAIOA (International Antimony Oxide Industry Association) and focused on bringing the risk assessment of antimony trioxide to a good end.

Ms Van de Velde was the Secretary-General of i2a (International Antimony Association) until the end of 2014, where she was dealing with EHS initiatives (like REACH) for ten antimony substances. Since 2006 she has been the managing director of her own consulting company called KV Consulting Services BVBA.

In May 2015, she created the REACH Orphan Substances Consortium (ROSC) helping companies (small and large) comply with their REACH obligations.



## Christel Musset

Director of Registration, ECHA

### Programme

10:10

What happens next with your registration?

Christel Musset joined the European Chemicals Agency in 2007 and is currently responsible for all activities related to the registration process under REACH - this also comprises data sharing and dissemination and the coordination of IT systems to support these activities, in particular REACH-IT and IUCLID.

Before joining the Agency, she worked in the European Commission, at the European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Ispra, where she coordinated the development of IT systems for REACH. Prior to joining the European Commission, she held several positions in the private sector, first managing large-scale IT projects and then as a director of Sales and Marketing.

Ms Musset studied Physics and Computer science and is a postgraduate in Business and Administration.

She is French.

## Plenary session 2

# How to register successfully



**Willemien WIELAND**

Charles River Laboratories

### Programme

11.30

How to get your data together

Dr. Willemien Wieland started in 2012 in regulatory affairs at NOTOX, now known as Charles River. As a regulatory toxicologist, she assists various companies with REACH-related issues, covering data-gap analyses, read across, evaluation of toxicological data and dossier building, but also consortium management. She is also involved in toxicological advice and consultancy on global testing strategies.

Dr. Wieland graduated in molecular biology and did her PhD on the production of plant-based antibodies. This was followed by post-doc positions on the development of transgenic mice and on the development of an assay to evaluate efficiency of vaccines based on early immune responses.



**Marko Sušnik**

Austrian Economic Chamber

### Programme

11:45

How to share costs

Marko Sušnik is an advisor for chemical law and chemical policies within the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ – Wirtschaftskammer Österreich). He is involved with REACH, CLP, national chemical law, nanotechnologies, biocides, pesticides and fertilisers.

At the European level, he works in numerous expert groups related to chemicals. His work is very much focused on the impact of European legislation on SMEs. In that context, he is also advising the European social partner UEAPME, the European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, on aspects related to chemical legislation and policy.

From his professional training he is a chemist, specialised in organic chemistry and organic technologies. He finished his chemical education with a PhD in chemical engineering.





## Silvia Della Fiorentina

Giusto Faravelli S.p.A

### Programme

12:00

How an SME can make it

Silvia Della Fiorentina holds a degree in Biotechnology. After graduation, she worked at Milano-Bicocca University for synthesis research activities and within R&D support at Federchimica, the Italian Federation of the chemical industry.

She has worked for Faravelli Group since 2010 and is currently its Health and Safety Manager, fine chemicals regulatory and REACH/CLP expert.

She has collaborated in ECHA-related activities concerning IT-based systems and is currently a member of ECHA's IUCLID Cloud User Group.



## Jane Pors

Flying Tiger Copenhagen

### Programme

12:15

How to work with a non-EU supplier

Jane Pors is Head of Quality, Compliance & Packaging at Flying Tiger Copenhagen.

She holds a MSc in Biology and has worked at a laboratory around 20 years starting with ecotoxicology testing and moved on to product testing. Within the laboratory company, she started a consultancy service on legislation and testing of materials and consumer products.

After two years with her own consultancy company, Ms Pors joined Zebra A/S, where she built the compliance department. Zebra has Flying Tiger Copenhagen shops in 27 countries.



## Plenary session 3

# After registration

14:30-16:15

Panel discussion: How we continue the journey after 2018?



**Majella Cosgrave**

Health and Safety Authority, Ireland

Majella Cosgrave joined the Irish Health and Safety Authority (HSA) as an inspector in 1999. She currently works as a senior policy inspector with responsibility for stakeholder communication and CLP and REACH work areas, such as registration, evaluation, identification of substances of high concern and prioritisation for authorisation.

Ms Cosgrave was the Irish member of ECHA's Member State Committee for the past nine years and is the manager in charge of the HSA's Chemicals Helpdesk.



**Erwin Annys**

REACH Director, Cefic

Erwin Annys obtained a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Ghent, where he graduated on nitrosamines in rubber. He worked sixteen years in the chemical industry in different positions in production, technical services, research and development and regulatory affairs.

In 2001, with the publication of the white book, he was confronted for the first time with the new chemical legislation on chemical substances, REACH. Since then he has followed this very closely and the legislation brought him to the Belgian federation of chemical industry and the life sciences, Essenscia in 2004, where he was responsible for product and innovation policy.

Since 2008, he has been working for Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, where he is director of REACH/ Chemicals policy. He is an observer in the competent authorities meeting for REACH and Classification and Labelling, as well as in different committees of ECHA.



### Thomas Holtmann

Head of Environment, Technology and Sustainability

Federation of German Industries

Dr Thomas Holtmann is Managing Director of the department Environment, Technology and Sustainability in the Federation of German Industries.

Before he assumed this role in 2013, he also held the positions of Managing Director of the department Environment and Technology, and Manager of the section Occupational Health, Chemical Substances Policy and Technical Regulations at the Federation of German Industries.

He holds a doctor's degree in Business Economics from the University of Karlsruhe, where he has also worked as Group Director in the French-German Institute for Environmental Research.



### Costanza Rovida

European consensus platform for alternatives

Dr Costanza Rovida is a chemist and works as Scientific Officer at CAAT-Europe (Centre for Alternatives to Animal Testing) in the University of Konstanz, Germany, to promote alternatives to animal testing at both scientific and political level, by organising Workshops and Symposia, by participating in meeting and International conferences and through publications on scientific journals.

On behalf of CAAT-Europe, she is appointed as secretary of ecopa, the European consensus platform for alternatives. The primary aim of ecopa is to promote "the three Rs" (Replacement, Reduction and Refinement) in the use of animals in research, testing, education and training in Europe through a constructive discussion among scientists, representatives of both industry and governmental institutions and animal welfare organisations.

Dr Rovida is also part of TEAM Mastery staff as Senior Regulatory Specialist where she has an active role in the preparation of REACH registration dossiers, taking care in particular of the possible application of advanced testing strategies for the risk assessment of chemicals.







**Leena Ylä-Mononen**

Director of Evaluation, ECHA

Leena Ylä-Mononen joined the European Chemicals Agency in 2007. She has been in charge of the dossier and substance evaluation activities since 2011. Before becoming a Director, she was the Head of the Committees & International Relations Unit.

Before joining the Agency, she worked in the European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment, as a Deputy Head of Unit. There she was in charge of the implementation of the Biocides Directive 98/8/EC and Regulation (EC) No 304/2003 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, and of the co-decision negotiations on the Framework Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides.

Ms Ylä-Mononen holds a Master's degree in Agriculture and Forestry, specialising in Environmental Protection. She is Finnish.



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