**Draft Programme**

**SIXTH ANNUAL FORUM ON ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS**

**European Commission**

**Hybrid conference – Interpretation in German, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese and Polish**

**29-30 October 2024**

The 6th Annual Forum will be a hybrid conference, with the possibility for remote participants to interact during the event. The conference will be in English, with interpretation in German, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese and Polish.

Please click on the [registration link](https://register.event-works.europa.eu/dgscic/6th_Annual_Forum_on_Endocrine_Disruptors/e/lk/g/77160/k/) if you want to participate. Due to limited room capacity, the European Commission reserves the right to refuse participation requests above that capacity, taking into consideration the order of registrations and the objective of ensuring a balanced representation of stakeholders.

**Venue:** Brussels, European Commission’s Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi 170, Brussels

**Event webpage:** <https://environment.ec.europa.eu/events/6th-annual-forum-endocrine-disruptors-2024-10-29_en>

**Virtual link:** The connection link will be sent to registered virtual participants the day before the event via email.

Please note that the event will be web streamed and that the recordings will remain accessible after the event, as well as photos taken at the event. Your participation in the Forum will be considered as your acceptance of the use of these media during and after the event.

The Forum will start on the 29 October at 8:30 (opening of registration), and close on the 30 October at 13:00. A cocktail will be organised on the evening of the first day.

The agenda is based on Central European Time (CET).

For further information, you can contact the organisation team via email at: [ENV-EDC@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ENV-EDC@ec.europa.eu)

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| **Morning, day 1** 29 October  **Forum Master of Ceremony: Tamsin Rose** | |
| **Registration & coffee** | |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | |
| **Opening** | |
| 9:30 – 9:50 | **Opening remarks**  **Patrick Child**, Deputy Director General, DG ENV, European Commission |
| **Part I**  **Update on endocrine disruptors** | |
| **Session 1**  **Updates from the European Commission and European Chemicals Agency** | |
| 9:50 – 11:00 | **Speakers:**  **European Commission**  **An Jamers**, Policy Officer, Safe and Sustainable Chemicals Unit, DG ENV, European Commission  *“One substance One assessment” initiative*  **Helen Clayton**, Policy Officer, Sustainable Freshwater Management Unit, DG ENV, European Commission  *Water Framework Directive, Groundwater Directive, and Environmental Quality Standard Directive amendments*  **Konstantinos Tsiamis**, Policy Officer, DG SANTE, European Commission  *ED evaluation of active substances used in plant protection and biocidal products*  **European Chemicals Agency**  **Dr. Paul Ryan**, Head of Unit Hazard Classification, European Chemicals Agency - ECHA  *ECHA summary of ongoing activities - Guidance update and next steps*  **Panel discussion with Q&A** |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break |

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| **Session 2**  **The global perspective** | |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | **Speakers:**  **UN-Globally Harmonised System**  **Jérémy Pinte**, Policy Officer, DG GROW, European Commission  *Update on the UN-GHS*  **Dr. Elise Grignard**, Policy Analyst Chemical Assessments, OECD  *Support to UN GHS work on EDs and work towards the validation of a thyroid in vitro battery*  **UNEP**  **Stéphanie Laruelle**, UNEP  *Update on the State of science report 2012*  *Update on the Global Framework on Chemicals*  **Panel discussion with Q&A** |
| 12:30 – 14:15 | Lunch Break |

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| **Afternoon, day 1** 29 October  **Forum Master of Ceremony: Tamsin Rose** | |
| **Session 3**  **Research – ENKORE, the successor of EURION** | |
| 14:15 – 15:45 | **Speakers:**  **Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Knowledge on Health-Related Effects (ENKORE)**  **Alex Mulet Indrayanti**, Policy Officer, DG RTD, European Commission  *Bridging horizons in endocrine disruptors research*  **Prof. Juliette Legler**, Professor of Toxicology, Utrecht University, The Netherlands  *The EURION cluster: Highlights of 5 years of ED research*  ENKORE projects presentations:  **1.** NEMESIS project  **Prof. Susana Viegas**, Full Professor on Environmental and Occupational Health, NOVA National School of Public Health  *Science to support evidence-based policies on chemical safety*  **2.** EDC-MASLD project  **Dr. Jorke Kamstra**, Assistant Professor, Utrecht University  *Investigation of endocrine-disrupting chemicals as contributors to progression of metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease*  **3.** ENDOMIX project  **Ana Claudia Zenclussen**, ENDOMIX  *The ENDOMIX project: understanding how endocrine disruptors target the immune system to cause diseases*  **4.** HYPIEND project  **Dr. Josep Mª del Bas**, Scientific coordinator of the biotechnology area, Eurecat  *Understanding and preventing the impact of endocrine disruptors on the hypothalamus-pituitary axis in sensitive populations*  **5.** MERLON project  **Terje Svingen**, MERLON  *Enhanced Identification of Endocrine Disruptors Through Integration of Science-Based Regulatory Practices and Innovative Methodologies*  **Panel discussion with Q&A** |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Coffee break |

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| **Part II**  **Focus on substitution of the most harmful chemicals** | |
| **Session 1**  **Essential use concept** | |
| 16h15 – 17:45 | **Speakers:**  **Presentation**  **Kastalie Bougas**, Policy officer and Economist, Safe and Sustainable Chemicals Unit, DG ENV, European Commission  *What are (non-)essential uses of harmful chemicals?*  **Panel discussion** moderated by Henrik Laursen, European Commission  **Previous speaker**, and:  **Julian Schenten**, Senior Law and Policy Advisor, ClientEarth  **Clemens Rosenmayr**, Senior Policy Advisor, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber - Member of SMEunited  **Petra Ekblom**, Senior Policy Advisor, ChemSec  **Q&A** |
| 17:45 | **Cocktail** |

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| **Morning, day 2** 30 October  **Forum Master of Ceremony: Tamsin Rose** | |
| **Registration & coffee** | |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | |
| **Session 2**  **Substitution of the most harmful chemicals – ongoing work** | |
| 9:30 – 11:00 | **Speakers:**  **Presentations**  **Baskut Tuncak**, Director, Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI)  *Substitution frameworks in Massachusetts, USA*  **(Maria) Laia Perez Simbor**, Policy Officer, DG GROW, European Commission  *Pilot project on substitution centres*  **Panel discussion,** moderated by Kastalie Bougas, European Commission  **Previous speakers**, and:  **Dr. Steffen Schellenberger**, Researcher, Research Institutes of Sweden (RISE)  **Triin Kaup**, DUCC Manager, Downstream Users of Chemicals Coordination Group  **Pierre Lecoq**, Chemical Risks and European Regulation Expert, Ministry of Labour, France  **Q&A** |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break |
| **Session 3**  **Concrete cases of substitution** | |
| 11:30 – 12:45 | **Speakers:**  **Myriam Tryjefaczka**, Director Sustainability and Public Affairs EMEA, Tarkett  *Substitution in flooring*  **Pierre-Stéphane Benati**, HAZMAT regulations compliance and de-risking strategy, Airbus Helicopters  *Substitution projects challenges in the framework of the Hazardous Substances Regulations*  **Dr. Chris Phillips,** Chief Training Officer, TheCookware Company  *PFAS Substitution in Non-stick Coatings for Cookware, Bakeware and Appliances*  **Virginie Roux**, Michelin  **Panel discussion with Q&A** |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | **Conclusions**  **Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea**, Director Circular Economy, DG ENV, European Commission |