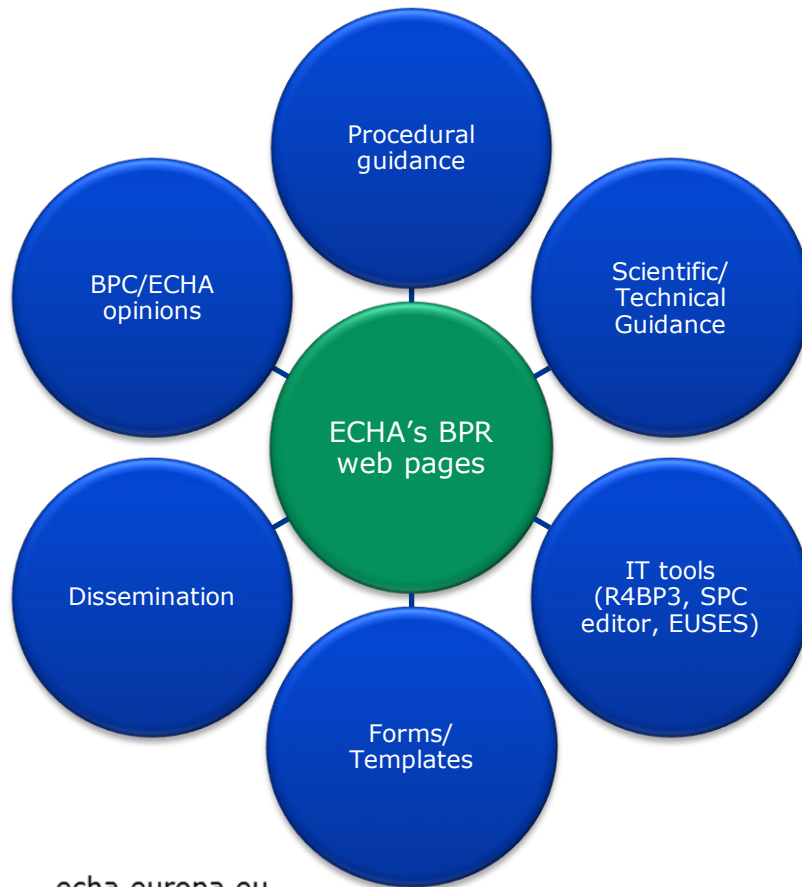


Navigating through Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) information on ECHA's website

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What is available?



Procedural guidance – general information

- Accessible by clicking on 'BPR' under the 'LEGISLATION' tab
- Most Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) processes covered

<https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/bi-ocidal-products-regulation/understanding-bpr>

The screenshot shows the ECHA website page titled 'Understanding BPR'. The page is part of the 'LEGISLATION' section. It features a navigation menu at the top with 'LEGISLATION', 'PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS', 'INFORMATION ON CHEMICALS', and 'SUPPORT'. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar with a table of contents and a main text area. The table of contents includes: Understanding BPR, Upcoming deadlines, Approval of active substances, Authorisation of biocidal products, Technical equivalence, In situ generated active substances, Annex I amendment, Product-types, Active substances and suppliers, Treated articles, BPR Legislation, Data sharing, Chemical similarity check service, and Substitution to safer chemicals. The main text area contains the title 'Understanding BPR', a summary paragraph, a paragraph about the text's adoption and applicability, a paragraph about the requirements for biocidal products, a paragraph about the BPR's aim to harmonise the market, and a paragraph about the dedicated IT platform (R4BP 3). There are also sections for 'REGULATIONS', 'ABOUT US', 'SEE ALSO', and 'Biocides Relevant Document Links'. The 'REGULATIONS' section lists 'Biocidal Products Regulation (EU) 528/2012'. The 'ABOUT US' section lists 'Biocidal Products Committee' and 'Working groups'. The 'SEE ALSO' section lists 'Getting started with EU chemicals legislation', 'European Commission - Biocides', and 'Biocidal Products Directive (Directive 98/8/EC)'. The 'Biocides Relevant Document Links' section lists 'R4BP 3 user manuals', 'Guidance documents', 'Technical agreements on Biocides', 'Forms and templates', 'Practical Guides', 'Working Group Documents', 'Emission scenario documents', 'Coordination Group public documents', 'CA meeting documents', and 'Enforcement'. A 'RELATED' section at the bottom lists 'Approval of active substances', 'Authorisation of biocidal products', 'Technical equivalence', 'Active substance suppliers', and 'Data sharing'.

Procedural guidance – practical guides

- Various chapters describing the main processes and data-sharing rules in a concise and practical way
- Start here if you are not very familiar with the regulation

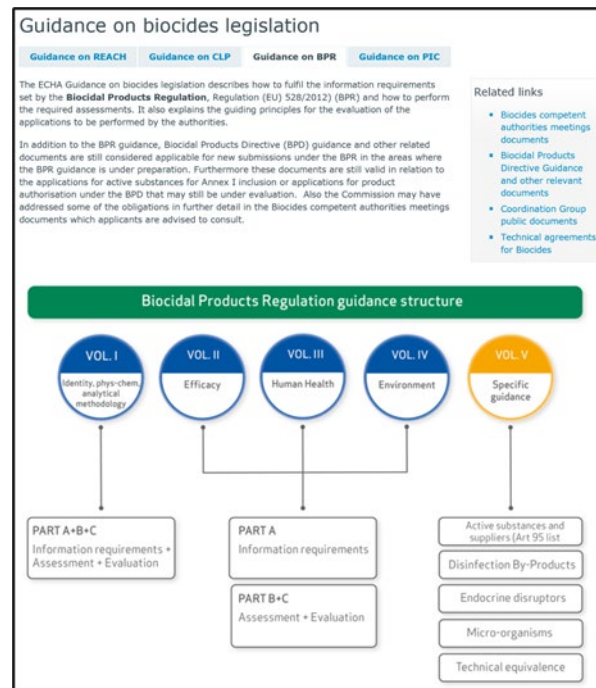
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The screenshot displays the ECHA website's navigation menu with options like 'LEGISLATION', 'CONSULTATIONS', 'INFORMATION ON CHEMICALS', and 'SUPPORT'. The main content area is titled 'Practical Guides on BPR' and provides a list of documents for download, including guides on REACH and CLP, and a special series on data sharing. Each item is accompanied by a PDF icon and a download icon.

Scientific/technical guidance – formal guidance

- Divided into five volumes covering different scientific areas
- Scientific assistance for active substance/biocidal product applications

<https://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-on-biocides-legislation>



Scientific/technical guidance – technical agreements on biocides

- Available on S-CIRCABC (link available on ECHA's website)
- Agreements made by the working groups of Biocidal Products Committee BUT not yet implemented in ECHA's guidance
- Five documents, with decisions made by the different BPC working groups that provide scientific assistance for active substance/biocidal product applications.



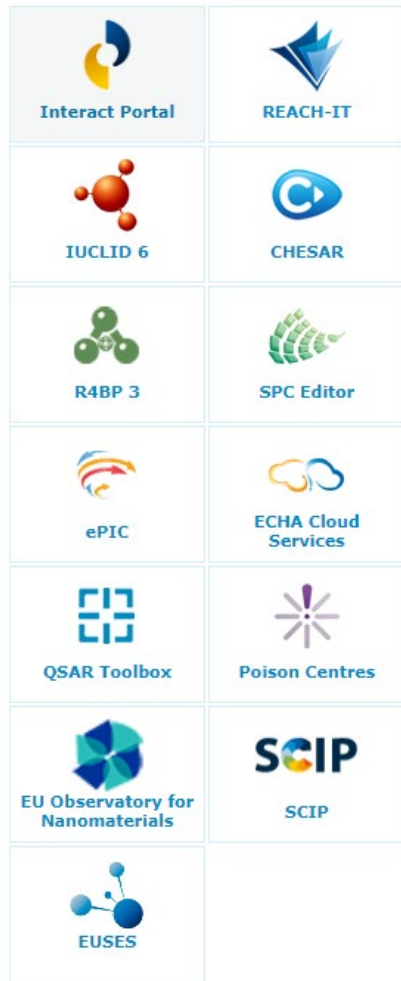
The screenshot displays the 'Library' page for 'Technical Agreements for Biocides'. The interface includes a left-hand navigation menu with sections like 'Information', 'Library', 'Events', 'Newsgroups', 'Search', 'Clipboard', and 'Main Menu'. The main content area shows a list of documents under the 'Content' section, with columns for Name, Size, Modified Date, and Actions.

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EFF-TAB_version_2_2.pdf	312.62 KB	10 July 2020 08:25	[Icons]
ENV-TAB_DB_2021_07_22.pdf	2.21 MB	21 July 2021 17:35	[Icons]
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<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/s-circabc/w/browse/4047dcc1-ff35-45e1-894c-8647639f9ae8>

ECHA's IT tools

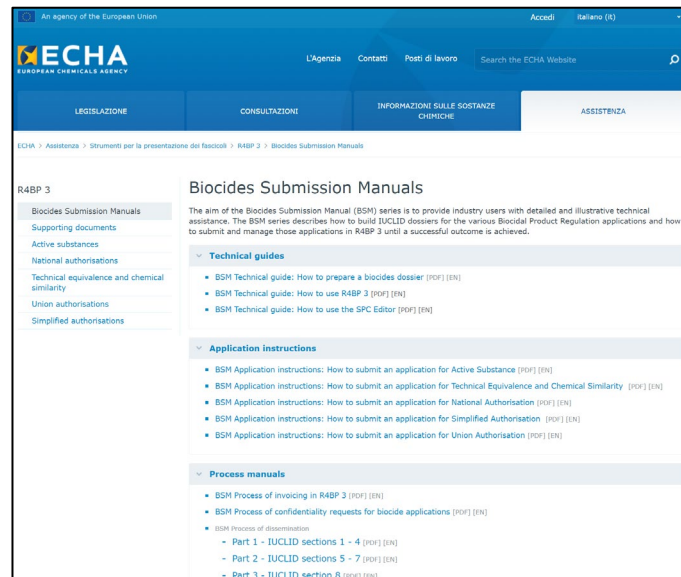
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Submission manuals for support

- Technical guides
- Application instructions
- Process manuals

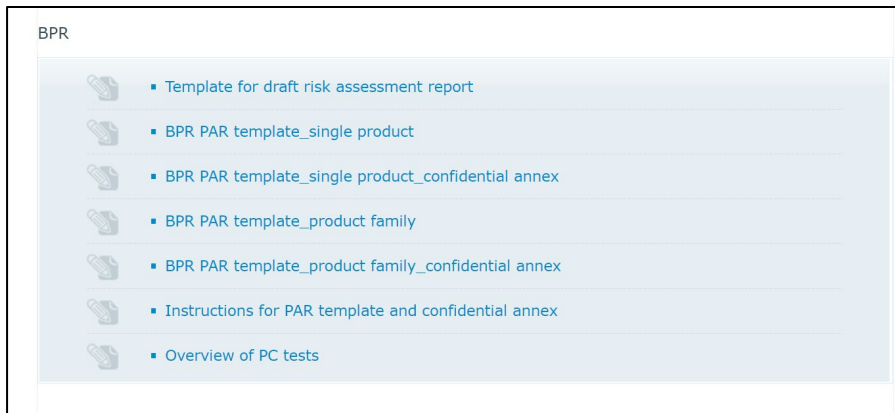
<https://echa.europa.eu/support/dossier-submission-tools/r4bp/biocides-submission-manuals>



The screenshot displays the ECHA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ECHA logo and the text 'EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY'. Below this, there are several menu items: 'L'Agencia', 'Contatti', 'Posti di lavoro', and a search bar labeled 'Search the ECHA Website'. The main content area is titled 'Biocides Submission Manuals' and is part of the 'R4BP 3' section. It includes a sidebar with a list of links: 'Biocides Submission Manuals', 'Supporting documents', 'Active substances', 'National authorisations', 'Technical equivalence and chemical similarity', 'Union authorisations', and 'Simplified authorisations'. The main content area contains a description of the Biocides Submission Manual (BSM) series and a list of links under three categories: 'Technical guides', 'Application instructions', and 'Process manuals'. The 'Technical guides' category includes links for 'How to prepare a biocides dossier', 'How to use R4BP 3', and 'How to use the SPC Editor'. The 'Application instructions' category includes links for 'How to submit an application for Active Substance', 'Technical Equivalence and Chemical Similarity', 'National Authorisation', 'Simplified Authorisation', and 'Union Authorisation'. The 'Process manuals' category includes links for 'Process of invoicing in R4BP 3', 'Process of confidentiality requests for biocide applications', and 'Process of dissemination' with sub-links for 'Part 1 - IUCLID sections 1 - 4', 'Part 2 - IUCLID sections 5 - 7', and 'Part 3 - IUCLID section 8'.

Forms and templates

- Various forms and templates that help when preparing applications
- Revised Product Assessment Report (PAR) template recently published



<https://echa.europa.eu/support/guidance-on-reach-and-clp-implementation/formats>

Information available on biocides

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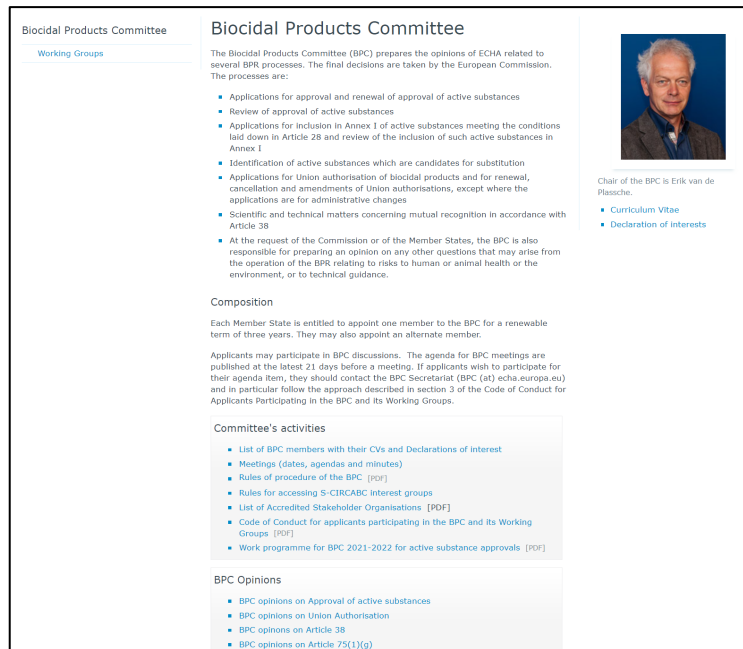
- **Biocidal active substances**
- **Biocidal products**
- List of active substances and suppliers
- Consultation on candidates for substitution (ongoing)
- Consultation candidates for substitution (previous)
- Consultations on derogations to exclusion criteria (ongoing)
- Consultations on derogations to exclusion criteria(previous)
- List of notifications
- Article 94 for treated articles
- Renewal of active substances
- Deadlines for Union authorisation applications

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Biocidal Products Committee (BPC) web page

- Working procedures and opinions on:
 - Active substance approval
 - Union authorisation
 - Articles 38 and 75
- Links to:
 - The BPC's Working Groups
 - The Enforcement Forum
 - The Board of Appeal

<https://echa.europa.eu/about-us/who-we-are/biocidal-products-committee>



The screenshot shows the ECHA website page for the Biocidal Products Committee. It features a navigation menu with 'Working Groups' selected. The main content area includes a description of the BPC's role, a list of processes (e.g., approval of active substances, inclusion in Annex I), and a list of committee members with their CVs and declarations of interest. A photo of Erik van de Plasche, the chair, is shown on the right. The page also details the committee's composition and its activities, such as meetings and rules of procedure.

Biocidal Products Committee

Working Groups

The Biocidal Products Committee (BPC) prepares the opinions of ECHA related to several BPR processes. The final decisions are taken by the European Commission. The processes are:

- Applications for approval and renewal of approval of active substances
- Review of approval of active substances
- Applications for inclusion in Annex I of active substances meeting the conditions laid down in Article 28 and review of the inclusion of such active substances in Annex I
- Identification of active substances which are candidates for substitution
- Applications for Union authorisation of biocidal products and for renewal, cancellation and amendments of Union authorisations, except where the applications are for administrative changes
- Scientific and technical matters concerning mutual recognition in accordance with Article 38
- At the request of the Commission or of the Member States, the BPC is also responsible for preparing an opinion on any other questions that may arise from the operation of the BPR relating to risks to human or animal health or the environment, or to technical guidance.

Chair of the BPC is Erik van de Plasche.

- Curriculum Vitae
- Declaration of interests

Composition

Each Member State is entitled to appoint one member to the BPC for a renewable term of three years. They may also appoint an alternate member.

Applicants may participate in BPC discussions. The agenda for BPC meetings are published at the latest 21 days before a meeting. If applicants wish to participate for their agenda item, they should contact the BPC Secretariat (BPC (at) echa.europa.eu) and in particular follow the approach described in section 3 of the Code of Conduct for Applicants Participating in the BPC and its Working Groups.

Committee's activities

- List of BPC members with their CVs and Declarations of interest
- Meetings (dates, agendas and minutes)
- Rules of procedure of the BPC [PDF]
- Rules for accessing S-CIRACABC interest groups
- List of Accredited Stakeholder Organisations [PDF]
- Code of Conduct for stakeholders participating in the BPC and its Working Groups [PDF]
- Work programme for BPC 2021-2022 for active substance approvals [PDF]

BPC Opinions

- BPC opinions on Approval of active substances
- BPC opinions on Union Authorisation
- BPC opinions on Article 38
- BPC opinions on Article 29(1)(g)

Thank you!

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