

Opening address

Biocides Stakeholders' Day

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Welcome to Helsinki!



112 SMEs

136
INDIVIDUAL
COMPANIES

18
ASSOCIATIONS

including...

- 46 Consultancies
- 27 National biocides helpdesks
- 12 Law firms
- 5 Distributors
- 5 Importers

230 EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS

28 COUNTRIES



-  Egypt
-  India
-  Japan
-  Switzerland
-  Turkey
-  USA
-  Many EU member states

Interact with us

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

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



Programme

- Looking back – 1 year after entry into operation
- Legislative developments to improve processes and reduce costs for you
- Support for applicants through guidance, manuals and improved IT-tools
- New changes bringing new opportunities and challenges



Learning and networking

- Full day together
 - Latest updates
 - Best practice
- Visit the IT-tool information stands
 - R4BP 3
 - IUCLID
 - SPC Editor
- One-to-one sessions
- Meet ECHA staff at the end of the day



Your feedback is important to us...



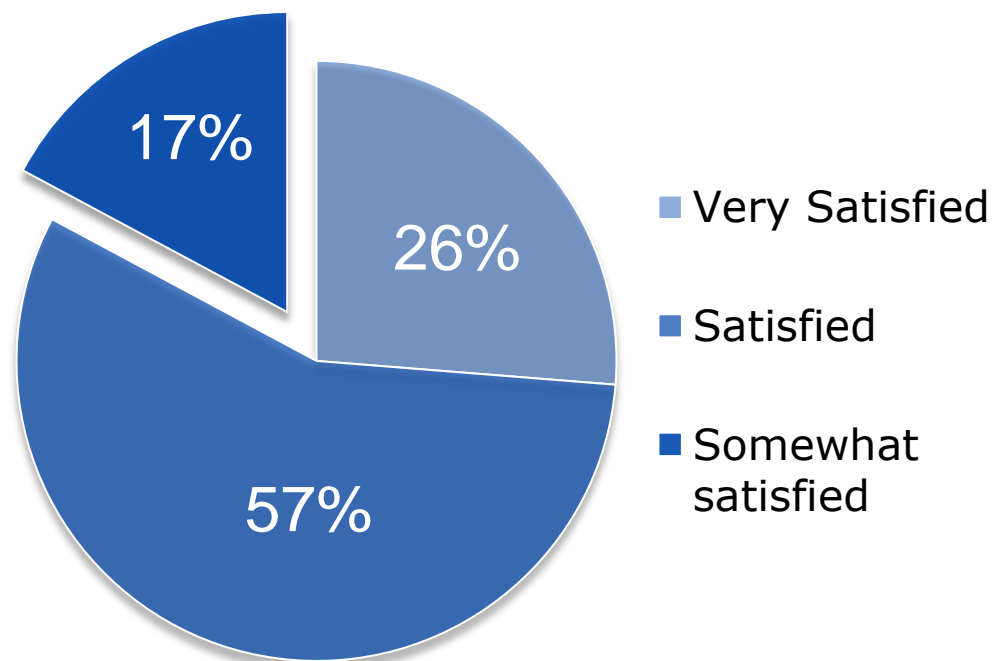
"More time to ask questions"

"Support sessions earlier"

"Reduce the amount of paper you distribute"

"Quick access to event material"

"Improve the lunch!"





...and has impact

- Longer question and answer sessions
- More in-depth presentations
- Opportunity to meet one-to-one with us
- Paperless conferencing
- Presentations available online
- Warm lunch buffet

One year after entry into operation



Up and running

- Thousands of (national) applications received and companies contacted when dossiers got stuck
- Number of opinions adopted by the Biocidal Products Committee is increasing
- Well functioning coordination group for mutual recognition disputes on product authorisations
- Stakeholders involved and regular phoneconference with industry ASO's

We are here to help

- New and improved IT-tools
 - R4BP3, IUCLID and the new SPC editor
- Network of national Biocides helpdesks
- Web pages, guidance and manuals
- Virtual events, conferences and workshops
- Work is ongoing to improve even further – use the day to hear the latest updates

We need your feedback

- You are the key players
 - Industry – applicants & their consultants
 - Member States Competent Authorities
 - Distributors and traders
 - Other stakeholders representing the public at large
- Contribute through surveys or as observer in committees and networks
- By cooperating we can achieve more

I wish you a fruitful and
productive day!

