

Biography

Bjorn Hansen is Danish and has been selected by ECHA's Management Board to become the second elected Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in January 2018.

In June 2003, he joined the Chemicals Unit of DG Environment in Brussels where he has been working as a head of unit. From 2007 to 2008, he was seconded to ECHA as the Director of Operations and has been involved in the development of REACH from its very early days.

Before joining DG Environment, he worked as an area coordinator for the existing substances team for over a decade at the European Chemicals Bureau at the Commission's Joint Research Centre in Ispra, Italy.

Bjorn obtained his Master's degree from the State University of New York in 1985 and his PhD from the Technical University of Eindhoven in 1988.