

Basic information

2025/0207(COD)

COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Regulation

European Chemicals Agency and amending regulations

Amending Regulation 2006/1907 [2003/0256\(COD\)](#)

Amending Regulation 2012/528 [2009/0076\(COD\)](#)

Amending Regulation 2012/649 [2011/0105\(COD\)](#)

Amending Regulation 2019/1021 [2018/0070\(COD\)](#)

Subject

3.40.01 Chemical industry, fertilizers, plastics

3.70.13 Dangerous substances, toxic and radioactive wastes (storage, transport)

8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU



Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety	CLERGEAU Christophe (S&D)	08/12/2025
		Shadow rapporteur RADTKE Dennis (EPP) KNOTEK Ondřej (PřE) FIOCCHI Pietro (ECR) HOJSÍK Martin (Renew) SBAI Majdouline (Greens /EFA) CLAUSEN Per (The Left) SCHNURRBUSCH Volker (ESN)	
	Committee for budgetary assessment	Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	SOUSA SILVA Hélder (EPP)	22/10/2025
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	

European Economic and Social Committee

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
08/07/2025	Legislative proposal published	COM(2025)0386 	Summary
06/10/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
15/04/2026	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
16/04/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0093/2026	Summary
29/04/2026	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0140/2026	Summary
29/04/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/04/2026	Matter referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations		

Technical information

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE781.186	17/12/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE784.247	04/02/2026	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE781.365	07/04/2026	

Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0093/2026	16/04/2026	Summary
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European Commission

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Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	18/03/2026	Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V.
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	10/03/2026	Cosmetics Europe
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	03/03/2026	AIR LIQUIDE
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	10/02/2026	Bundesarbeitgeberverband Chemie e.V.
HOJSÍK Martin	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	05/12/2025	Eurogroup for Animals
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	05/12/2025	Euro Group for Animals
CLAUSEN Per	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	03/12/2025	ClientEarth AISBL
				Cosmetics Europe European Federation of Essential Oils

CLERGEAU Christophe	Rapporteur	ENVI	03/12/2025	International Fragrance Association The European Federation for Cosmetic Ingredients AISBL
CLERGEAU Christophe	Rapporteur	ENVI	03/12/2025	European Chemical Industry Council
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	03/12/2025	Client Earth
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	03/12/2025	ClientEarth AISBL
CLERGEAU Christophe	Rapporteur	ENVI	20/11/2025	ClientEarth AISBL European Environmental Bureau
CLERGEAU Christophe	Rapporteur	ENVI	20/11/2025	Eurogroup for Animals
CLERGEAU Christophe	Rapporteur	ENVI	20/11/2025	German Social Insurance European Representation DSV
CLAUSEN Per	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	07/11/2025	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals Foundation
CLAUSEN Per	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	05/11/2025	European Cancer Organisation HEAL
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	14/10/2025	European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	08/10/2025	Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	08/10/2025	Roundtable for Reusable Containers Trays and Pallets
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	08/10/2025	Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände e.V.
CLERGEAU Christophe	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	08/10/2025	Comité Interprofessionnel des Huiles Essentielles Françaises
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	01/10/2025	Verband Chemischer Industrie (VCI)
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	01/10/2025	Bundesarbeitgeberverband Chemie e.V.
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	30/09/2025	Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund
RADTKE Dennis	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	30/09/2025	Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund

Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
RADTKE Dennis	03/06/2025	Daikin Chemical Europe GmbH

European Chemicals Agency and amending regulations

2025/0207(COD) - 29/04/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 526 votes to 56 and 69 abstentions, **amendments** to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Chemicals Agency and amending Regulations (EC) No 1907/2006, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) No 649/2012 and (EU) 2019/1021.

The matter was referred back for interinstitutional negotiations to the committee responsible.

Objectives and missions of the agency

The Agency will: (i) contribute to the implementation and enforcement of Union legislation and policies related to the hazards, risks, safe use and environmental sustainability of chemical substances, mixtures and articles, (ii) provide scientific opinions and advice and independent information on all matters within that field, (iii) monitor emerging chemical risks and (iv) collect or generate data on chemicals, and communicate on those matters.

The Agency will help ensure a high level of protection for human health and the environment, particularly for vulnerable groups. It will deliver consistent chemical assessments throughout the European Union to facilitate their free movement within the internal market. It will also support competitiveness and innovation, taking into account the needs of SMEs, while encouraging the substitution of harmful substances and the development, and use of non-animal approaches and emerging methodologies.

The Agency will:

- ensure that conflicts of interest are prevented or managed, to ensure its independence and credibility with stakeholders and the general public;
- upon request from the European Parliament or a Member State, provide scientific opinions and technical assistance in a field falling within its competences;
- provide annual training for staff and committee members and share knowledge with all stakeholders.

Administrative and management structure of the Agency

This will include an assembly of accredited stakeholders, which aims to strengthen relations between accredited stakeholders and the Agency, and to facilitate their contribution to the Agency's missions.

The assembly will include two independent persons appointed by the European Parliament, those persons will be independent in the performance of their duties and will neither seek nor take instructions from any Union institution, body, office or agency, any government or from any other public or private body.

Executive Director

The Executive Director should ensure an appropriate and timely coordination with other Union bodies, including in relation to potential divergence of scientific opinion; ensure appropriate and timely response to reports of attempts to exert pressure or attempts of undue influence and ensure a psychologically healthy workplace by giving due consideration to measures beneficial to mental health at work.

Committees

The Committees will:

- provide technical and scientific support for steps to improve cooperation among the Union, Member States, international organisations and third countries on scientific and technical issues relating to the safety of substances, as well as active participation in technical assistance and capacity building activities on the sound management of chemicals in developing countries;
- draw up an opinion on any other aspects concerning the safety of substances on their own, in mixtures or in articles.

The European Parliament or a Member State may submit a request to the Agency to issue a scientific opinion on matters falling within its competences.

Revision of the fees

No later than two years after the date of application of this Regulation and every three years thereafter, the Commission will evaluate the budgetary adequacy and adapt accordingly the fees payable to the Agency. It will report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the budgetary adequacy of the fees payable to the agency and on the coherence and consolidation of the fees.

Networking of national authorities, agencies and research institutes

The Agency will facilitate the networking of national authorities, agencies and research institutes operating in the areas of competence of the Agency. It will assist Member States and the Commission in promoting the substitution of the most harmful and other hazardous chemicals and groups thereof by safer and more sustainable alternative substances and technologies and in the development, regulatory acceptance, uptake and international validation of relevant scientific methodologies, including non-animal approaches.

A permanent task force will be established and will focus on cross-sectoral issues that can benefit from a One Health and exposome approach. The Agency will coordinate the work of the task force for 12 months after the task force is established.

European Chemicals Agency and amending regulations

2025/0207(COD) - 16/04/2026 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety adopted the report by Christophe CLERGEAU (S&D, FR) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Chemicals Agency and amending Regulations (EC) No 1907/2006, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) No 649/2012 and (EU) 2019/1021.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading as follows:

Objectives and missions of the agency

The Agency will:

- ensure a **high level of protection of human health and the environment**, including the protection of vulnerable groups. It must aim to deliver quality, coherence and consistency in chemicals assessment and management across the Union which is key to ensuring the free circulation of substances in the internal market;
- provide **technical and scientific support** taking into account the objectives of ensuring a high level of protection of human health and the environment, occupational health standards, the specific needs of SMEs and the requirement of replacing animal testing with non-animal approaches where scientifically possible;
- ensure that **conflicts of interest** are prevented or managed, to ensure its independence and credibility with stakeholders and the general public;
- upon request from the European Parliament or a Member State, provide scientific opinions and technical assistance in a field falling within its competences.

Administrative and management structure of the Agency

This will include an **assembly of accredited stakeholders**, which aims to strengthen relations between accredited stakeholders and the Agency, and to facilitate their contribution to the Agency's missions.

The assembly will include two independent persons appointed by the European Parliament, those persons will be independent in the performance of their duties and will neither seek nor take instructions from any Union institution, body, office or agency, any government or from any other public or private body.

Committees

The Committees will:

- provide technical and scientific support for steps to improve cooperation among the Union, Member States, international organisations and third countries on scientific and technical issues relating to the safety of substances, as well as active participation in technical assistance and capacity building activities on the sound management of chemicals in developing countries;
- draw up an opinion on any other aspects concerning the safety of substances on their own, in mixtures or in articles.

Member States will provide the necessary scientific and technical resources and administrative support to the members of the committees they have designated or appointed, enabling them to participate effectively.

Programming document and budget

By the end of each year, based on a proposal by the Executive Director, the Management Board will endorse a draft single programming document containing the following:

- an **assessment of the adequacy of the Agency's financial and human resources** to carry out its current and upcoming tasks;
- a strategy on the effective use of members and experts;
- a strategy on the expected needs and expenses resulting from secondment and on any decision to grant financial support to national authorities, agencies and research institutes for the implementation of certain tasks.

Fees and charges levied under Union sectoral legislation will be set at a level sufficient to cover the costs of the services provided in accordance with that legislation.

No later than two years after the date of application of this Regulation and every three year thereafter, the Commission will evaluate the **budgetary adequacy** and adapt accordingly the fees payable to the Agency, notably with regard to ensuring that the revenue derived from the fees when combined with other sources of the Agency's revenue is sufficient to cover the cost of the services delivered.

Networking of national authorities, agencies and research institutes

The Agency will facilitate the networking of national authorities, agencies and research institutes operating in the areas of competence of the Agency. The aim of such networking is, in particular, to facilitate a scientific cooperation framework by the coordination of activities, the exchange of information, the development and implementation of joint projects, and the exchange of expertise and best practices in the areas of competence of the Agency.

Task force

Parliament proposed the creation of a permanent task force, composed of the Agency, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the European Medicines Agency (EMA), the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the European Environment Agency (EEA) and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA).

The task force will focus on cross-sectoral issues **that can benefit from a One Health and exposome approach**. It will build on existing mechanisms of cooperation, maximising synergies and avoiding duplication. The task force will not act as a decision-making body. It may propose recommendations for action to the senior management of the agencies. It will be required to meet at least six times a year.

European Chemicals Agency and amending regulations

PURPOSE: to establish an updated and improved legal framework for the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) was established in 2007 by Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 under the REACH Regulation to handle technical, scientific, and administrative tasks related to EU chemicals laws. Its role has since expanded to cover areas like biocides, classification and labelling, and drinking water. This has greatly increased ECHA's workload, with some scientific committees expected to double their opinions in coming years.

The proposed regulation contributes and facilitates the achievement of the objectives of the 'One Substance, One Assessment' approach based on a more transparent, coherent, predictable and simpler chemical safety assessment processes across different pieces of legislation.

Against this background, the Agency should be governed by a **single Regulation** in order to cover in one act the Agency's extended tasks and involvement in the implementation of several pieces of legislation and to ensure its efficient and sustainable governance, taking into account the principles of the Common Approach. This Regulation should therefore replace the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

This proposal is part of the **sixth simplification omnibus** to reduce compliance costs and administrative burden for the chemical industry while ensuring strong protection of human health and the environment.

CONTENT: the Commission proposal aims to strengthen the governance of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and increase the sustainability of its financing model. In addition, it will:

- provide it with **updated and improved legal framework** which would allow it to operate effectively and efficiently and also onboard new tasks seamlessly;
- **abolish the requirement for the segregation of the different budget strands** of the Agency (Chemicals - REACH/CLP, Biocides, Environmental directives) and merge them in one entity;
- positively impact ECHA's daily management and allow for **more flexibility** in the use of the resources and streamline the financing of the Agency.

Structure and content of the proposal

Moreover, the proposal introduces a number of new provisions on the Agency that were not previously featured under REACH. These are as follows:

Objectives and tasks of ECHA

The Agency's objectives and extended scope of tasks, stemming from different pieces of other EU legislation is reflected in the corresponding provisions of this proposal. The other EU legislation assigning tasks is reflected in Annex I of this proposal to ensure that the Agency's responsibilities under other EU legislation are coherently and transparently reflected in this Regulation.

Organisational structure of ECHA

The current organisational structure of the Agency, including all bodies of the Agency established under REACH and Biocidal Products Regulation, is laid down in this proposal to provide a coherent overview of the Agency's structure, which has expanded, together with its tasks, since the adoption of REACH. The Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety is listed as a stand-alone scientific committee among ECHA committees and bodies. The rules on the governance of the Agency's committees are moved to this proposal, while the provisions on the specific tasks of the committees remain in REACH and BPR and are referred to in this proposal.

The role of the Executive Director

Compared to the provisions in REACH, the rules on the appointment of the Executive Director in this proposal better specify their employment and provide for the evaluation of their performance and accountability. The tasks of the Executive Director laid down in this proposal include, in addition to the existing tasks, drafting the Agency's financial rules and clarifying the Executive Director's role in coordinating between the different committees within the Agency in case of divergence between their scientific opinions.

Financial provisions

These include the rules on the single programming document of the Agency, which includes the three-year planning, the work programme of the following year and reporting requirements. The changes in the financial provisions result from the implementation of the Common Approach and the currently applicable financial rules for EU decentralised agencies. The changes introduced to the budget procedures and the presentation of accounts and discharge are minor. A new provision on the possibility to **charge fees** by the Agency for capacity building was introduced. The proposal also allows ECHA to maintain a **limited fund reserve** from income from fees and charges, subject to the specific conditions set out in this proposal.