

EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability Conference

Gibson Hotel, Dublin.
Wednesday, October 18th 2023.
08:30 - 16:00

The Health and Safety Authority and the Environmental Protection Agency invite you to attend this conference on the EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, focusing on what the future may hold for EU chemicals legislation.

Why attend?

The European Commission published a [chemicals strategy for sustainability](#) on 14 October 2020. It is part of the EU's zero pollution ambition, which is a key commitment of the European Green Deal. There are a number of actions already underway under the strategy, spanning key chemical and circular economy policy areas.

Attendees will gain an up to date insight from a diverse range of speakers including those from the European Commission, ECHA and the EPA, into actions under the strategy and what the future may look like for stakeholders.

Who should attend?

The conference will be of particular interest to:

- Irish chemical manufacturers, importers, downstream users and distributors
- Regulatory affairs managers
- Irish waste management and circular economy companies
- Relevant Government Departments, Agencies and Local Authorities
- EU Competent Authorities
- Researchers and Consultants



Conference topics and speakers

- Update on EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (Ms. Christina de Jong, DG Environment, European Commission)
- Future landscape of ECHA (Dr. Sharon McGuinness, Executive Director, ECHA)
- Chemicals and the Environment (European Environment Agency's perspective) (Dr. Jeanne Vuille, EEA)
- Global chemicals and waste management - new proposals and a changing environment (Mr. Darren Byrne, DECC)
- Circular Economy - Future Challenges (Mr. Warren Phelan, EPA)
- Updates to the Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (Dr. Majella Cosgrave, HSA)
- How to reach a toxic free environment (Ms. Frida Hök, ChemSec)
- The REACH Essential Use Concept Perspective (Ms. Louise Loughran, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations)
- Chemicals - monitoring, emerging issues and research on assessing risks to inform strategies (Prof. Fiona Regan, Dublin City University)
- Panel discussion: Challenges facing Irish Companies (all speakers)



Safe and Healthy Work in the Digital Age (Cork and Dublin)

EU Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2023-2025

The Health and Safety Authority invite you to attend a morning seminar on the EU Healthy Workplaces Campaign which aims to raise awareness around the Occupational Safety and Health challenges, risks and opportunities related to the digital age.

We will be hosting two seminars

Cork - Tuesday 24th October at 10am
Cork, Imperial Hotel, 76 S. Main Street, Cork, T12 AZT1

Dublin - Thursday 26th October at 10am
Dublin, Spinnaker Hotel, Exiles Walk, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1, D01 XAC7

For more information visit [www.hsa.ie](#)

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Who should attend
All interested individuals or organisations of any size and of any sector, including:

- Employers, managers, workers and safety reps from public and private sectors
- Policy makers
- GPI research community
- Safety professionals
- Media
- Suppliers, designers, programmers in area of digitisation
- Start-up community
- Relevant government bodies

Speakers and Topics

- Patricia Murray**, Work and Organisational Psychologist, HSA - Psychological Risks in the Changing World of Work
- Colleen Butler**, HSA Inspector (Human Factors) - Automation: A Human Factors Perspective
- Patrick Delaney**, HSA Inspector, (Policy and Technical) - Robotics, Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace
- Michael Gillen**, DECC - Digitalisation, an employer's perspective
- Brian Molloy**, HSA Inspector - Managing remote working and a distributed workforce - occupational health and safety guidance and supports

Why attend
Digital technologies are not only changing how we work, but also where and when we work. Digital technologies provide essential services and solutions for all sectors of the economy and society. Robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) can support and replace personnel operating in hazardous environments. Big data can enable more effective monitoring systems. Remote working offers employees increased autonomy and flexibility. However, despite its benefits, the impact of digitalisation on occupational safety and health (OSH) is still emerging and relatively uncharted. It is important to explore the potential challenges and risks and to adjust the regulatory framework that promotes and protects workers' safety and health accordingly.

Attendees will hear from speakers who are experts in the area of human factors, psychological aspects and management of stress in the new work environment. Attendees will also hear from industry representatives and speakers on the topics of AI and Robotics.

Cork event **Dublin event**

European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

AGENDA

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Towards a toxic-free environment - the future for EU chemicals legislation

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Time	Subject
08.30	Registration
09.10 - 09.30	Opening Welcome: Ms. Yvonne Mullooly, HSA. Opening Address: Minister Nicole Richmond, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.
09.30 - 11.00	Session 1 Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability Regulatory Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update on EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (Ms. Christina de Jong, DG Environment, European Commission)Future landscape of ECHA (Dr. Sharon McGuinness, Executive Director, ECHA)Chemicals and the Environment, the European Environment Agency's perspective (Dr. Jeanne Vuille, EEA)
11.00 - 11.20	Q&A
11.20 - 11.40	Break
11.40 - 12.40	Session 2 Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability Hot Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none">Global chemicals and waste management - new proposals and a changing environment (Mr. Darren Byrne, DECC)Circular Economy - Future Challenges (Mr. Warren Phelan, EPA)Updates to the Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (Dr. Majella Cosgrave, HSA)
12.40 - 13.00	Q&A
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.00	Session 3 Stakeholders Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none">How to reach a toxic free environment (Ms. Frida Hök, ChemSec)The REACH Essential Use Concept - an Industry Perspective (Ms. Louise Loughran, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations)Chemicals - monitoring, emerging issues and research on assessing risks to inform strategies (Prof. Fiona Regan, Dublin City University)
15.00 - 15.45	Panel discussion Challenges and opportunities facing Irish Companies (all speakers)
15.45 - 16.00	Wrap up and close Mr. Michael Lethane, EPA



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Reflect, Refresh, Reconnect



Tuesday 10th October - Day One - Enhancing the Employee Experience	Wednesday 12th October - Day 2 - Sharing and Learning
09.30 Registration	09.30 Day 2 Opening
10.15 Session 1: Opening of Conference	10.15 Session 1: Panel Discussion: Delivering for our stakeholders
11.00 Session 2: Keynote Speaker: Caroline Brady A motivational talk on the importance of our People through the lens of Belief, Behave, Resonance.	10.45 Open discussion where panelists share their perspectives on how we can deliver our mandates and meet stakeholder requirements in an integrated, agile and responsive way.
12.00 Lunch/Reconnection Break	10.45 Session 2: Reconnection Break and Information Kiosks Opportunity for attendees to learn more from their colleagues about the work community across the Authority.
14.15 Session 3: Being an Employer of Choice Facilitated session to encourage, capture and record a large group dialogue.	11.30 Session 3: Acknowledgement of Long Service
14.45 Tea/Coffee/Reconnection Break	11.50 Session 4: Closing Reflections
15.00 Session 4: HSA Gala	12.15 Lunch
15.15 Day 1 - Conference Closed	12.30 Conference Closes
15.15 Reception, Dinner and Entertainment	