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Permanent Representations
of the EU Member States and
EEA-EFTA Countries

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Subject: Member States' and EEA-EFTA countries' nominations to ECHA Committees RAC and SEAC

Dear Sir/Madam,

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is inviting candidates for membership of its Committees for [Risk Assessment \(RAC\)](#) and [Socio-Economic Analysis \(SEAC\)](#).¹

ECHA would like to thank Member States and EEA-EFTA countries for their continued support and contribution to the work of RAC and SEAC. The expertise provided by committee members is essential to ensuring the delivery of transparent, independent and high-quality scientific opinions that support implementation of EU chemicals legislation.

Member States may currently nominate up to two members to RAC and two members to SEAC. To support the Committees in maintaining a broad range of expertise, Member States are kindly encouraged to make full use of these nomination opportunities. Both committees still have vacant positions.

If your Member State / EEA-EFTA country is in a position to nominate or renew members, you are invited to submit your (re-)nominations and supporting documents **no later than Monday 2 November 2026** to Committees-secretariat@echa.europa.eu.

Nominations must come through the Permanent Representation/Mission to the EU. This is to be done preferably by forwarding to ECHA, via email, the **nomination form** (Annex 2) signed by the Member State Competent Authority (MSCA). Supporting documents can be provided directly to ECHA by the nominee or the MSCA.

An online discussion with the relevant Committee Chair will be organised for all new nominees. Following the assessment of the nominee's qualifications, expertise and availability, the nomination will be submitted to ECHA's Management Board.

1. Practicalities

The complete list of vacant positions in RAC and SEAC is in Annex 1 of this letter. Information on the Committees' tasks, ways of working and current expertise needs is provided in Annexes 3 and 4.

Committee members are expected to dedicate at least 50% of their working time to Committee activities. This commitment is confirmed by the nominating authority through the nomination form (Annex 2). Members are also expected to serve as rapporteurs for opinions and actively contribute to the preparation and review of scientific opinions.

Supporting documents for nomination of new candidates

- Expertise grid (Annexes 3b and 4b)
- Declaration of Interest (Annex 5)

¹ REACH Regulation, Articles 85(1) and (2).

- Europass CV (Annex 6)

Supporting documents for renewal of current membership

- Annexes 3-6. Note that the expertise grids have been updated to reflect the specific expertise needed for new RAC processes. Updated expertise grids should be submitted for all renewal nominations.

2. Independence of members

The appointing authorities are invited to familiarize themselves with the ECHA's procedure on [Prevention and Management of potential Conflicts of Interest](#), and in particular with Annex 2 on the Eligibility criteria for candidates for membership in the ECHA bodies and for key positions in the ECHA Secretariat.

3. Publication of personal data²

ECHA will process any personal data received in accordance with ECHA's [privacy rules](#). Please note that the list of nominees, the membership of the Committees, professional qualifications and Declaration of Interests of the members shall be made public on the Agency's website.

If you have any questions, please contact the Committees Secretariat at: committees-secretariat@echa.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

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Cc: REACH Competent Authorities of the Member States
Secretariat of the ECHA Management Board

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- Annex 1 List of vacant positions on the two Committees
- Annex 2 Nomination form
- Annex 3a Background paper on RAC
- Annex 3b RAC expertise grid 2026
- Annex 4a Background paper on SEAC
- Annex 4b SEAC expertise grid 2026
- Annex 5 ECHA Declaration of Interest
- Annex 6 Europass CV template

² Article 88(1) and 85 of REACH