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# The Biocidal Products Regulation

23 and 24 April 2026  
in Dusseldorf/Germany

## Highlights

### EU Regulatory Landscape

- European Commission on the "One Substance, One Assessment" (OSOA) package
- BPR evaluation: state of play
- Draft proposal for extended data protection
- Omnibus for Food and Feed and its implications for biocides
- Belgian and Danish CAs on practical insights from dossier evaluation

### Access to Global Biocide Markets

- HSE updates on the UK biocides regime
- Biocides regulation across key European markets
- Managing the U.S. biocides market: regulatory developments and practical guidance

### Regulatory Requirements, Technical Challenges & Enforcement

- Challenges from an industry perspective
- Quantitative human health risk assessment of ED substances
- Developments regarding Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for biocides
- Addressing Substances of Concern (SoCs) in BPR dossiers
- From policy to practice: latest enforcement updates



Pre-Conference Training  
**Mastering Efficacy Testing for Biocides**  
22 April 2026 | 14:00 – 18:00 CEST

## The Experts

**Eugen Anwander** Institute for Environment and Food Safety, Vorarlberg State Service / ECHA's Enforcement Forum | **Negar Bahraini** knoell USA | **Zameer Bhunnoo** British Health and Safety Executive (HSE) | **Johannes Lørup Buch** Danish Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) | **Renate Borgmann-Strahsen** Nouryon | **An Jamers** European Commission | **Hélène Jarrety** Belgian Federal Public Service of Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (FPS) | **Robert Jones** Sagentia Regulatory | **Saskia Klutzny** German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) | **Natalie Konings** Bird & Bird | **Henning Krüger** ChemLaw Rechtsanwaltskanzlei | **Claudio Mereu** Bird & Bird | **Vera Ritz** German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) | **Pascal Schmahl** Biocides for Europe (Cefic) | **Anette Thiel** Ramboll | **Ellen van Belle** ARCHE Consulting | **Michael Werner** Stockmeier Chemie

# Thursday, 23 April 2026

## Morning Session | 09:00 – 13:15 CEST

08:30 Registration and coffee

09:00 Welcome speech by the organisers and the Chairs

Vera Ritz, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Germany

Michael Werner, Stockmeier Chemie, Germany

## EU Regulatory Landscape

09:10 **The One Substance, One Assessment (OSOA) Package**

An Jamers, European Commission, Belgium (virtually)

09:45 **BPR Evaluation – State of Play**

- What is the evaluation process?
- Where are we at?
- Insights into the “shadow evaluation” being conducted by an independent consultant on behalf of several industry associations to complement the Commission evaluation

Pascal Schmahl, Biocides for Europe (Cefic), Belgium

10:15 **Legal Predictability for Biocides or Legal Minefield?**

- Omnibus for Food and Feed – implications for biocides
- Article 95 BPR and the Commission draft for longer data protection
- ECJ judgement C-473/24 on the interpretation of the term “biocidal product”

Henning Krüger, ChemLaw Rechtsanwaltskanzlei, Germany

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Member State Experience with Product Dossier Evaluation and New Guidance Documents**

- Practical challenges in product renewal
- Union authorisations

Hélène Jarrety, Belgian Federal Public Service of Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (FPS), Belgium

11:45 **Experience from Denmark: What to Expect from Upcoming Validation Rules for Renewal of Active Substance Dossiers**

- IUCLID and the BPR
- Current timelines
- Practical implementation for authorities and industry

Johannes Lørup Buch, Danish Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Denmark

12:15 **Current Experience from a Biocide Applicant with New Requirements and the Evaluation Process**

- Challenges with active substance renewals
- Coping with uncertainties and moving goalposts
- How to generate data without established methods?

Renate Borgmann-Strahsen, Nouryon, The Netherlands

12:45 Panel discussion

13:15 Lunch break

## Afternoon Session | 14:15 – 17:30 CEST

## Access to Global Biocide Markets

14:15 **GB Biocidal Products Regulation**

- Update on work
- HSE chemicals legislative reform consultation – biocides regime
- Future landscape

Zameer Bhunnoo, Health and Safety Executive (HSE), United Kingdom (virtually)

14:50 **Navigating Western Europe’s National Biocide Schemes: Strategies for a Smooth Transition to the BPR**

- National biocide requirements in key Western European markets and their links to EU BPR processes
- Case studies on navigating transitional national systems, managing active-substance deadlines and Member State expectations
- Converting national registrations into BPR dossiers, linking legacy products, and rationalising portfolios during transition

Robert Jones, Sagentia Regulatory, United Kingdom

15:20 Coffee break

15:50 **Navigating Biocides Regulation in Eastern Europe: Compliance, Market Access and Strategic Opportunities**

- Regulatory harmonisation and divergence
- Biocidal product market access in Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Ukraine
- Emerging regulatory trends and enforcement

Natalie Konings, Bird & Bird, Belgium

Claudio Mereu, Bird & Bird, Belgium

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### 16:20 Navigating U.S. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Regulations for Biocides & Pesticides – Critical Updates and Practical Strategies for Compliance & Distribution

- Introduction to FIFRA
- Biocides and pesticides
- Treated articles
- Pesticides / antimicrobial devices

**Negar Bahraini**, knoell USA, United States of America

16:50 Panel discussion

17:30 End of the first conference day

18:15 Evening Event



After the first conference day, we warmly invite you to enjoy a relaxed evening with great food and good company. It's the perfect moment to continue discussions and meet fellow attendees.

## Friday, 24 April 2026

### Morning Session | 09:00 – 13:00 CEST

09:00 Brief address by the Chairs

**Vera Ritz**, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Germany

**Michael Werner**, Stockmeier Chemie, Germany

## Regulatory Requirements, Technical Challenges & Enforcement

09:10 Developments Regarding Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for Biocides

- What are MRLs and why do we need them?
- Historical developments regarding biocide MRLs
- Current obstacles and perspectives

**Saskia Klutzny**, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Germany

09:40 Quo Vadis Biocides Industry: Reflections on the challenges from a Distributor's/Manufacturer's Perspective

- Realistic planning and its role in meeting regulatory requirements for sustainable products
- Lengthy approval timelines and their impact on innovation and market access
- New guidance and its influence on regulatory expectations and planning
- MRLs – discrepancy between theory and practice

**Michael Werner**, Stockmeier Chemie, Germany

10:15 Quantitative Risk Assessment for ED Substances for Human Health

- CEFIC "Biocides for Europe" Best Practice Guidance on quantitative human health risk assessment of ED substances
- Regulatory status of EDs under the BPR
- Key challenges and potential solutions:
  - Integrating quantitative in vitro/in vivo extrapolations
  - Characterising and managing uncertainties

**Anette Thiel**, Ramboll, Germany

10:50 Coffee break

11:20 Criteria and Approaches for Substances of Concern (SoCs) in Biocidal Products

- When are non-actives considered as Substances of Concern
- How to tackle SoCs in your BPR dossier

**Ellen van Belle**, ARCHE Consulting, Belgium

11:50 From Policy to Practice: Enforcement Updates

- SPC content to be covered in the biocidal product label – update on the EU-enforcement project BEF-3
- Enforcement impact of EU and national courts' conclusions on forbidden label claims
- Tackling the enforcement challenge around online sales of illicit biocidal products
- EU enforcement project 2026 investigating active substances in biocidal products

**Eugen Anwander**, Institute for Environment and Food Safety, Vorarlberg State Service, Austria, and Vice Chair of the BPR Subgroup in ECHA's Enforcement Forum

12:20 Panel discussion

13:00 End of the conference

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## Do you have any questions?



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- Legal and regulatory affairs
- Registration and authorisation
- Research and development
- Product safety and management
- Regulatory science

Sectors taking part:

- Biocides industry
- Producers of biocidal products
- Industrial, professional and downstream users of biocides
- Regulatory authorities
- Research institutes
- Legal and technical consultancies
- Professional associations

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