



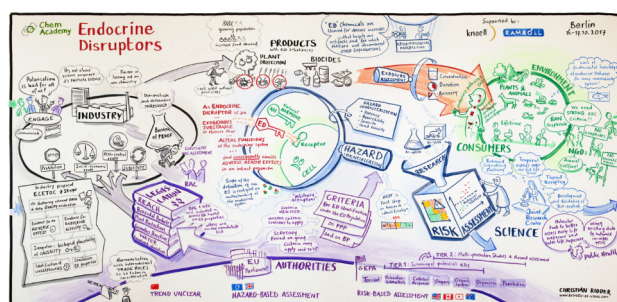
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Endocrine Disruptors

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- ZhiChao Dang, PhD, RIVM National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, The Netherlands
- Dr Christian Unkelbach, Federal Office for Chemicals (BfC), Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), Germany
- Dr Jürgen Arning, German Federal Environment Agency
- Prof Dr Lennart Weltje, BASF SE, Germany
- Dr Volker J. Soballa, Evonik Industries AG, Germany
- Darren Abrahams, Steptoe LLP, Belgium
- Dr James Wheeler, Corteva Agriscience, The Netherlands
- Teresa Bernheim, LANXESS Deutschland GmbH, Germany
- Graeme Taylor, Endure Consulting, United Kingdom
- Prof Taisen Iguchi, National Institute for Basic Biology, Japan
- Dr. Christian Kirchnawy, OFI – Austrian Research Institute for Chemistry and Technology, Austria
- Dr Melanie Lichtenberger, ibacon GmbH, Germany
- Julie Krzykwa, Ph.D., HESI Global, USA

Key Topics

- EU Regulation of Endocrine Disruptors
- Global frameworks and requirements
- Endocrine Disruption and CLP
- New Approach Methodologies: Experiences with NAMs
- Key aspects from the OECD's work on EDs

14th and 15th September 2026

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Monday, 14th September 2026

8.30 Registration and Coffee

9.00

Opening Remarks

Dr Bjoern Nehls, Director, Chem-Academy, and

Dr Volker J. Soballa, Vice President, Head of Product Stewardship, Corporate ESHQ, Evonik Industries AG

9.10

European Chemicals Regulation Within Global Challenges

- Regulatory initiatives and insights: where does the EU go?
- Competitiveness from a European point of view
- Impact of the REACH revision being abandoned
- The concept of global harmonization: under pressure?
- How does the economic state of play affect European regulation?

Dr Volker J. Soballa, Vice President, Head of Product Stewardship, Corporate ESHQ, Evonik Industries AG, Germany

9.50

Endocrine Disruptors: From EU to Domestic Regulation

- ED regulation within the EU, and its impact on domestic initiatives
- Phasing out animal testing
- Requirements related to CLP
- Upcoming changes

Dr Christian Unkelbach, Federal Office for Chemicals (BfC), Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), Germany

10.30 Coffee break

11.00

OECD Work for Identifying and Classifying EDs

- Endocrine disruptors under the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling
- Method validation and improvement
- The role of NAMs and what is key to their acceptance

Elise Grignard, PhD, Policy Analyst, OECD Environment

11.40

Endocrine Activity and Endocrine Disruption: Research on Articles

- Current projects and the are articles it's focussed on
- Active vs disrupting properties
- Which materials require further investigation
- How does science transform into regulation?
- Remaining uncertainties and what can be done

Dr Christian Kirchnawy, Team Leader, OFI – Austrian Research Institute for Chemistry and Technology, Austria

12.20 Lunch break

13.50

Endocrine Disruptors: Legislation and Interrelations

- The legal framework within the EU: ED regulation and how it connects to different interfaces
- REACH and its impact on ED regulation
- ED regulation and its impact on CLP
- Enhancing science within legislative processes

Darren Abrahams, Partner, Avocat, Barrister, Steptoe LLP, Belgium



14.30

Alternative Methods: Establishing NAMs

- Projects with NAMs on safety assessments
- Regulatory and study requirements
- Experiences with different stakeholders so far
- Case study: assessing endocrine activity in aquatic vertebrates in the absence of in vivo data
- How to apply NAMs in regulatory decision-making, and what gaps need to be closed

Julie Krzykwa, Ph.D., Scientific Program Manager, HESI Global, USA



15.10

Coffee break

15.40

How Industries are Perceived by the Public

- A consultant's point of view: chemicals, crop protection, and related industries in the media
- Social demands and why we need industrial services
- How reputation can be measured and why reputation is valuable
- What are the limits set by public perception of these industry branches?
- Why we need sober science as a driver

Graeme Taylor, CEO, Founder of Endure Consulting, and Partner, EU Focus Group, United Kingdom

16.20

How Industries are Perceived by the Public

- The regulatory framework(s) on ED assessment
- The EDSP: aims and the current state of affairs
- The EPA's expectations on testing
- The role of NAMs
- Research activities and recent learnings

Dr Scott Lynn, Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), USA

16.20 Chairman's Closing Remarks

16.30 End of Day 1

Tuesday, 15th September 2026

8.45

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Dr Volker J. Soballa, Head of Product Stewardship, Corporate ESHQ, Evonik Industries AG

8.50

Japan's Regulation on Endocrine Disruptors

- Understanding endocrine activity and adversity
- Japan's regulatory strategy and research projects
- Questions to be dealt with
- Update on testing requirements and animal welfare
- The Japanese Chemical Substances Control Law: Environmental risk assessment

Prof Taisen Iguchi, National Institute for Basic Biology, Japan

9.30

Amphibian Assays for Identification and Classification of Thyroid-Disrupting Chemicals: Developments and Challenges

- Main advances and ongoing challenges in this area relating to amphibian assays
- How can they be used for regulatory purposes?
- Conclusions on the human health field

ZhiChao Dang, PhD, Senior Risk Assessor, RIVM National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, The Netherlands

10.10 Coffee break

10.40

Assessing Endocrine Disruption – Ecotoxicological Insights

- Ecotoxicology: current research and gaps to close
- What's the role of ecotoxicology for the assessment of potentially endocrine disrupting chemicals?
- Understanding and integrating population-level effects
- Adversity vs activity
- Methods and study requirements: the EU vs US and Asia?
- Reducing animal testing: concepts and their practical limits

Prof Dr Lennart Weltje, Senior Regulatory Scientist, BASF SE, Germany

11.20

Research Methods and ED Related Projects

- Decision logic for assessing the reliability of data
- Conclusions for interpreting data
- Case study on Amphibian Metamorphosis Assay (AMA) and Fish Short Term Reproduction Assay (FSTRA) dietary restriction studies
- Thoughts on the use of NAMs
- How to set up endocrine screening protocols
- Learnings from ECETOC's ED related research

Dr James Wheeler, Global Regulatory Ecotoxicologist, Corteva Agriscience, The Netherlands

12.00 Lunch break

13.20

ED Criteria Under CLP

- The assessment of endocrine disruptors under European regulations
- Hazard classes within the CLP regulation
- UBA's work within the ERGO project
- How does the project trickle down to regulation and guidances?
- Research gaps and further needs

Dr Jürgen Arning, IV 2.3 Chemicals, German Federal Environment Agency

14.00

Challenges with the Harmonized Hazard Classification from the Industry's Point of View

- Compiling data for hazard assessments
- Hazard classes and CLP: practical aspects
- Impact on interfaces within the product stewardship
- Limits to harmonization...
- ... and how to deal with them

Teresa Bernheim, Corporate Communications, Manager Chemicals Policy, LANXESS Deutschland GmbH, Germany

15.10

Endocrine Disruptors: Testing

- The range of studies for testing potential EDs
- Methodological requirements: the OECD Conceptual framework for Testing and Assessment of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals
- Project management and timelines
- Current bottlenecks with study capacities
- Cost management
- Experiences with study models

Dr Melanie Lichtenberger, Managing Director, ibacon GmbH

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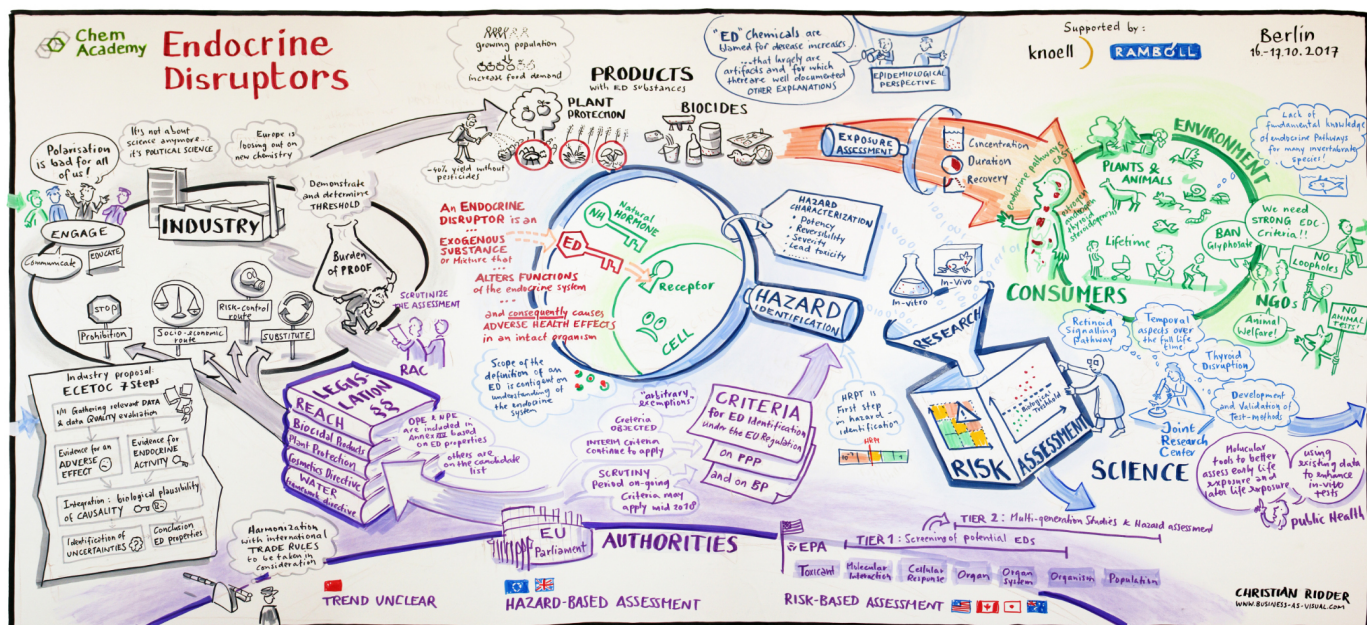
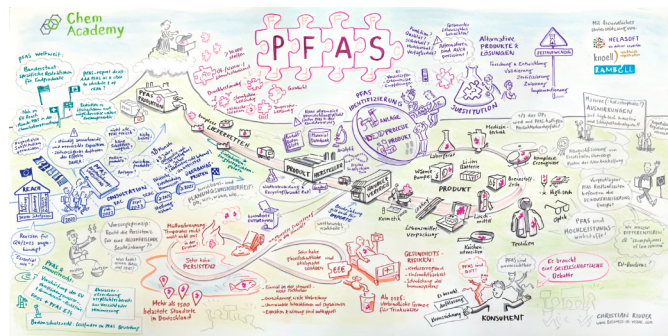
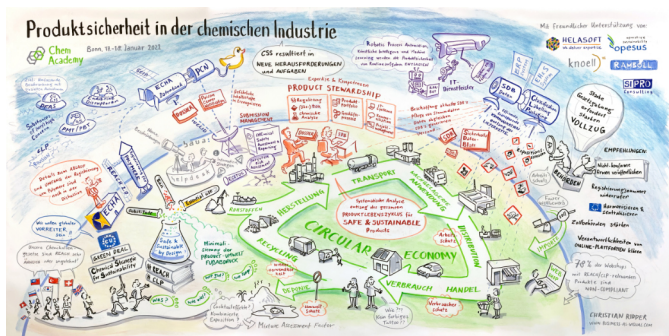
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16.00 End of the Conference

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