

Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

Towards a toxic-free environment

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● The Chemicals Strategy will:

- **Ensure better protection** of human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals
- **Boost innovation** for safe and sustainable chemicals
- Enable the transition to chemicals that are **safe and sustainable by design**

It is a first step towards the **Zero pollution ambition** for a toxic-free environment announced in the **European Green Deal**.



Europe is the second largest producer with **16.9%** of global sales



EU chemicals industry employs **1.2 million** people



59% of chemicals supplied to other sectors, such as health, constructions, automotive, electronics, textiles

● Why do we need a Chemicals Strategy to 2030 and beyond?



- **Many chemicals** can harm the environment and human health, interfere with ecosystems and weaken human resilience

84%

Europeans are worried about the impact of chemicals present in everyday products on their health



90%

Europeans are worried about the impact of chemicals on the environment

● Key actions in the Chemicals Strategy

- **Banning the most harmful chemicals** in consumer products - allowing their use only where essential
- **Account for the cocktail effect of chemicals** when assessing risks from chemicals
- **Phase out per - and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)** in the EU, unless their use is essential
- **Boost the investment and innovative capacity** for production and use of chemicals that are **safe and sustainable by design** throughout their life cycle
- **Promote EU's resilience of supply** and sustainability **of critical chemicals**
- Establish a simpler "**one substance one assessment**" **process** for the risk and hazard assessment of chemicals
- **Play a leading role globally** by championing and promoting high standards and not exporting chemicals banned in the EU

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/index_en.htm

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