

MEP BRIEFING ON ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING CHEMICALS: FROM SCIENCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION

BACKGROUND:

Science shows that people are widely exposed to **endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs)** such as Bisphenol A (BPA) and other bisphenols.

The Endocrine Society's [position statement](#) on EDCs in the EU asserts that progress towards restrictions on harmful chemicals such as BPA is still too slow to adequately protect the health of EU citizens.

Decades of scientific evidence has established the potential for **harm from exposure to BPA** before in December 2021 the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) [declared](#) that BPA is a "health risk for all ages" and proposed to significantly lower the Tolerable Daily Intake limit for BPA by a factor of 100,000. This will be an important step provided it remains in the final EFSA opinion.

Group restrictions for harmful chemicals:

However, other bisphenols which are often used as substitutes for BPA have also been shown to be harmful and will remain in widespread use unless they can be assessed more quickly for restriction as a group.

The German Environment Agency will later this year submit a proposal for a group restriction of bisphenols to the EU Chemicals Agency ECHA. **Jurgen Arning** will outline key points of their proposal.

The European Commission's recently published '[Restrictions Roadmap](#)' promotes group restrictions for a range of harmful chemicals in order to speed up the decisions on restricting exposure to harmful chemicals.

Scientist speakers: The scientist speakers, as members of the Endocrine Society, will outline the serious health risks, in particular to children, of our widespread exposure to BPA and bisphenols and emphasise the need for urgent EU action.

MEP testimonials from Jytte Guteland, Sarah Wiener and Martin Hojsik about test results showing personal exposure to bisphenols and other EDCs in their bodies.

BISPHENOLS: BPA AND BEYOND CAN EU ACTIONS REDUCE OUR EXPOSURE?

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WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022

11.00-12.30 CET

AGENDA:

- 1. BPA AND BISPHENOLS: A HEALTH RISK FOR ALL**
Dr. Anne-Simone Parent, Paediatric Clinician, University of Liege
Bisphenols Health Impacts on Children
Prof. Angel Nadal, Miguel Hernandez University of Elche
Science Shows Need for Urgent EU Action
- 2. "WHAT MY EDC TEST RESULTS MEAN FOR ME"**
Testimonials by MEPs Jytte Guteland, Sarah Wiener, and Martin Hojsik on Presence of Bisphenols and other EDCs in Their Bodies
- 3. REDUCING EXPOSURE VIA GROUP RESTRICTIONS: GERMAN INITIATIVE ON BISPHENOLS**
Jurgen Arning, German Environment Agency:
A German Authority Initiative to Restrict BPA and other Bisphenols with EDC Properties
- 4. EU ACTIONS TO SPEED UP HEALTH PROTECTION**
Cristina de-Avila, Head of Sustainable Chemicals Unit, DG ENV
How Restrictions Roadmap Can Speed Up EU Action
- 5. QUESTIONS AND DEBATE**

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