

ECHA/TRN/2026/029 – Water and Alternative Methods Unit (P3)

The Water and Alternative Methods Unit is responsible for the tasks under all the Water and related Directives (Water Framework Directive (WFD), Groundwater Directive (GWD), Environmental Quality Standards Directive (EQSD) and Drinking Water Directive). It leads ECHA activities related to development and promotion of the alternative methods to animal testing and new approach methodologies (NAMs).

Assignment

In this traineeship you will have the unique opportunity to acquire expertise in our regulatory work, such as:

- Support the implementation of the Water Protection Directives – WFD, GWD and EQSD (**the main task for the trainee**)
- Contribute to the preparation of EQS dossiers including review of existing EQSs for priority substances, groundwater pollutants;
- Systematic scientific literature reviews and reliability/relevance assessments;
- Support revision of the EU Technical Guidance for Deriving EQSs for priority substances;
- Development of procedures, templates and tools for processing EQS proposals through ECHA's Committees

The work may include other tasks related to the main assignment.

Profile

- Completed university studies at least to bachelor degree level in the field of ecotoxicology or similar;
- Previous experience with aquatic ecotoxicological data and/or the development of environmental quality standards for surface water or groundwater would be an asset;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills;
- Aptitude for team work;
- Very good English skills both written and spoken are required (as this is the working language of the Agency).

Starting Date: 01 September 2026

Duration: 6 months

Deadline for applications: 15 April 2026 at noon 12:00 Helsinki time (11:00 a.m. CET)