

Shaping Britain's Chemical Future

‘Using emerging science to guide new policies towards improving the protection of the UK natural environment from chemicals in a post-Brexit era’

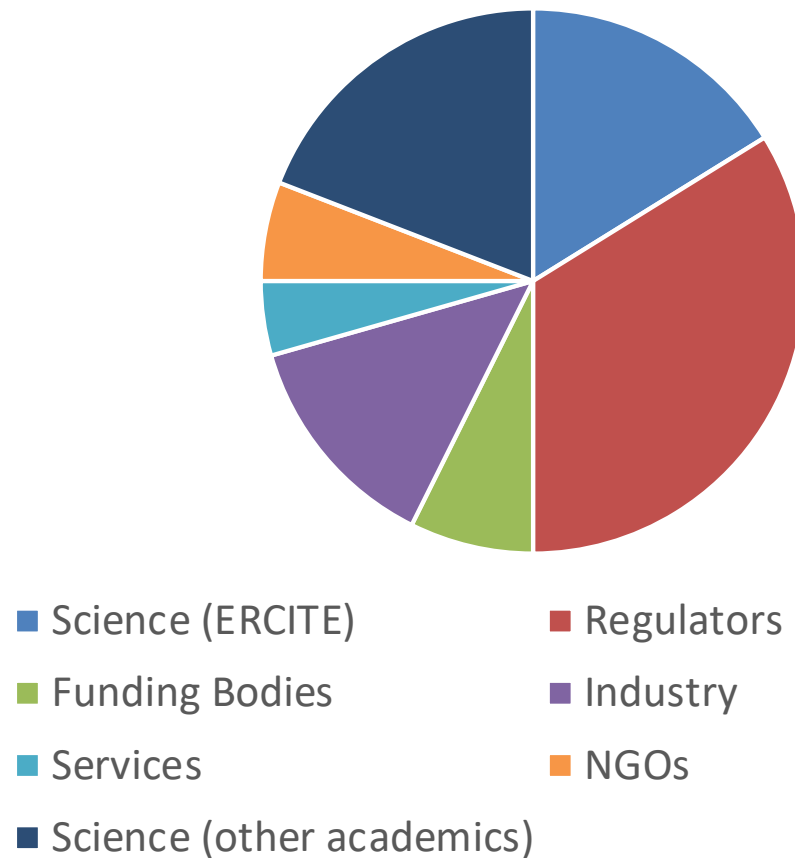
Britain must increasingly shape its own destiny in many areas of policy previously led by Europe. In this context, it is timely to review what approaches might best ensure the protection of the UK environment in a world of expanding chemical use and applications. What research should be carried out and how can it support such policy aims? . To respond to this challenge, we will bring together regulators, policy-makers, industry, NGOs and academics to gather views, and to create a set of priorities for research that will identify priorities for research to improve our management of chemicals in the environment.

If you are interested, in shaping Britain's Chemical Future, we would like you to join us in two workshops to be held virtually so please hold the date for:

- Workshop 1: 30th March 2021, 10:00-13:00
- Workshop 2: 19th April 2021, 10:00-13:00

Which groups took part in the workshop?

Participation in Stakeholder workshop



68 participants
40 male
28 female

Strong themes coming out of the 1st workshop

A summary of the break out groups showed four strong themes in discussions

- **Pulling together more players in developing approaches to chemical management**
- **Better knowledge transfer and communication**
- **Reviewing regulation in a time of EU EXIT**
- **Science driven needs and possible solutions**

Tasks set for the follow on 2nd workshop

Asked to divide into 'we could do now' or 'we could do soon with investment' or is 'a distant prospect but desirable'

- **How might the diverse players be brought together to develop approaches for sustainable chemical management and how might we improve the transfer of knowledge and communication?**
- **Building on the first workshop, from your perspective and your world view, thinking of a future UK regulatory framework, what might an aspirational roadmap look like for improving our regulatory approach?**
- **Considering the discussions that you have had today and at the first workshop – where can research help and be most influential?**

Major responses from the 2nd workshop

- 1. Suggestions to review and refresh the landscape for committee(s) to ensure wider representation. Need to be open and win trust. Field as a whole needs long term commitment from sponsors.**
- 2. Review protection goals including public consultation. Embrace new methods to avoid animal testing. Grown-up discussion on risks and benefits. UK industries have concern about having to meet additional requirements over and above those from the EU. Monitoring to be strengthened to reassure us on our environmental protection performance.**
- 3. Research Councils could be more influential and effective for UK by allowing more programme co-design with stakeholders in this area.**
Boost research through coordination with wider pool of funders. More efforts to demonstrate utility of in silico toxicity results. Ensuring that terrestrial and marine environments not overlooked