

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the European annual Forum on Endocrine Disruptors took place on Thursday 19 October 2023, 09:00 - Friday 20 October 2023, 13:005th

Some highlights are described below.

The 5<sup>th</sup> ED forum, on October 19 & 20 2023 illustrated the regulatory evolutions, among them the new classes for EDs in the CLP regulation, leading to discussion on the pace of implementation and the development of the “one substance one assessment” approach and Ban of EDs in toys

R&D actions were described with EURION and Parc activities, as well as validation issues at OECD. Thyroid and metabolic disorders were put forward among recent actions

This year, an important part the ED forum was devoted to results on exposure and risk assessment. The high level of BPA measured through biomonitoring was described, with a large proportion of the population above the level corresponding to the new Tolerable Daily Intake value : up to 100% of the people taking part from 11 EU countries were likely exposed to the chemical above safe health thresholds. (see EEA study).

One particularity of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the ED forum was the importance of the PFAS (1 lecture out of 3). An other was the increased stress on national and local policies.

At this occasion, the Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety & Environment from Belgium announced its support to Pepper. Pepper was also mentioned in several lectures.

In his concluding remarks, Patrick Child, Deputy Director General of the European Commission's DG Environment, said that the Commission was in favour of local and national initiatives and of raising public awareness. In his view, it is important for the public and consumers to be able to associate the term "endocrine disruptor" with the nature of the damage to health ... He stated that this is an important point for the credibility of the EU's action.

Presentations are Available at

[https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/8ee3c69a-bccb-4f22-89ca-277e35de7c63/library/c8db6364-5ed3-45fa-b3fa-8b8354c165d8?p=1&n=10&sort=modified\\_DESC](https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/8ee3c69a-bccb-4f22-89ca-277e35de7c63/library/c8db6364-5ed3-45fa-b3fa-8b8354c165d8?p=1&n=10&sort=modified_DESC)

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