

# Chemicals, Health and You

## Chemicals, Health and You – the HSE and EPA want to hear your views

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### Survey and discussion group taking place

HBM4EU is a joint effort of 28 countries, the European Environment Agency and the European Commission, co-funded under Horizon 2020.

The initiative is coordinating and advancing human biomonitoring in Europe. HBM4EU is generating evidence of the actual exposure of citizens to chemicals and the possible health effects in order to support policy making.

The HBM4EU initiative represents a novel collaboration between scientists and chemical risk assessors and risk managers, including several Commission services, EU agencies and representatives for the national level. The project is building bridges between the research and policy worlds in order to deliver benefits to society in terms of enhanced chemical safety. HBM4EU is a five year project, that kicked off in 2017 and will run to the end of 2021.

You can read more information about the [HBM4EU initiative here](#)

As part of this EU-wide research programme (HBM4EU), the HSE and EPA would like to gain an understanding of the issues and concerns for people living in Ireland around chemicals and health. Similar initiatives seeking input from members of the public have also taken place in other EU countries recently.

The information from EU citizens will be used to inform the creation of policy in this area.

### Survey

We want to hear your views and are inviting you to take part in this [short survey](#).

It will take 15 minutes of your time. Your views are valuable to us as they will help us to understand more about the actual exposure of citizens to chemicals and the possible health effects.

This survey, which is anonymous, will remain open until Friday 20 September 2019.

By taking part your views will help inform EU policy in this area.

### Discussion group

Discussion group in Dublin on 26 September 2019

We are also looking for people to take part in a discussion group in Dublin (Environmental Protection Agency Offices, Richview, Clonskeagh Rd, Dublin 14) on 26 September 2019 at 11am.

The discussion (involving 10-12 individuals) will last one to one and half hours and will be facilitated by two members of the research team.

The views of the participants will be used to help us to understand more about the actual exposure of citizens to chemicals and the possible health effects and will help inform EU policy in this area.

All participants will receive a €50 One4All gift card for taking part. Light refreshments will also be provided.

If you are interested in taking part in this discussion group, then please register by sending an email to [Cora.Murray@hse.ie](mailto:Cora.Murray@hse.ie) giving your name and daytime contact telephone number or telephone 074 9123759