

## Save-the-Date/Invitation

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The types and combinations as well as applications of advanced materials are numerous and a structured approach to assessing the existence of potential risks and their regulatory coverage through legislation is an emerging and complex task. The term “advanced materials” is currently commonly understood as addressing a heterogeneous group of new or modified materials with improved properties in terms of their application. They are used in high-performance applications and are thought to be high value products. The many types and combinations of advanced materials as well as the high number of (potential) applications makes the assessment of risks and the identification of regulatory need for action complex and challenging. Currently there is no commonly agreed on or regulatory definition of the term “advanced materials”.

Against this background the German Environment Agency (UBA) recently started a project to discuss the implications of “advanced materials” on chemical safety in a series of three international conferences (see project description). At the first of the three conferences, which will take place from December 5th till 6th 2019 on the premises of German Environment Agency (Dessau), the following topics will be discussed:

- What should be regarded as “advanced materials”,
- What applications exist and are likely to occur in the future and
- How could they be categorised or defined for risk assessment and/or regulatory purposes?

In total 75 persons from different stakeholder groups may participate in this two days event. The conference will consist of presentations on the topic as well as break-out group discussions, thus allowing sufficient time and opportunity for in-depth discussions and exchange of experience.

The German Environment Agency (UBA) invites you personally to participate in this

## Advanced Materials - 1<sup>st</sup> Topic Conference

### Relevant materials, their applications and future markets

December 05 – 06, 2019 at the German Environment Agency (UBA) in Dessau

To attend the conference please register under: <https://events.oekopol.de/en/events/english-i2-advanced-materials-1st-topic-conference/>. Under this reference you can as well find the project description and a travel information document informing about how to get to Dessau and hotel accommodation. Further details on the agenda will be provided to registered participants during September 2019.

For further questions do not hesitate to contact the organisation team at Ökopol directly under [events@oekopol.de](mailto:events@oekopol.de)

Best regards

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