

# New IT Tools – ECHA's outlook

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# Strategic objectives as drivers for ECHA's future work

1. Maximise the availability of **high quality data** to enable the safe manufacture and use of chemicals
2. Mobilise authorities to **use data intelligently** to identify and address chemicals of concern
3. Address **scientific challenges** by serving as a hub for building the scientific and regulatory capacity of Member States, European institutions and other actors
4. Embrace current and new legislative tasks **efficiently and effectively**, while adapting to upcoming resource constraints

## Business needs and ambitions

- Getting ready for 2018: the last REACH Registration deadline
  - Support for SME's: e.g. simplification as much as possible, more built-in help text, 'business scenario' specific support (member of joint submission, no CSR)
  - Avoid 'free-riding'
- Increase the quality of data as enabler for the efficiency and effectiveness of other REACH processes: substance screening for further scrutiny and for regulatory processes, dissemination, etc.
- Rationalise and streamline the IT applications in relation to communication between industry and ECHA, e.g. traceability of compliance check decisions and reactions by industry

## The projects

- REACH-IT 3.0 (ECHA)
- IUCLID 6 (OECD/ECHA)
  - Simplification for smaller companies, new software architecture and new functions, e.g. data access management (ECHA)
  - Revision of hazard-related OECD Harmonised Templates (OECD Harmonised Templates Group)
  - New OECD Harmonised Templates on use and exposure (OECD – TFEA and CSR/ES Roadmap Working Group)
- Chesar 3 (ECHA)

## REACH-IT 3

- What – current ideas (under discussion)
  - Support for SME's: simplification where possible
  - Avoid 'free-riding': more stringent on forcing Joint submissions in conjunction with support of data-sharing disputes
  - Implement a 'task' driven communication to have a better possibility for tracking, tracing and follow up of communication between ECHA and Industry
- When?
  - Planned release Q1 2016
- How do we collaborate?
  - Industry user group (Concawe, Cefic and Eurometaux)
  - Roadmap 2018 activities

# OECD Harmonised Templates

- What?
  - “Clean up” and improvements based on experience from using the templates
  - New elements: alignment to the GHS criteria in the relevant phys-chem templates; other requirements, e.g. EOGRTS, nano-related information
  - Harmonised templates to better capture key information on use and exposure (together with REACH-specific elements in IUCLID):
    - opportunity to inform authorities about i) uses under strictly controlled conditions or ii) uses with minor tonnage to avoid potential SVHC roadmapping
    - i.e. avoid prioritisation for further scrutiny and/or regulatory action)
- When? Finalisation by summer 2014
- How do we collaborate? Consultation at OECD level and via CSR/ES Roadmap working groups

- What?
  - Development of IUCLID 6 as a platform to facilitate the customisation of the tool by other jurisdictions and its integration with other IT systems
  - 'Simplified' IUCLID for SMEs
  - Improved possibilities to align with companies business models (security settings)
  - Improved and customisable reporting: a way to further implement GPS?
  - Facilitated implementation of new and revised Harmonised Templates
  - Other new features under discussion/development
- When?
  - An initial version already available in 2015, followed by the official release in Q1 2016
- How do we collaborate?
  - OECD IUCLID user group
  - Industry user group (Concawe, Cefic and Eurometaux)
  - Roadmap 2018 activities

## Chesar 3

- What?
  - Enhance the exchange possibilities with IUCLID
  - Broaden the scope of the application to more complex types of chemicals
  - 'Simplify' the more straight-forward assessments
  - Provide more support and training
- When?
  - Release planned Q1 2016
- How do we collaborate?
  - Chesar consultation group

## Final thoughts

- ECHA, Industry, European Commission and the MSCA's see (different) needs for improvements in the IT Tools that benefit multiple stakeholders
- We have to find the right balance between the cost of the changes and the benefits: proportionality is key
- We can only together, in a constructive dialogue, establish what can be considered proportionate
- There are many opportunities to work together, use them and use them well!

Thank you!

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