

# ESCom Package: what is in it for your company!

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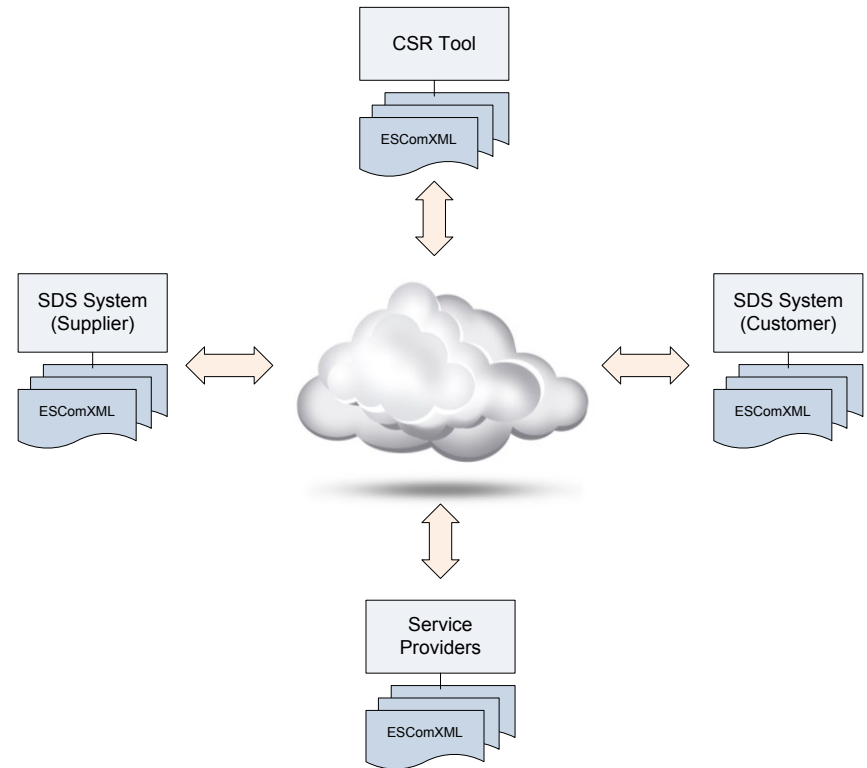
## Agenda:

- I. **Introduction:** why ESCom is needed, where does it fit and how the package is structured
- II. **Updates on the state of play:** ESCom package, release Version 2.0
- III. **ESCom implementation:** How to use it in practice

## I. Introduction

ESCom activities fall under **Action Area 3 of CSR/ES roadmap** as they aim to further develop IT tools and standardisation to exchange Exposure Scenarios for communication along the supply chain.

Implementing ESCom would help to exchange standardized information in the supply chain



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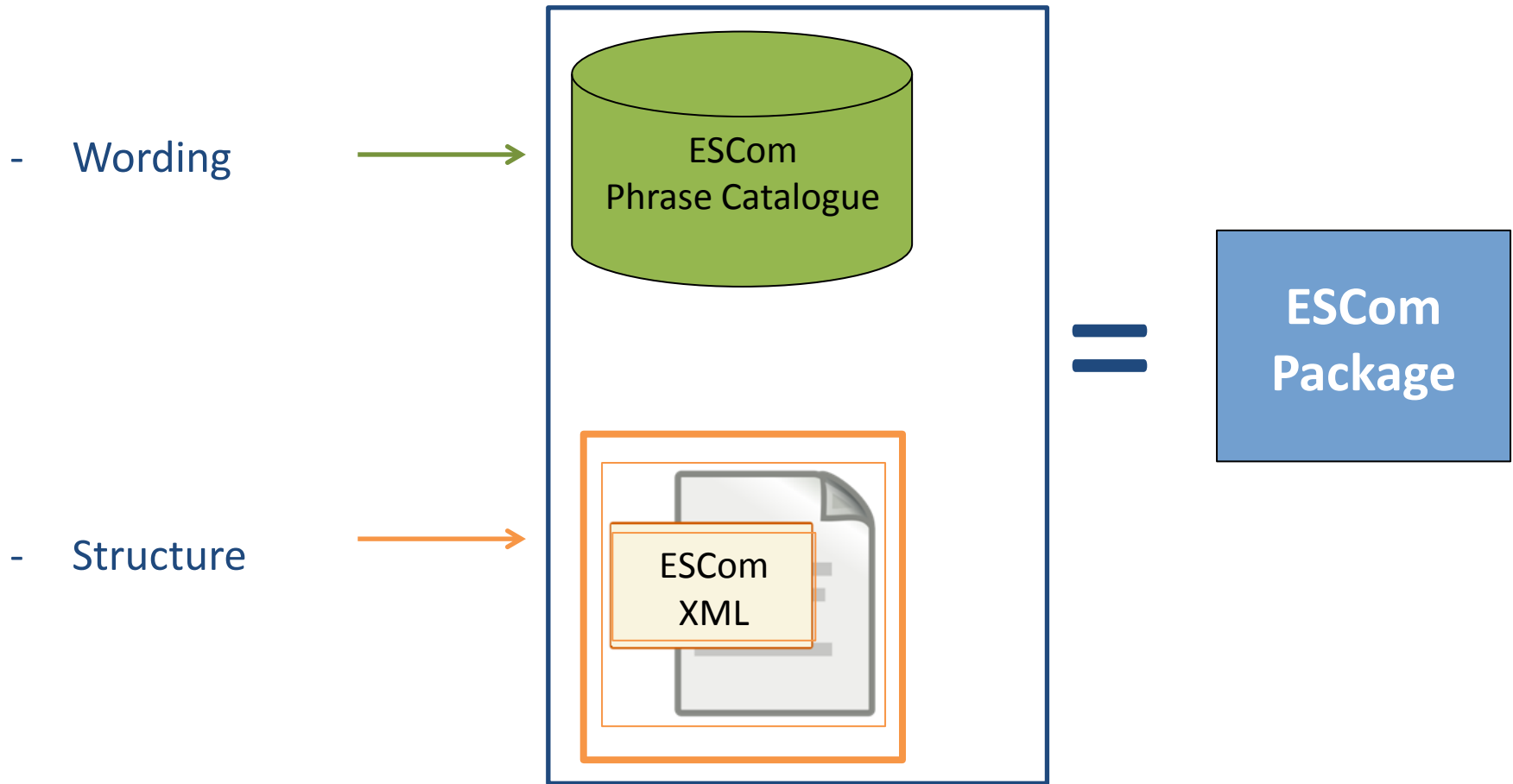
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### What are the benefits of the improvement in communication?

- Quality
  - Completeness of information
  - Consistency and clarity of exchanged data
  - Avoid human errors
- Automation
  - Eliminate manual data entry/data extraction
  - Facilitate processing of voluminous information
  - Visibility and tracking data exchange

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To support the exchange of information via the ESs for communication along the supply chain, standardization is required at different levels:

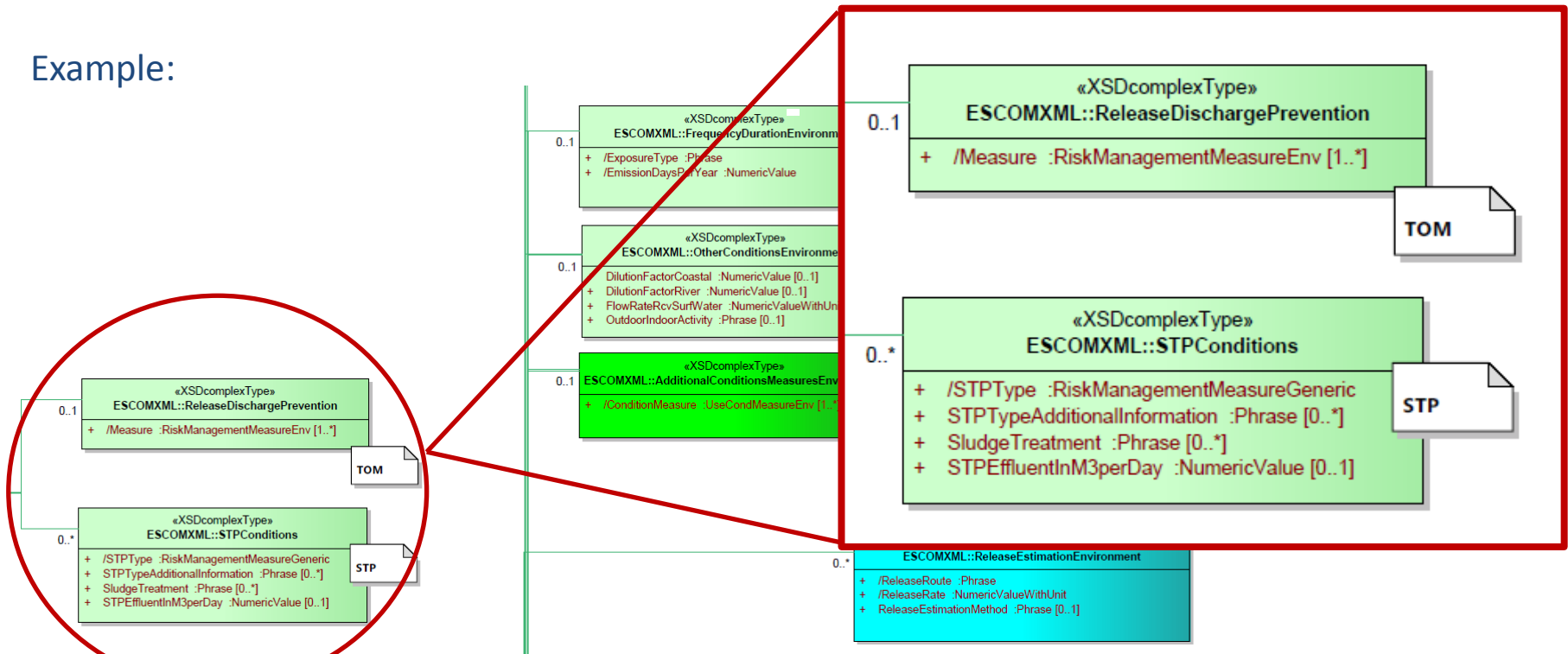


## II. Updates on the state of play: ESCom Version 2.0

### What is new in the ESCom XML? (1/2)

As in the old version, the XML is composed of different **Sections and Sub-Sections** that correspond to the sections and sub-sections that can be found in the ES, such as Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), Technical and Organisational Measures (TOM), ... and each section and sub-section includes one or more **attributes**.

Example:



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### What is new in the ESCom XML? (2/2)

Changes have now been implemented to fulfil different needs:

- **Mapping** to phrase Catalogue: attributes' data types have been changed to be consistent with rules defined for phrases and with the content of the ES
- Support for **new communication requirements**: need to include additional info, e.g. attributes for ES structured short titles (SST)
- Alignment with **ES template** published by ECHA: sections and attributes included for each one of them have been modified
- Temporary elements to support adaptation period, e.g. generic sections
- Elements to support areas where **future developments** still needed, e.g. fields in ES Section 4

The version 2.0 of the ESCom XML was finalized by the IT provider Group at the beginning of May and once published with the Phrase Catalogue 2.0, **the XML 2.0 will be stable for at least 2 years.**

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### What is new in the ECom Phrase Catalogue? (1/2)

As in the old version, the Catalogue includes a list of phrases and for each phrase a set of metadata is specified.

ES Phrases - Master workfile - V2.0

Phrase Identification					Catalogue Metadata				XML Metadata
Unique Phrase code	Phrase Status	Previous Phrase code	Phrase Description (English)	Phrase Originator	ES Section	Contributing Scenario Sub-header	Phrase Function	Target Group	XML Field
				1	1	1	1	Wrk	1
11133171435	A		Provide extract ventilation to material transfer points and other openings.	ESIG	Section 2 - Conditions	TOM	content	X	TechnicalOrganisationalMeasuresWorkers.Measure.MeasurePhrase
11133171436	A		Handle in a fume cupboard or under extract ventilation.	ESIG	Section 2 - Conditions	TOM	content	X	TechnicalOrganisationalMeasuresWorkers.Measure.MeasurePhrase

However, the structure itself of the Catalogue has been modified to improve the quality of information included:

- General **'cleaning'** of already existing metadata (= categorization of every phrase) to improve readability of the phrases' list
- Inclusion of **mapping** to the XML
- Additional **worksheets with explanation** of possible metadata entries that can be assigned
- Deletion of redundant columns



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In addition,

- Quality review for ES **Section 2** phrases → Cleaning of list after application of new rules developed by the Phrase WG and presented at ENES 7 ( these rules are available in a guidance)
- Streamlining → Identification and Inactivation of **duplications**
- Inclusion of **new phrases** to ensure that each XML attribute is populated
- **Sector phrases** reviewed → Identification of phrases that can be streamlined between sectors, evaluation of suitability of phrases for communication to DU, ...
- **Assessment tools' phrases** reviewed
- Phrases from **on-line proposal tool**

After the 2.0 release, the Phrase catalogue will continue to be updated twice a year and the subsequent release will follow by the end of 2015 including additional cleaning, e.g. extensive quality review applied also to sections 3, 1 and 4, new phrases from proposal tools, ...

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### What other elements will support the package distribution:

- Updated guidance documents
- Attributes descriptions and definitions
- Examples of possible metadata combinations associated to the phrases
- Proposal tool: <http://content.euphrac.eu/Default.aspx?Language=en>
- Functional mailbox to direct questions and feedback

All the above information will be available on ESCom webpage:

<http://www.cefic.org/Industry-support/Implementing-reach/escom/>

and news will be also published via Roadmap website:

<http://echa.europa.eu/csr-es-roadmap>

## III. ECom implementation

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**Companies using chemicals:** start aligning their IT system to ECom 2.0 and align existing ES content to ECom standard

- How are we **managing ES creation and maintenance**? Do I have an expert/team in my company that deals with ES management?
- Is my **sector** following ECom activities and can act as mediator ? Did my sector develop a set of standard phrases?
- Do I rely on **IT system** for generation/storing of ES? If yes, check with IT providers how they are going to implement ECom
- What **actions** are **needed** to ensure that my ES in the future are following the ES standard (structure, content, process)

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**IT Providers:** support companies through implementation and discuss business needs

- As an IT provider, am I aware of the content of the package and do I plan to support ESCOMXML generally and the 2.0 release specifically?
- If so, define the **release schedule** of the necessary features and contact customers and discuss with them implementation steps
- Discuss with companies the **business needs and strategy** for sharing ES data via ECom XML with their customers and, according to the complexity of the company organization, within the company
- Gather **feedback from customers** during implementation and contact XML Working Group in case there are suggestions for additional needs.

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**Sectors:** support companies and help them to provide feedback to ECom WGs. Identify where ECom complements their activities.

- Promote package and its **integration with other activities** under CSR/ES roadmap
- **Gather feedback** from members on the implementation steps and suggest to ECom WGs where additional support and guidance is needed
- Make sure that **set of phrases** existing in the Catalogue can adequately support communication for the market sectors relevant for my association

**Assessment tool owners:** make sure that the package is compatible with tool content

- Make sure that **set of phrases** in the catalogue can cover communication needs related with the assessment tool
- Start to consider how to align its input/output with pick-lists included in the phrase catalogue

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**ECom WGs (\*)**: gather industry feedback and translate this into improvement of the package. Provide additional guidance and support where needed.

- **Phrase WG** to continue the phrases cleaning, liaising with sectors, tool owners, evaluate phrases proposals from companies and to support inclusion of new sets of phrases when a related Roadmap activity delivers
- **XML WG** to gather technical feedback received from companies and evaluate where improvement is possible
- **Members of ESCOM WGs** participating in expert WG, Task forces to promote the package and to make sure that it develops consistently

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