



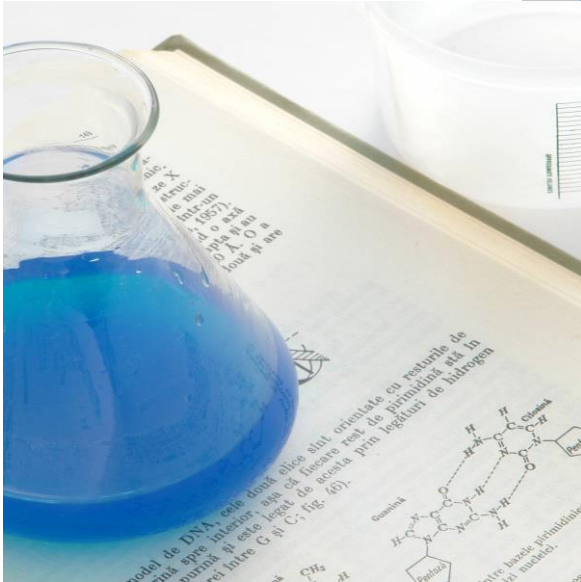
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Relevance of ENES for REACH and for REACH Review Action 3

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REACH evaluation: rationale & methodology

Legal obligation for the Commission to review the functioning of REACH every 5 years

Information sources:

- **Member States reports**
- **European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) reports**
- **16 thematic studies (between 2014 and 2017)**
- **Stakeholder views**
- **Experience gained through implementation**



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Second REACH review: key findings

After 10 years REACH is fully operational and delivers results:

- ✓ *A comprehensive data set on substances.*
- ✓ *Progress in the phasing out of substances of very high concern.*
- ✓ *Improvement of the risk management measures at the workplace.*
- ✓ ***Improvement of the communication and transparency in the supply chain.***
- ✓ *The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) plays an instrumental role in REACH implementation.*
- ✓ *Costs seem to be justified by expected benefits which have started to materialise.*

+ REACH Review recognizes role of tools developed by ENES



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Second REACH review: actions

Implementation:

Further improvements needed!

16 concrete action points

(with Member States, ECHA and industry)



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Actions relevant to ENES

ACTION 3: improve workability and quality of extended Safety Data Sheets (eSDS). *Why?*

- Information is too lengthy and not sufficiently practical
- Need to expand the use of harmonised formats and IT tools to facilitate dissemination and use
- Deficiencies on information in the exposure scenarios is an obstacle for formulators responsible for SDS for mixtures

Actors involved : Commission and ECHA with the help of **industry. ECHA to develop methodology for SDS for mixtures.**



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ACTION 3: improve workability and quality of extended Safety Data Sheets (eSDS)

Sub-action 1.

The Commission encourages **more industry sectors to develop and use harmonized formats and IT tools** that would provide more user-targeted information and simplify the preparation of the eSDS as well as facilitate their electronic distribution

*Leading actor: **Industry** and ECHA → **ENES tools!***
Others: Commission



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ACTION 3: improve workability and quality of extended Safety Data Sheets (eSDS)

Sub-action 2.

The Commission will consider setting up minimum requirements for the exposure scenarios for substances and mixtures in SDSs...

Leading actor: Commission

*Others: ECHA, **Industry** → **ENES!***



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... and [the Commission] will request ECHA to develop a methodology for SDSs for mixtures

Leading actor: ECHA

ACTION 12(1): How to use REACH tools (e.g. exposure scenarios, SDSs) to enhance the effectiveness of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) legislation



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REACH Review Action 3

Way forward

I. Scoping Phase

(Jan-Nov. 2019)

To collect realistic ideas for potential solutions to improve workability and quality.

2 workshops (BXL,HEL); interviews and bilaterals by ECHA with stakeholders; IT providers; projects within ENES

Key outcomes:

- Strong need for digitalisation
- Requests for mandatory regulatory requirements for exposure scenarios in eSDSs
- No alternatives identified for the proposed holistic approach
- Need to match better information with end user needs

Key actors:

- Industry (producers, manufacturers, sector associations, IT tool providers)
- Member States
- Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) 'community'



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Way forward

II. Development Phase

(from Dec. 2019)

To develop the basis for the potential new, more efficient and workable solutions.

ECHA and COM to work together with industry, other stakeholders and Member State Competent Authorities.



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III. Consultation Phase

Formal consultation on the selected solutions



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Conclusions

- **ENES has developed a number of useful tools to improve the flow of safety information in the supply chain.**
- **COM encourages an increased use of the available ENES tools.**
- **COM encourages development of ENES-tools for additional industry sectors.**
- **COM sees an important role for ENES in the further development of the elements and tools of the holistic eSDS system, as identified in the RRA3 scoping phase.**

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Thank you

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