

# Opening address

## Ninth Stakeholders' Day

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**Welcome to ECHA!**



## Welcome!

- Over 300 joined us here and many more online
  - Participants from 40 countries:  
Brazil, China, Canada, India, Japan, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, USA and many EU Member States
- Over 200 companies and 40 associations
  - 130 SMEs
  - 105 registrants
  - 90 downstream users



## Programme

- Three plenary sessions
  - Road to the 2018 deadline for REACH registrations
  - Evaluation and supply chain communication
  - Risk management and classification & labelling
- Five guest speakers from industry and environmental NGOs
- We look forward to networking with you
  - One-to-one sessions
  - Information stands
  - Meet ECHA staff after the programme
  - Follow discussions about the day on Twitter @EU\_ECHA and submit questions to the panel using the hashtag #Sday9



**Building for the future**



## Moving towards REACH 2018

- We are committed to helping SMEs
  - Many activities are already on-going or in the planning
  - Information available in 23 languages
- Revised IT-tools scheduled for 2016
- Dedicated opening web page for 2018 registration later this year
- Many companies have already started to prepare their registrations – don't miss the train!

## Getting ready for CLP 2015 deadlines

- The transitional period from the old directive to the new regulation ends in June 2015
- Classification and labelling of mixtures according to CLP is to be in place by 1 June 2015
- Many more SMEs affected than by registration
- ECHA, the Commission and Member States are working together to raise awareness

## Learning from the past

- Annual Evaluation Report 2013 has many useful tips for future registrants
- Quality of information is key to avoiding regulatory intervention by ECHA or the Member States but also in building trust with customers and consumers
- Take ownership of your dossier and make sure it is also updated after the deadline



## Novelties on authorisation applications

- It works:
  - First applications through in four months, more coming
- Increased transparency and efficiency
  - Updated, easier to fill application formats
  - Simpler submission with REACH IT
  - Information for public consultation on alternatives increased
- Revamped website with a new “landing page”
- New “Partners’ Service” for applicants

Wishing you a  
productive day

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