

Background paper — retroperspective analysis

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Challenges

- Chemicals a complex issue (cocktail effect, effects in later generations, etc.)
- Effects of hazardous chemicals often underestimated and it takes decades to regulate them
- Multiple factors for health effects
- Paralysis by analysis?
- Who covers the costs?
- Implementation of results?



Positive Effects

- Adjustments to reality
- Increased effectiveness
- Learning for the future
- Goals and indicators specified,
 quantified, clear and varifiable



Negative Effects

- Uncertainty for businesses
- Disruption of structures in implementation,
 enforcement, in different countries
- Increased bureaucratic burden on authorities (no change of burden of proof possible)
- Delays implementation (e.g. RMOA for SVHCs)
- Open government only when comments having an effect (150.000 PC on TTIP)
- It's politics, stupid



Already in place?

- REACH review
- REFIT
- Changes in implementation

Does it deliver?



Thank you!

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