

Report from Pilot project on Use maps application Workshop on 4 May 2017

The workshop and its objectives

On 4 May 2017, a workshop was organised in Brussels in order to kick-off the “Pilot Project on Use Maps application”. This project is managed by Cefic under the umbrella of the ENES (Exchange Network on Exposure Scenarios) activities.

This project is intended to demonstrate through practical real life examples/situations how sector use maps and the related SUMIs (Safe Use of Mixtures Information) support registrations and supply chain communication. Work steps, feedback and experience gathered during the project will be documented, the results of which will be shared at a meeting of the Exchange Network on Exposure Scenarios (ENES) later this year.

The workshop was attended by 17 participants¹ representing all the active volunteers² involved in the “Pilot project on Use maps application”, including registrants, downstream user (DU) sector organisations, consultants and ECHA.

The core activity of the project is the generation and communication of exposure scenarios for selected substances that enter into the composition of a mixture³: participants playing the role of registrants will generate exposure scenarios for communication using use maps made available by the sector associations participating in the project. The exposure scenario generated by the registrants will then be provided to participants playing the role of formulators who will compare the information received from various registrants and will compare to the related SWEDs (Sector-Specific Worker Exposure Description). In addition, the formulators will also check if they can provide Safe Use of Mixture Information (via the correlated SUMI), on the basis of the exposure scenario received for the various ingredients of their mixture.

During the workshop, DU sector organisations involved in the project have suggested some substances and typical uses (included in their use maps) for the first tests expected within the frame of the project. The general approach to be implemented in the 1st phase of the project was agreed among the participants, but also the scope and the allocation of selected substances among registrants. The participants agreed to start the project with a limited scope in a first step.

During the workshop, ECHA made a short demo on how registrants could use Chesar⁴ to generate the exposure scenario for communication using use maps in a Chesar format.

Next steps

This workshop on the Pilot project on Use maps application was constructive and allowed an open technical discussion. The work from the volunteers will continue after the workshop. The first results and experiences on the pilot exercise will be available before the summer.

Cefic will organize further exchanges in the future.

A second phase with a broader scope will be discussed after the results of the first phase, which are expected by mid-June.

¹ FEICA, EFCC, AISE, DUCC, Shell, Clariant, Borealis, ExxonMobil, ERM, AG-HERA, Toxminds, 3E Company, Versalis and ECHA.

² Call for volunteers organised by Cefic in February-March 2017.

³ The mixtures are arbitrary and may not represent real life.

⁴ In the first phase of the project, the assessment is based on the ECETOC TRA only.