

DIRECTORS' CONTACT GROUP

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On 4 June 2014, the Directors' Contact Group (DCG) held its second meeting under its new (third) Terms of Work.

Since its first meeting of 15 January 2014, the DCG has focused on the costs related to the mandatory data sharing needed to fulfil the information requirements of registration dossiers as they constitute one of the main cost factors for SMEs and other companies preparing for the 2018 REACH registration deadline.

The DCG sees its own best practice recommendations to be complementary to the support provided by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Consequently, the group agreed to cover areas that are not in the remit of ECHA under its mandate provided by the REACH Regulation.

ECHA is currently elaborating a 2018 REACH Registration Roadmap which is to include multiple support products. This roadmap will be consulted with its accredited stakeholder organisations, the Member States competent authorities as well as the European Commission services and will be made public in the second half of this year.

In this light, at its meeting of 4 June 2014, the DCG adopted two Best Practice Documents, namely

- A "Checklist to hire a good consultant, first edition", and
- A document on "considerations to be made when joining an existing SIEF".

The DCG agreed that these documents will be published on ECHA's website and also be promoted by DCG members using their respective communication channels, also for the benefit of the Downstream User manufacturing industry.

The above-mentioned "Checklist" is published as a "first edition". The DCG envisages updating it by a second edition towards the end of 2014, based on feedback to be received by ECHA from REACH national helpdesks and registrants or consultants using the checklist.

Over the last months, the DCG has also progressed on elaborating best practice advice on fair and transparent cost sharing in SIEFs as well as sound SIEF management. The DCG intends to adopt these documents at its next meeting.