

## Single point of access to *use-* *maps*: Hosting solution

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### Current situation

- Not (always) clear where *use maps* and related SPERCs, SCEDs or SWEDs (= *use map package*) can be found:
  - Cefic's Overview table of associations' activities -31 entries.
  - Individual organisations' / sectors' web sites.
- Need to know where to look!
- Data users (registrants) need to locate and visit many sites.
- Significant differences in format.
- Reliance on authors to keep content up to date.

## Alternative arrangement

- Single point of access
  - Proposed at ENES9 (November 2015) by industry: ECHA to host?
  - CSR/ES Roadmap-ENES Coordination Group members supportive.
- Repository of completed sector use maps accessible to registrants.
- Launched survey:
  - Feedback from downstream user and registrant "sectors".
  - Location of use maps and related exposure assessment inputs?
  - Functionality/Features of site: your needs?

## Single point of access: Options

1. One hosting site:
  - All sector use map packages available and related exposure assessment inputs from sectors are available, and the
  - Host (in cooperation with an industry review group) carries out some basic checks to ensure approximation of formats and presence of key contents
2. Distributed hosting
  - One overview table of available use maps
  - links to the source sector web page(s) where the use maps are hosted

### Survey:

- Slight preference for Option 1.
- Location - ECHA's web site favoured.

## Single point of access: Features

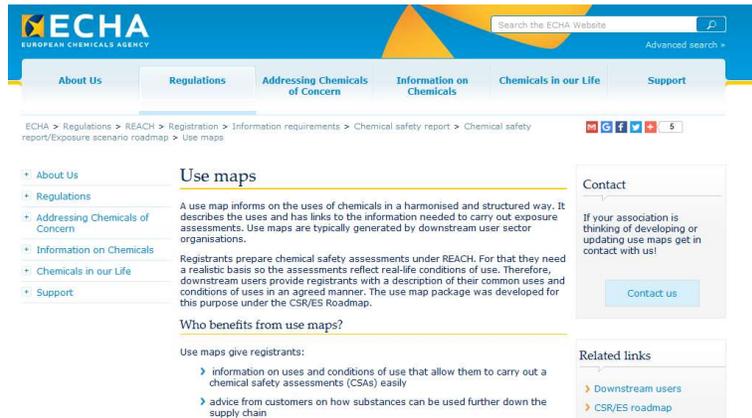
- Free access
- Easy to download any use map file(s) directly from the repository.
  - Excel format;
  - Chesar format;
- Includes contact points for sectors.
- Easy for authoring sector to upload file(s) (directly or via host).
- Easy to maintain for authoring sector (e.g. web-based on-line access)
- Includes current status of work from sectors.
- Contains guidance documents potentially developed by the sectors
- Remark: Stable use maps needed; upload when finalised; avoid continuous updating.

Conclusion: practical, straightforward/simple features are enough.

## Way forward (1)

- ECHA prepared to host sector use maps packages.
- Utilise CSR/ES Roadmap's web page as location:
  - Retain strong connection to Roadmap's activities.
  - Web page currently hosts the new templates: one stop shop!
  - Create "table" of completed sector use maps.
  - Basic fitness-for-purpose check by industry/ECHA review group.
  - Freely and easily access to download files.
  - Sector submits to ECHA via web form with some basic data on authoring sector e.g. sector contact point.
  - Sectors can still publish on own site and link to ECHA's page.

## Use maps web page



The screenshot shows the ECHA website page for 'Use maps'. The page features a blue header with the ECHA logo and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for 'About Us', 'Regulations', 'Addressing Chemicals of Concern', 'Information on Chemicals', 'Chemicals in our Life', and 'Support'. The main content area is titled 'Use maps' and includes a breadcrumb trail: 'ECHA > Regulations > REACH > Registration > Information requirements > Chemical safety report > Chemical safety report/Exposure scenario roadmap > Use maps'. A left sidebar contains a table of contents with links to 'About Us', 'Regulations', 'Addressing Chemicals of Concern', 'Information on Chemicals', 'Chemicals in our Life', and 'Support'. The main text explains that use maps provide a harmonised and structured way to describe chemical uses, typically generated by downstream users. It also mentions that registrants prepare chemical safety assessments under REACH, and use maps provide a realistic basis for these assessments. A section titled 'Who benefits from use maps?' lists that use maps give registrants information on uses and conditions of use to facilitate CSAs, and provide advice to customers on how substances can be used further down the supply chain. On the right side, there is a 'Contact' section with a 'Contact us' button and a 'Related links' section with links to 'Downstream users' and 'CSR/ES roadmap'. Social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube are also visible.

<http://echa.europa.eu/csr-es-roadmap/use-maps>

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## Way forward (2)

- Alternative: utilise CIRCABC configured as a public site: sectors can upload use maps directly themselves
  - Constrained in respect of layout.
  - Includes additional functionality of CIRCABC e.g. Newsgroups discussion forum.
- Disclaimer: Data remains the responsibility of author.

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