Opening of the seminar

Seminar on applications for authorisation
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A new process with high expectations

- Authorisation was one of the most controversial aspects of REACH during the negotiations.
  - A lot of expectations
- Authorisation is also new for all parties;
  - We (potential applicants, third parties and ECHA) are “learning by doing”
  - Communication, pragmatism and sharing of experiences will play a key role
- Uncertainties remain on some particular aspects
  - ECHA has worked with the Stakeholders and the Commission, to bring clarifications.
  - Overall the application process is clear.
- First applications due in May 2013
  - Almost 10 notifications received
  - 4 pre-submission information sessions held, more planned

Transparency

- ECHA's preparations for handling applications for authorisation has been discussed with all the Stakeholders.
  - Seminars on 12 April 2011 and 1-2 October 2012 with the Industry
  - Three meetings with the NGOs and the Industry on public consultation on alternatives (in 2011-21)
  - ECHA has participated in several conferences organised by the Industry or the Member States.
  - This is the third seminar, primarily targeted to the potential applicants
- All presentations will be made available on ECHA's website.
- A common understanding, general acceptance and best use of the authorisation procedure is a key for this system to function as it was meant.

Trustworthiness

- Applications for authorisation dossiers and the discussions in the ECHA Committees and the Commission will certainly contain confidential information
- Therefore, appropriate solutions have been found to ensure that (commercially) sensitive information is kept in trust, whilst the overall functioning and objectives of this procedure are guaranteed.
  - Management Board, and its advisory group on dissemination, have given their consent on important issues, for instance:
    - What to make public during public consultation
    - How to involve stakeholders and caseowners during opinion making

Objectives for the seminar

- Present how the authorisation requirement and procedure will be implemented
- Help future applicants to become more familiar with:
  - Their rights and obligations
  - The procedure
  - The formats, templates and pieces of guidance
- Consultants and advisors to give fit for purpose information
  - Demystification
- For ECHA, receive suggestions for improvement
- In sum, ensure that the application system works