



# Objectives of the authorisation procedure

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# Objectives

- ECHA's objective = to handle the authorisation process impartially, transparently, efficiently and with full trust of all
- ECHA needs to ensure that:
  - It receives the best possible information in the authorisation application
    - This may include confidential business information
  - It provides sufficient information to the public to allow them to provide meaningful input concerning alternative substances and technologies
- The stakeholders and the general public need to be confident that ECHA and the Commission handle the information correctly during opinion and decision making

# What does REACH foresee?

- Specific instances for public involvement:
  1. **Public consultation** to gather information on alternatives: sufficient information to allow best possible input needs to be published
    - Broad information on uses
    - Treatment of comments received during public consultation
  2. Publication of **non-confidential versions of the Committee opinions**
  3. Publication of **summaries of the decisions**

## Questions for discussion

- What information is needed by interested third parties/public at the different stages of the procedure?
  - How to ensure transparency, trust and impartiality?
- Any ideas/examples on how to derive « *broad description of uses* »?
- Suggestions on the treatment of the comments received during public consultation from third parties?