

“Prioritisation of REFs”

Forum Working Group Work Package A.1

“Prioritisation of REF Projects”

(Mandate adopted at Forum-47)

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Invited Experts

- Laura WILMS (DE)

Ad-hoc invited experts from BPRS (cooperating in the elaboration of the Registry of legal obligations subject to previous enforcement projects and BEF-3 topics):

- Helmut DE VOS (BE)
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Objective: Propose annually the subject for the next harmonised enforcement project coordinated by the Forum and BPRS (i.e. REF and BEF Projects)

Mandate: According to the working procedure for the prioritisation and selection of REF and BEF projects, the WG shall:

1. Review annually a list of proposals for REF and BEF, when needed, projects submitted by Forum members, ECHA Secretariat, the Commission and the Stakeholder Organisations accredited by ECHA (ASOs);
2. Prioritise the subjects by applying Forum’s methodology for the prioritisation, selection and management of REF and BEF projects
3. Draft a recommendation proposing the subject for the next REF and BEF project
4. Elaborate and update an inventory of project recommendations subject to previous enforcement projects in the following regulatory areas: REACH, CLP, PIC, POP, BPR.
5. Propose to the Forum topics for pilot and small-scale projects as an output of the prioritisation exercise where appropriate.
6. In addition, the WG will revise, when needed, the methodology for the prioritisation, selection and management of REF and BEF projects and implementing its working procedures to be adopted by the Forum.

The WG will operate from Forum-45 (November 2023) until the end of 2024 (end of the Forum MAWP 2024 – 2025). The mandate of the WG can be renewed to operate after this period.

Timelines:

- The basic timeframes are regulated by the Forum Methodology on Prioritisation and Selection of Project Proposals and the working procedure for the prioritisation and selection of harmonised enforcement projects coordinated by the Forum
- Shortlist of subjects for REF-14 by Forum-47
- Shortlist of subjects for BEF-4 by BPRS-28 (June 2026)