

A strategy to support substitution

- an important step for all

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#### **Outline**

- Why a strategy to promote substitution
- The four suggested action areas
- Today's workshop goals
- Next steps



#### The strategy

- Aim: to promote substitution in addition (!) to the regulatory stimulus
- Linked with current EU priorities of
  - circular economy,
  - sustainable manufacture and use of chemicals and
  - ECHA's strategic plan for 2019-23
- Promote best practices and change of mind-set
- Collaboration with all stakeholders is crucial
- Stepwise approach Four action areas

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#### **Action areas**

Capacity
building:
supply chain
workshops

Facilitating access to funding and support to R&D for substitution

Networking

Facilitating use of ECHA data for sustainable substitution



# Capacity building through supply chain workshops in 2018

- Share substitution challenge
- Learn from others
- Get new ideas
- Identify gaps and training needs
- **✓ ECHA** as a catalyst







# Facilitating access to funding and support to R&D for substitution



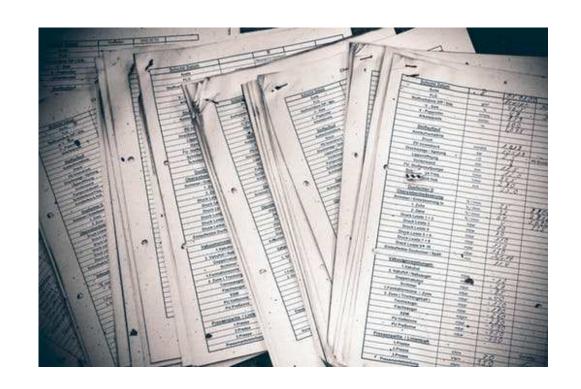
- Fostering technical and financial support
- Easier access
- Ensure substitution surfaces in the funding criteria
- At EU and national levels
- √ ECHA's role limited



## Facilitating use of ECHA data for sustainable substitution

- Make use of ECHA's data (e.g. hazard) for substitution
- Avoid regrettable substitution

✓ ECHA's role central





### Networking for analysis of alternatives and substitution



- For what purpose?
  - Share experience
  - Enhance collaboration
- Inter-authorities network?
- Multi-stakeholders networks?

**✓ ECHA's role?** 



#### **Goals for our workshop**

- Scrutinise and clarify ECHA substitution strategy in particular
  - "Supply chain workshops for substitution"
  - "Networking"
  - Develop concrete near-term actions and collaboration
  - Buy in



#### **Next steps**



- Approval of Management Board (Dec 2017)
- Implementation
  - Supply chain workshops (2018)
  - Stock taking
- Further elaboration (2019-)

#### → ECHA defining its role, how about yours...?

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#### **ECHA** defining its role

Learning by doing

Finding ways to substitute through better analysis of alternatives

Cannot and should not do substitution work alone

Capacity building: supply chain workshops

Facilitating access to funding and support to R&D for substitution

Discuss with financiers to "open windows"

Networking

Facilitating use of ECHA data for sustainable substitution

Use ECHA's data to avoid regrettable substitution

#### ECHA defining its role...

What are you doing

...to support substitution?



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