

Opening address

12th Stakeholders' Day

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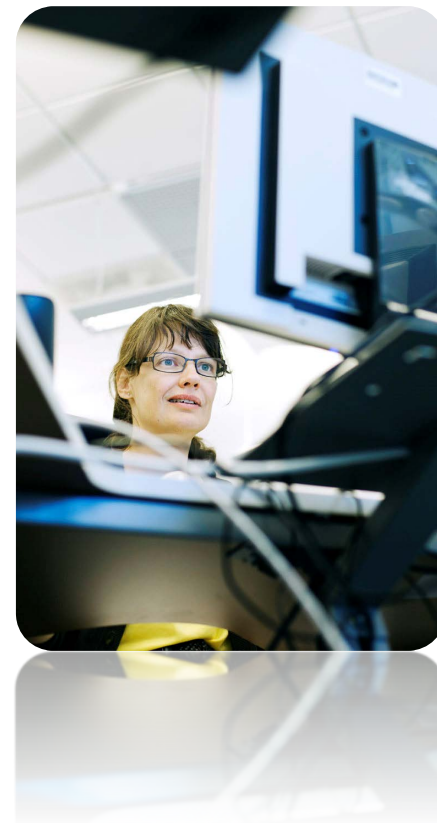
Thank you for joining us

- 240 in the room – more online
- From 42 countries (Europe, Africa, Americas, Asia)
- 176 companies and 23 associations
- 35 SMEs
- 170 took part in IT tool training
- 80 one-to-one sessions



You want and we aim to provide

- More practical examples
- More interaction
- IT tool training web-streamed
- One-to-one sessions: more time and possibility to discuss in your own language



This is a crucial year

- Preparing your registration for 2018
- Pre-register by 31 May 2017
- Make sure your registration meets the REACH & CLP requirements
- Our completeness check is now more thorough to make sure you get it right



You're not alone...



- Thousands of companies have registered
- Help is there – online, helpdesks, sector bodies
- ECHA dispute resolution
- Directors' group: ECHA, Commission and industry
 - Identifies and resolves most challenging issues for REACH 2018 – for example access to finance and SIEFs after 2018
- Contact your industry association to raise issues

My last year as Executive Director

- Making REACH a success has been my mission
- Not going to stop now

- We are ready to help and receive registrations
- Things are achievable for small companies - cloud

- My successor will lead you to the deadline
- Safer chemicals by 2020 – we've all played our parts!

10 years of REACH and ECHA

- Our story started 10 years ago
- Learning from the experience:
 - Litigation seminar on 24 May
 - Conference on 7 June
 - Memory wall and video of staff
- Thank you all for ten cooperative and productive years!



Save the dates for last minute help

**REACH 2018
Spring School**

15-19 May 2017

Stakeholders' Day

30-31 January 2018



Wishing you a very
successful year

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