

# Improving supply chain communication: now to 2020

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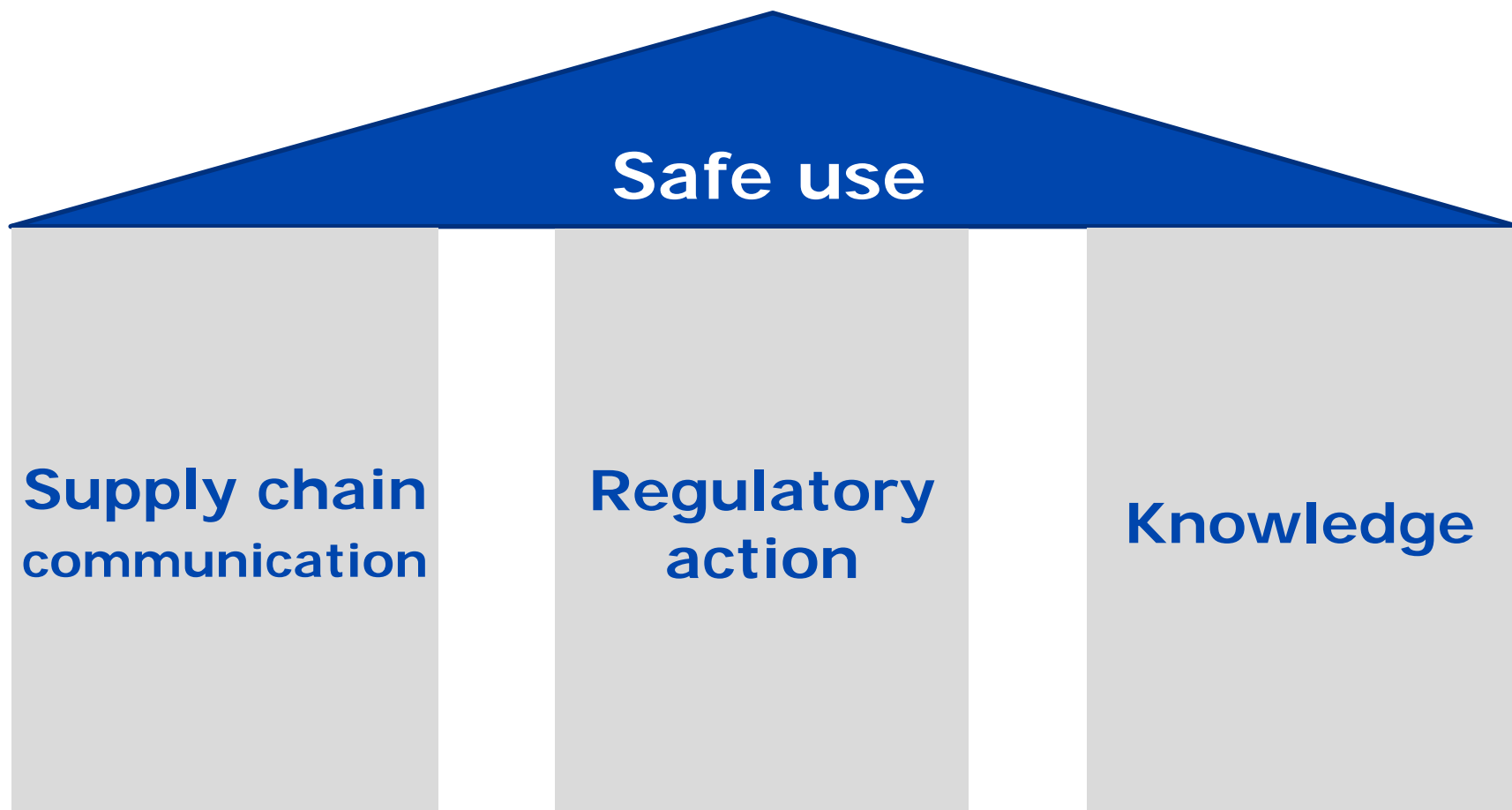


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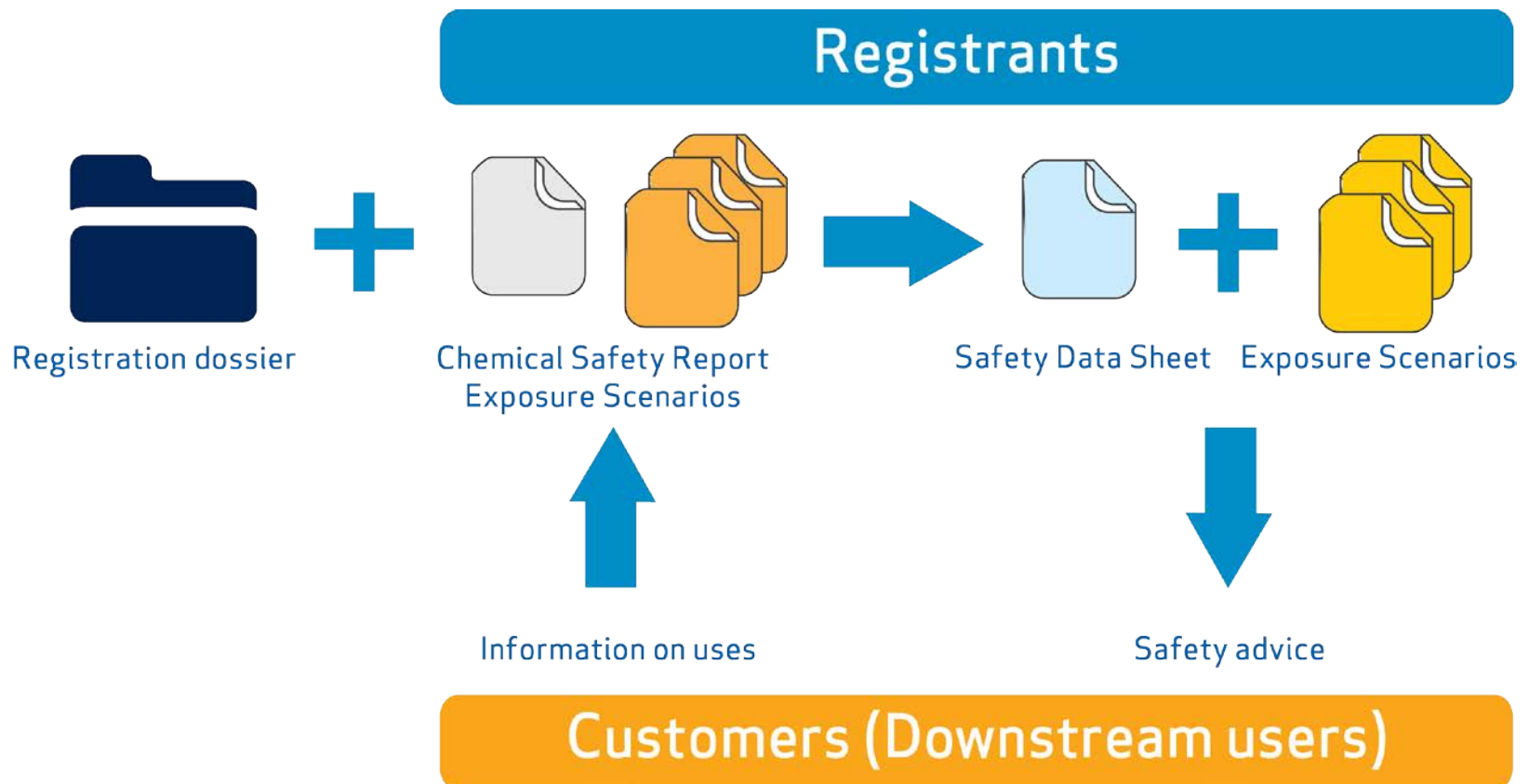
- Why we care about improving supply chain communication
- Where we are now
- What is planned for 2017-2020



# Basic pillars of chemicals legislation



# Communication in the supply chain





## Conclusions – first REACH review (2013)

- Increased communication in the supply chain
- Suppliers more informed about customer uses and needs
- **Significant** implementation problems:
  - Safety data sheets not of appropriate quality
  - Large and complicated exposure scenarios
  - Registrants not sufficiently aware of uses and use conditions, not able to properly link hazards and risk (in CSA) to appropriate exposure scenarios

# Roadmap for supply chain communication

## Chemical safety assessment



chesar

- Ensuring assessments are accurate, realistic and relevant and based on sector information on good practices

## Exposure scenarios



- Harmonisation of format and content
- Development of standard phrases (new [ESCom Package](#))
- [Annotated templates](#) and examples
- Automated IT communication

## Mixtures



- Developing methodologies to identify and communicate safe use information of mixtures

# Exchange Network on Exposure Scenarios

- Joint initiative with industry associations and Member States.



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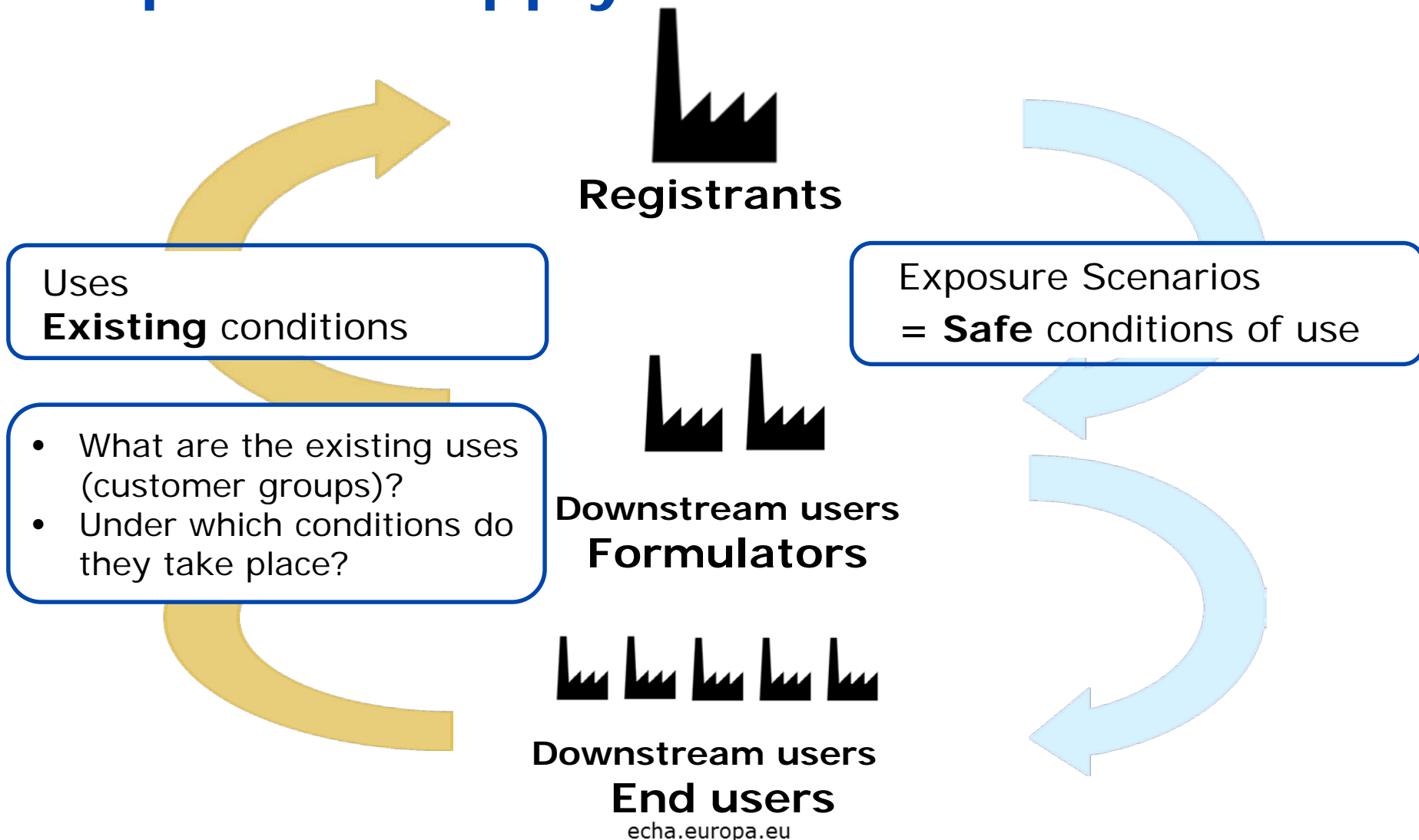


- 10 meetings with around 120 participants from industry, Member States' authorities and European Commission
- Aims to identify and share good practice on preparing and implementing exposure scenarios
- Forum to discuss output of the CSR/ES Roadmap

<http://echa.europa.eu/enes>

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# Improved supply chain communication





# Tools



Registration dossier



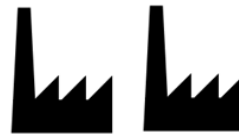
Public  
ECHA and Member States



Registrants

ESCom XML and  
phrase catalogue

**Exposure scenarios:**  
describing the conditions for  
safe use for **individual DU**



Downstream users  
Formulators

**Harmonised format**  
Safe use information  
for substances



Downstream users  
End users

**Harmonised format**  
Safe use information  
for mixtures

**Use maps** developed  
by **downstream user  
associations:**

- What are the uses relevant in one sector?
- Under which conditions do they take place?

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## Key findings from evaluation

- CSR Roadmap/ENES is considered **relevant** by both Member States and industry
- **Limited knowledge** of what tools are available, how they work and how they can be used
- **Frustration** that the ENES tools are not being consistently adopted, worked or maintained by different industry sectors/companies/consortia
- Many downstream users consider that the **translation** of the roadmap products into other EU languages will enhance implementation

For details: <https://echa.europa.eu/-/tenth-meeting-of-enes>



# 2017-2020 programme for improving the information on uses and risk management advice

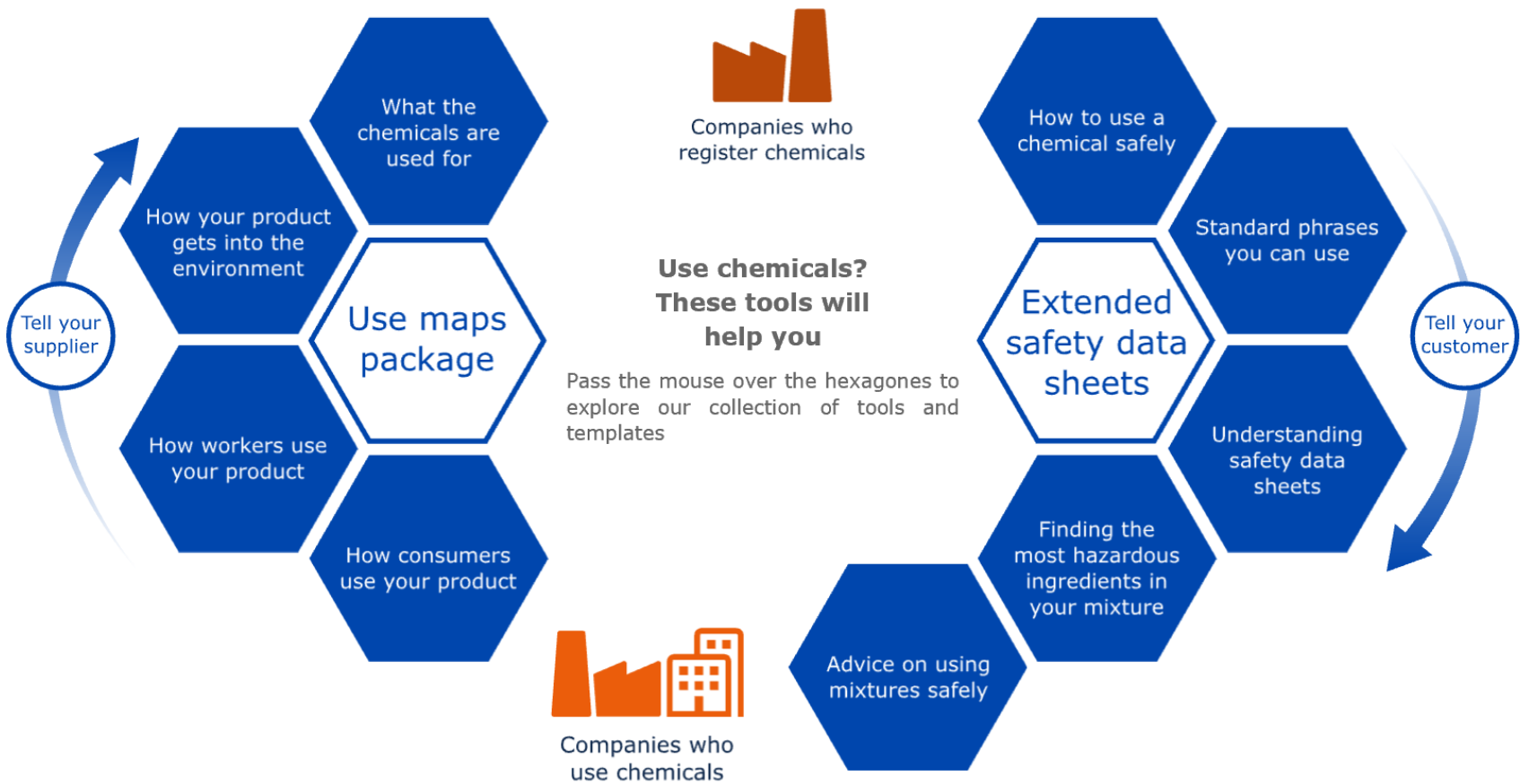
- 1. Maintain and adapt** the key tools for supply chain communication
- 2. Support** active sectors to set up and publish **use maps** for registrants' chemical safety assessment
  - Generate use maps in Chesar format
  - Support active registrants to incorporate use map information in dossiers



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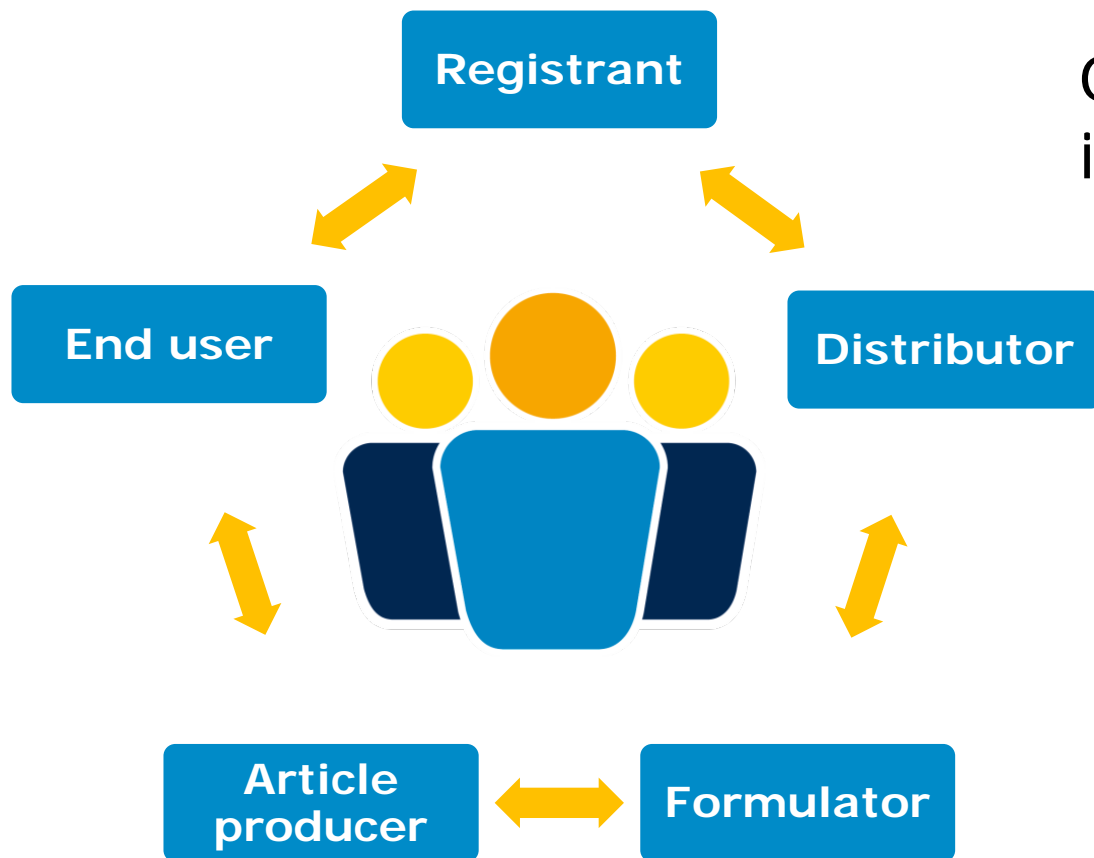
3. **Promote the use** of the tools to different groups: registrants, Member States, end users based on market research
4. **Include the end-user** perspective
  - Better understand needs and opportunities related to information on safe use of substances and mixtures
  - Make more effective use of REACH information in the supply chain, e.g. in improving workplace health and safety and then broadening to the environment and consumer product safety

# These tools will help you



<https://echa.europa.eu/communication-in-the-supply-chain-infographic>

# Why good communication matters



## Good communication in the supply chain

- Protects human health and the environment
- Saves time
- Saves money
- Can be good for business

# Take home messages

- Supply chain communication a key pillar of REACH → make sure it works
- Registrants: tools and support exist → make full use
- Your safety data sheet is one of your business cards
- Downstream users: be critical to what you receive – create a demand for good quality information
- Downstream user sector organisations: develop use maps



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