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Webinar: Future of ECHA's submission systems

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What you can expect today

- Hear about our plans for the future of our industry submission systems
- Learn about drivers for the new approach
- Find out how to stay up to date about the project and how to contribute
- Get answers to your questions



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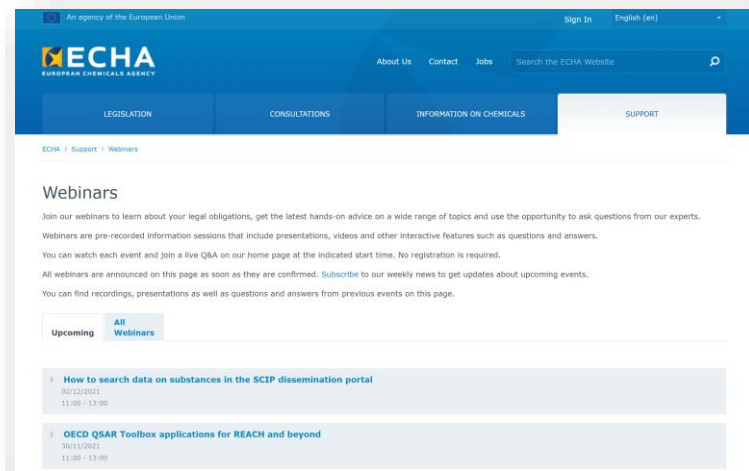
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- How to search data on substances in the SCIP dissemination portal**
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11:00 - 13:00
- OECD QSAR Toolbox applications for REACH and beyond**
30/11/2021
11:00 - 13:00

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Programme



| Time | Topic | Speaker |
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| 11.00 | Introduction | Daniele Ape, ECHA |
| 11.05 | Why a new approach? | Javier Sanchez Saez, ECHA |
| 11.20 | Future of ECHA submission systems | Vasileios Tsifoutis, ECHA |
| 11.35 | Next steps and conclusions | Daniele Ape, ECHA |
| 11:00-12:30 | Webinar open for questions | |

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Why a new approach?

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ECHA today

We implement EU chemicals laws



→ **REACH**
Registration,
evaluation,
authorisation
and restriction
of chemicals



→ **CLP**
Classification,
labelling and
packaging,
poison centre
notifications



→ **BPR**
Biocides



→ **PIC**
Import and
export

Our other tasks under EU laws

- Chemicals in products
- Poison centres
- Nanomaterials
- Persistent organic pollutants
- Drinking water
- Exposure limits for workers



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EU's approach to chemical safety



Industry

Provides information showing their chemicals are safe



ECHA and national authorities

- ✓ Check the information
- ✓ Identify harmful chemicals
- ✓ Propose ways to regulate harmful chemicals
- ✓ Do checks (national inspectors)



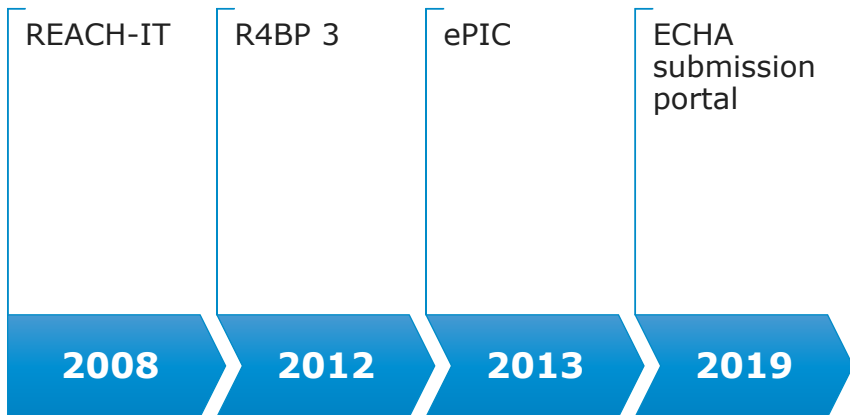
EU and Member States

Take final decisions to regulate chemicals

What has the past taught us?

- Investment in solid processes and tools pays off
- Consistency and predictability of authorities' actions as driver
- From data collection to data utilisation
- New tasks - close to our core competences or mandate
- Keep doors open: collaboration, partners, support...





- Delivered through key deadlines
- Millions of data submissions
- Increasing portfolio





Looking ahead

Next generation EU

Zero-pollution
action plan

Plastics
strategy

Circular economy
action plan

Our new policy context

Chemicals strategy
for sustainability

Europe beating
cancer plan

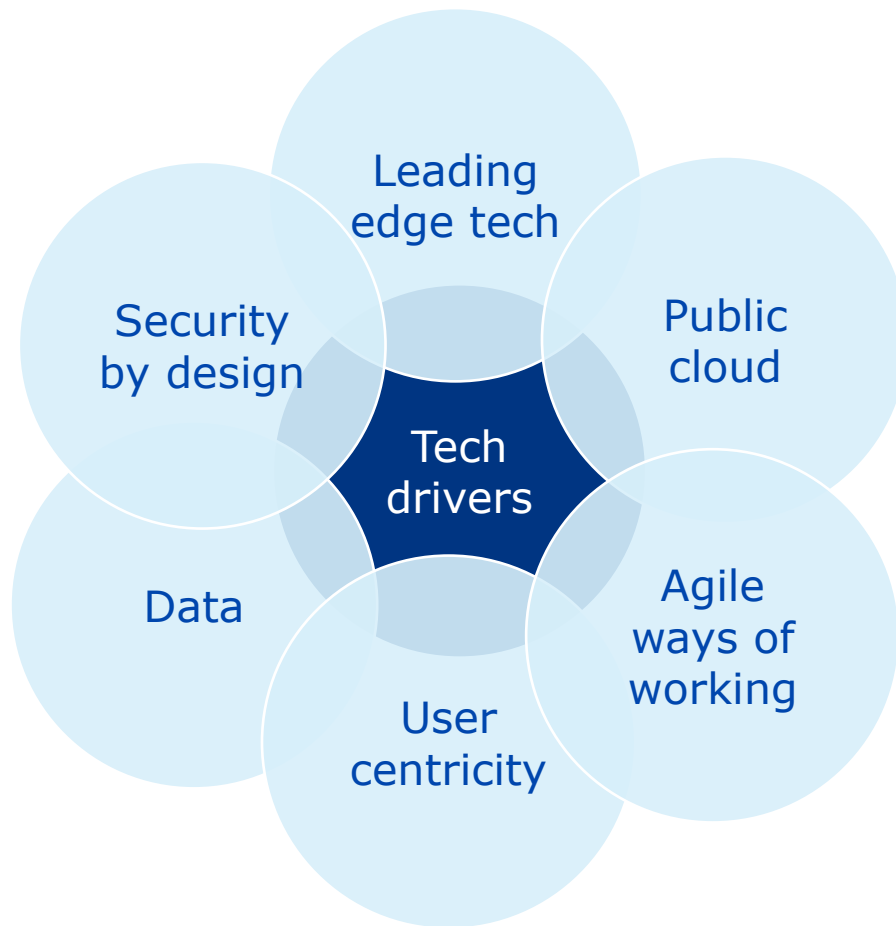
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Sustainable products
policy

Digital agenda

Industrial
strategy

Recovery
instrument



What it means for ECHA

Delivering and preparing for the future

- Streamline current work
- Making data available and reusable
 - Biggest pool of chemicals data
 - Multiple use cases
- Prepare for new tasks
- More 'legislation neutral' processes and tools
- Rationalise portfolio of submission systems

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Future submission systems

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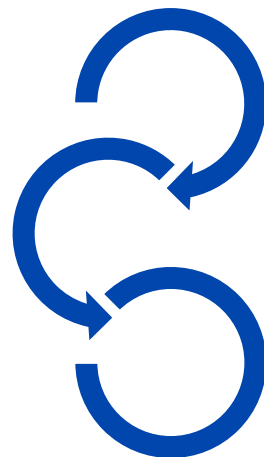
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Topics

- New tasks
- Current situation
- Way forward



New tasks ahead

- Commission proposal for REACH 2.0
- Commission proposal for reattribution of tasks to agencies

Political negotiations on all legal proposals

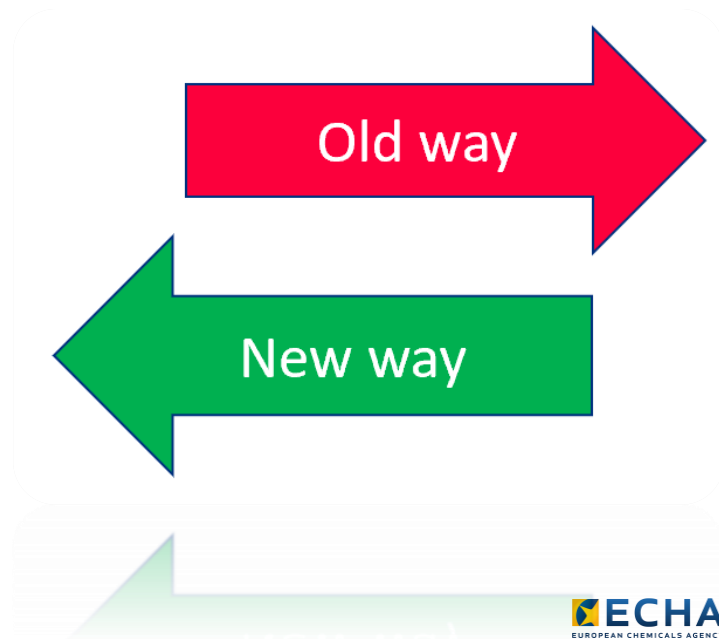
Commission proposal for ECHA founding regulation

Entry into force of revised legal proposals (CLP 2.0, REACH 2.0, new tasks and new founding regulation for ECHA)



Main challenges

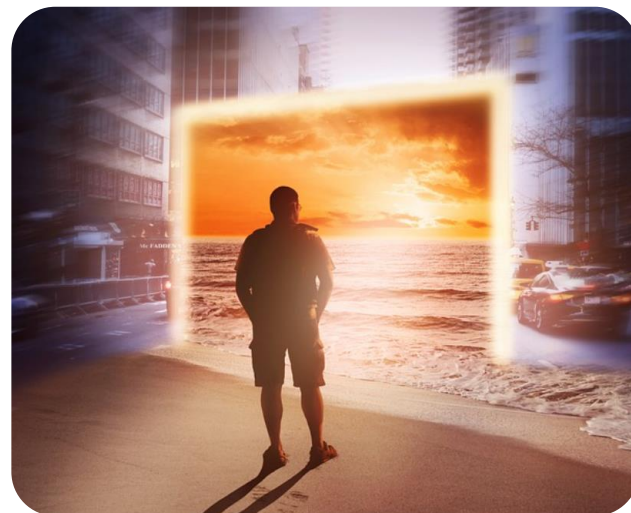
- Maintenance of different systems/high costs
- Outdated technology/no common technology
- Duplication of work/loss of consistency
- Rationalisation of our submission portfolio
- System optimisation/increased efficiency
- Unified user experience



... the future

One industry portal

- Simple & centralised user interfaces
- Synergies in capabilities and reuse of modules
- Better integration with rest of IT landscape
- Up to date technology/cost efficient maintenance
- Centralised backlog, incident management, user support, communication
- Linear transition to public cloud and to agile development



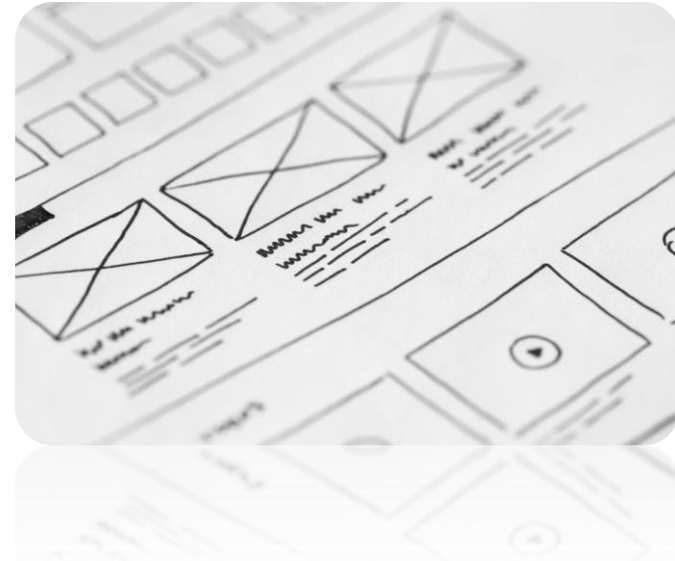
Way forward

- New portal by **2026 (tentative)**
- Start with integration of REACH-IT & ECHA submission portal
- Work ahead
 - Mapping business processes and capabilities/modules
 - Enterprise data model concepts coverage and business/IT architecture
 - Prioritisation and development of modules
 - UI/UX design and branding
 - Change management process and timescale ...



Recent and current activities

- Info sessions for industry user groups and authorities (Dec 2022 – March 2023)
- Research and usability evaluation study (Dec 2022 – March 2023)
 - Useful to order ideas and define lines to take
 - Covers REACH-IT, R4BP 3, ePIC and ECHA submission portal
 - Interviews with key industry users
- User interface/user experience project in **Q3 2023**
 - Develop prototypes
 - UI/UX design support in two phases – 2023/2024 and 2024/2025->



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Conclusions and next steps

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Key messages

- Rethink ECHA submissions strategy as a whole
- Flexibility in taking new regulatory tasks efficiently while avoiding unnecessary costs
- Keeping up with technological development
- Renewed attention to user experience
- Harmonisation of experience across all regulatory frameworks
- Focus on simplifying and streamlining how duty holders access tools



Next steps

- ECHA to refine plan details and implementation steps for the vision
- Define and develop various user flows
- ECHA collaborates with contractor on UI/UX project
- Engage stakeholders to support convergence and harmonisation of tools

Next steps (2)

- Key stakeholders invited to join a users working group
 - Test prototypes and provide input during project development
- Established by end 2023 and active until at least 2026
- Keeping you informed via regular channels (ECHA website, social media, newsletter)

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