

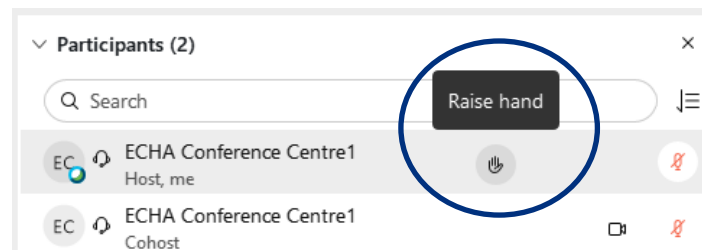
# SCIP IT user group

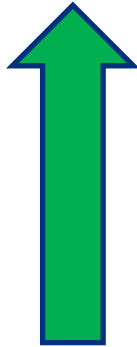
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# Opening remarks

- Practicalities
  - For the floor, raise your hand
  - Use the **Chat**:
    - Questions and comments related with the topic of the presentation.
    - To: all panellist
- Meeting is being recorded



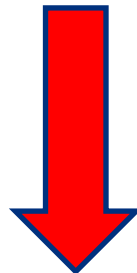


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## Today's agenda

- SCIP state of play
- Validation rules review
- Improving tools to prepare and submit data
- Maintenance windows, Service break windows descriptions
- Re-thinking the SCIP IT user group

# SCIP state of play

Clara Rueda



# Dissemination



# SCIP Database - Delay in dissemination

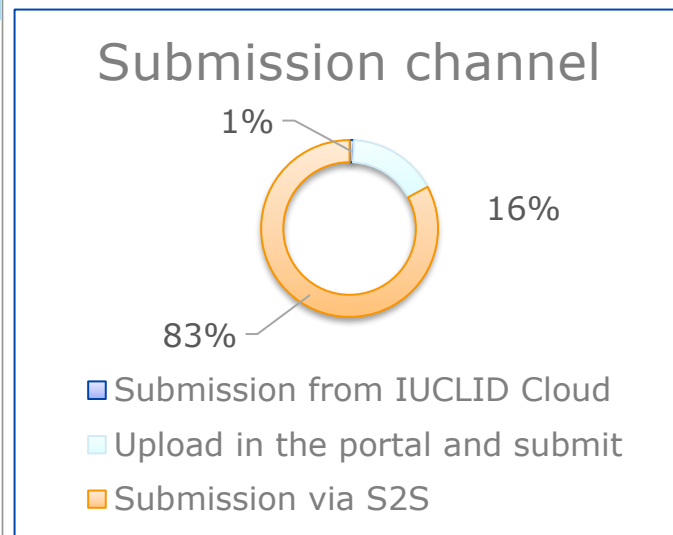
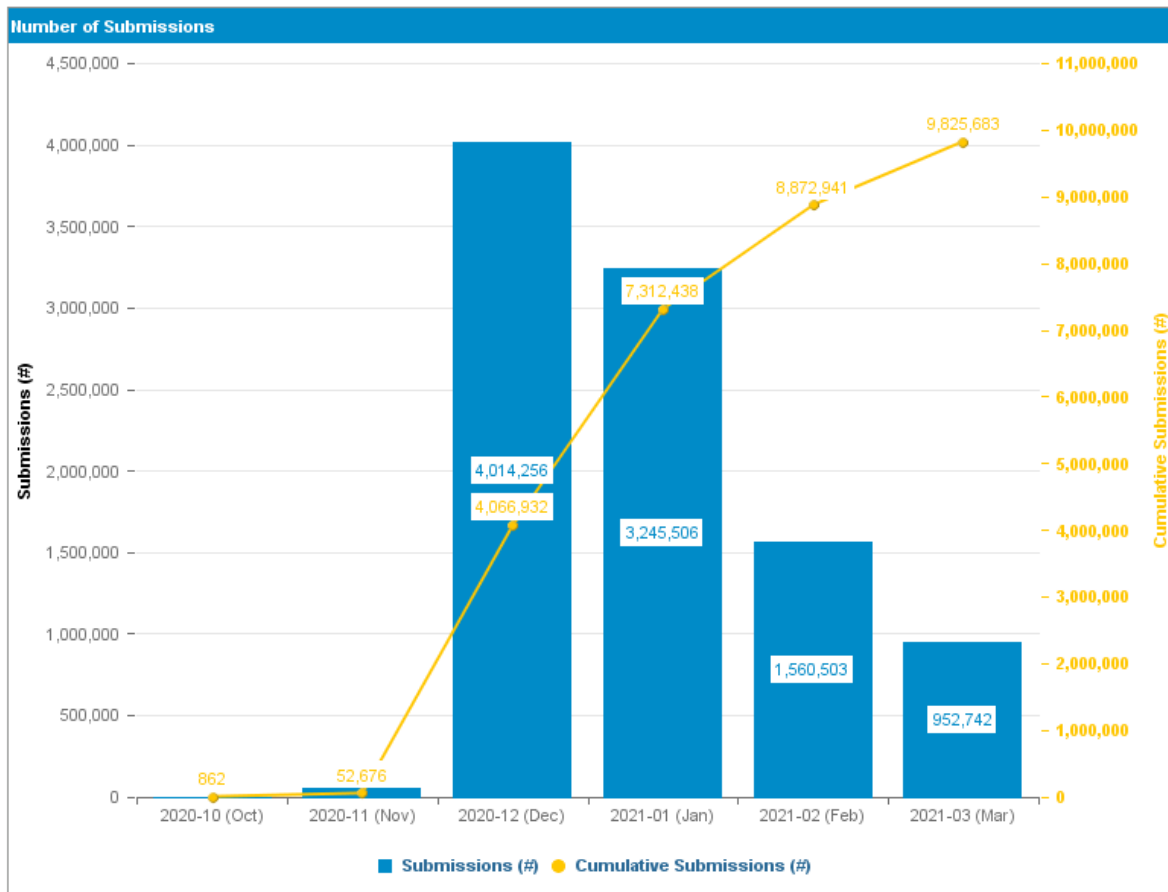
We will need more time to make the [SCIP data](#) from companies available in our [website](#), due to unforeseen technical issues. We are working hard on a solution and will communicate a new release date as soon as possible

# SCIP figures



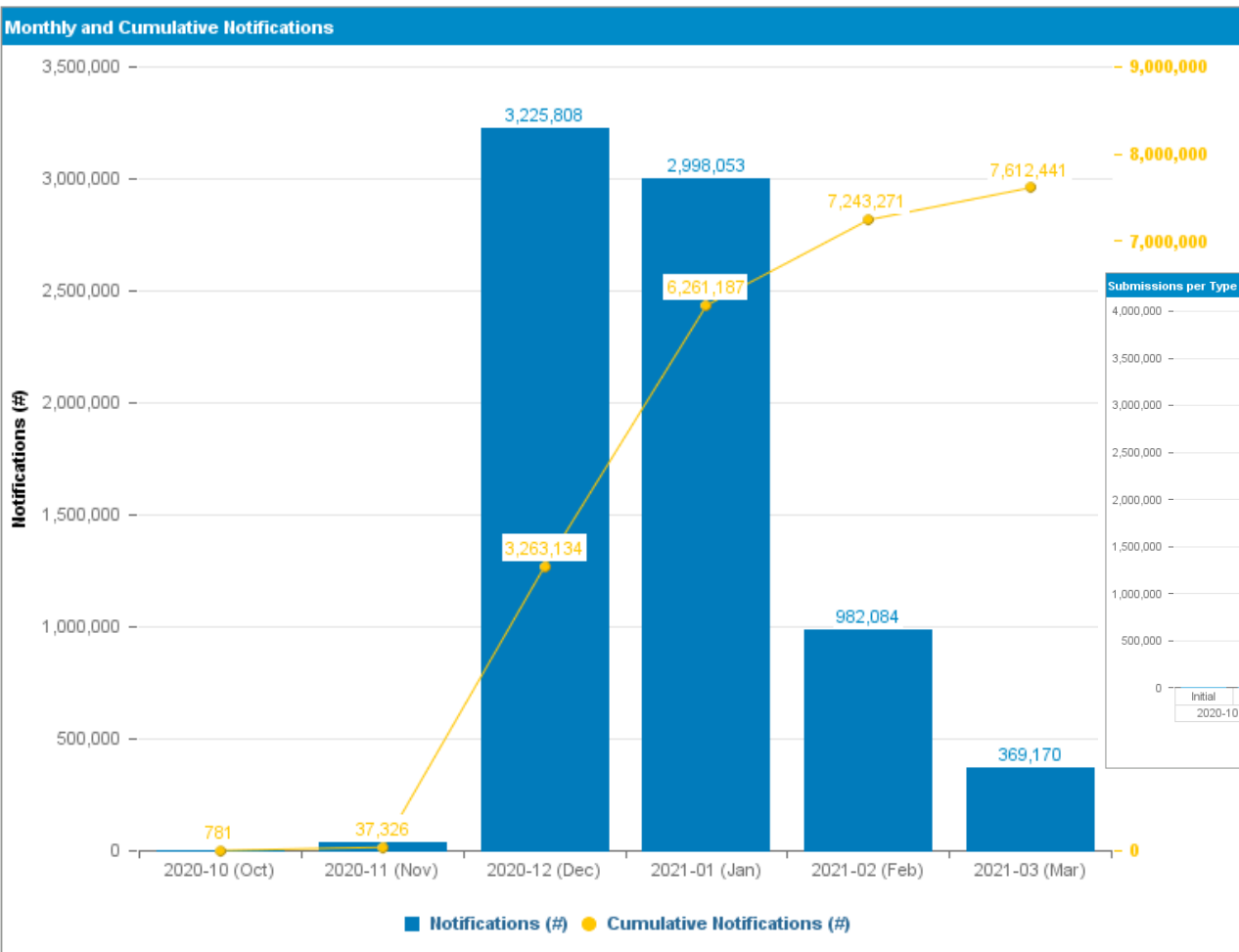


# Number of submissions (volumes)

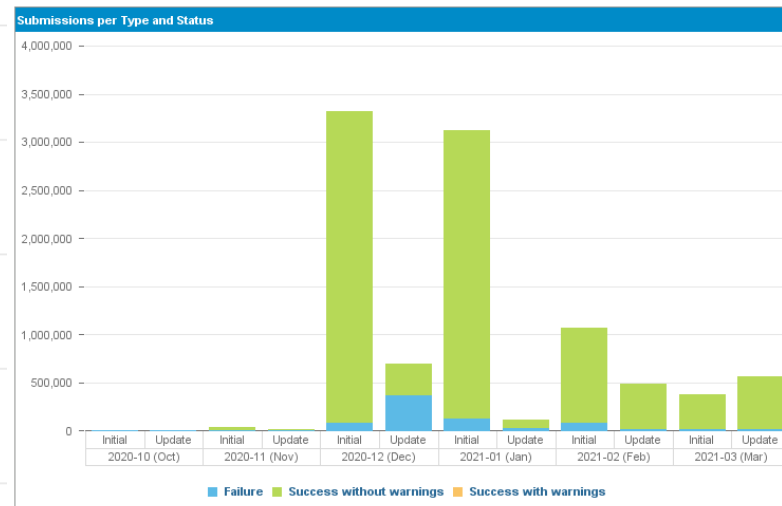


Total No of Legal entities c.a.3600

Time period: 26.10.2020 – 15.03.2021



## Initial Vs Updates submissions

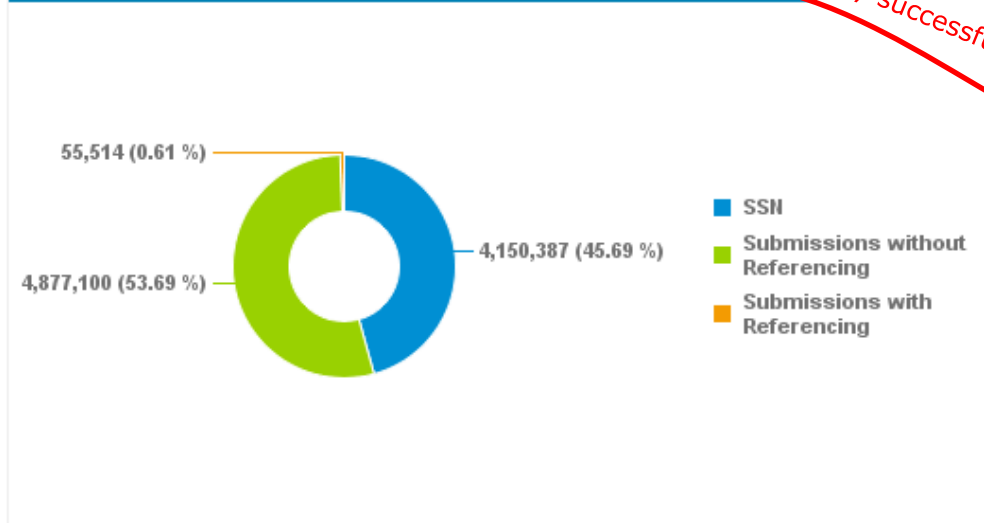


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A notification is counted as the first succeed submission of one article (same SCIP number).

# Submission approach

Submissions Breakdown per Submission Approach



**Work in a collaborative way  
within your supply chain!!**

- **Simplified SCIP notification (SSN)** does not require the submission of a IUCLID dossier; Under this submission approach the duty holder (e.g. distributor) refers to information already submitted to ECHA by other duty holder.
- Both submissions with and without referencing require the submission of an IUCLID dossier

**Next steps on  
Submissions of more  
than 1000 components  
dossiers**



## SCIP dossiers > 1000 components

As communicated earlier, ECHA is not in a position to process SCIP notification dossiers containing more than 1 000 components. **From end of April onwards**, a technical upgrade to the ECHA Submission portal will inform users that these dossiers cannot be processed due to the high number of components included in the dossier, and the submission will fail.

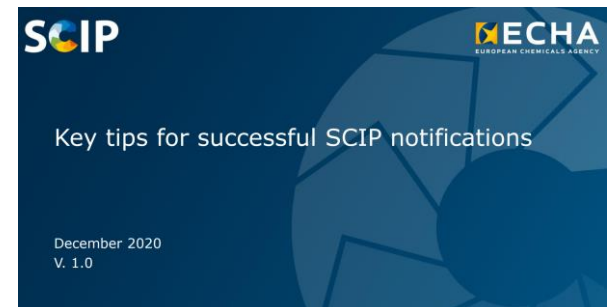
**From 26 March 2021 onwards** all SCIP notifications submitted with more than 1 000 components will not be further processed and will remain in a “pending” status. These “pending” submissions will later be failed by applying the same technical rule.

**Note: Number of components is technically defined as number of IUCLID documents**

# Submission currently in “pending” status due to this reason

For dossiers with more than 1 000 components submitted before 26 March 2021, ECHA will contact the submitters to discuss any potential concerns and to support the resubmission.

Please take into account the recommendations in the user manual “Requirements for SCIP Notifications” and the “Key tips for successful SCIP notifications” to simplify your dossier.



Available at: <https://echa.europa.eu/scip-support>

## Questions & Comments?

Please follow our website for updates:

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### News



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- 22 December 2020

# Validation rules review

Saara Sumiala





## Success rate

The March success rate is:

**97%**

Time period: 01.03.2021 – 15.03.2021

# SCIP Top 5 Business rules triggered (February - March 2021)

Rule	Description	Portal / VA	Hits
1	<b>[BR731]</b> Non-EU companies are not allowed to submit SCIP notifications	<b>Portal</b>	79 317
2	<b>[BR729]</b> <b>SSN:</b> Same notification cannot be submitted multiple times.	<b>Portal</b>	30 684
3	<b>[BR718]</b> If an SCIP notification is updated, then the update dossiers creation date must be newer than the previously accepted dossiers creation date.	<b>Portal</b>	11 929
4	<b>[BR719]</b> Same notification cannot be submitted multiple times.	<b>Portal</b>	9 362
5	<b>[BR728]</b> <b>SSN:</b> The 'SCIP number' that is used for referencing belongs to the same legal entity that is submitting the notification. Simplified SCIP notification cannot refer to a 'SCIP number' from the same legal entity.	<b>Portal</b>	1 721

Time period: 01.02.2021 – 15.03.2021

# How to reduce failure on SSN submissions?

Support your customers by improving the file you share with them

Make sure you provide an excel without repeated SCIP numbers.  
Before exporting the excel to share:

Search criteria ▼ Export to Excel

Submission number	<input type="text" value="Please enter a Submission number"/>	<b>Submission status</b>	<input type="text" value="Succeeded"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>
Dossier type	<input type="text" value="SCIP notification"/>	Submission date	from <input type="text" value="dd/mm/yyyy"/>	to <input type="text" value="dd/mm/yyyy"/>
SCIP number	<input type="text" value="Please enter a SCIP number"/>	<b>Notification type</b>	<input type="text" value="Initial"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>
Primary identifier	<input type="text" value="Please enter a Primary identifier"/>	I am looking for	<input type="text" value="All SCIP notifications"/>	
Names	<input type="text" value="Please enter a dossier or article name"/>			

Search
Clear

## **Best practice before you submit**

When you are using a file with a list of SCIP numbers, please check that you are not including the same SCIP number many times.

## Conclusions

- Success rate is still high 😊
- Test dossiers are still sent to Production Portal (only Trial Portal should be used)
- (If the system is busy) avoid submitting same dossier multiple times – wait for response!

# Improving tools to prepare and submit data

Tommy Hägg



# **IUCLID as a tool to prepare SCIP notifications**



# Improving IUCLID - SCIP

## Improving **portfolio management** in IUCLID

- New search:

New search criteria to allow searching by other names and other identifiers.

Are there other fields in IUCLID that you are interesting for finding your articles inside IUCLID?

- Export of the results:

New feature to export the list of articles on your article dataset & dossier lists



# Improving IUCLID - SCIP

## Improving **IUCLID** reporting

- Improvements on the creation of Full pdf datasets and dossiers
- Improvements on the customized SCIP IUCLID reports to create Notifications preview reports and Previews without sensitive information.

## Improving IUCLID - SCIP

- Improving the User interface
- Improving i6z dossier validation

Your experience can provide improvement ideas!

# Feature to import data from excel to IUCLID

The IUCLID team is exploring ways to facilitate the process of uploading data from external sources to a IUCLID database. In order to achieve this, a Data Uploader prototype has been built as a [Knime](#) workflow.

The data uploader will cover the article entity.

Important to clarify that this solution would require IT development from the user side and will not be a direct easy solution for SME.

More information about this project is available at <https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/fi/data-uploader>

# **ECHA Submission portal**



# **ECHA Submission portal -SCIP**

## Multi-LE SSN submissions

The feature will allow a user with 'Foreign user' permission to submit many SSN for different Legal entities (more than one) in one step.

## **ECHA Submission portal -SCIP**

- Improving **advance search**

A company interested in doing an SSN can search by the SCIP number received, to be able to check if he has already submitted an SSN for it before.

# ECHA Submission portal -SCIP

Under evaluation:

- New flag “Annul submission/notification”

# System-to-System

- S2S Keys Management - multiple keys per LE



## Other features



# Dissemination

Feature to allow to search by SCIP number on the Dissemination site.

# *Maintenance Windows, Service Break Windows Descriptions*

*Cloud and API interface*

# Agenda

- Maintenance breaks  
communication examples
- Services downtime
- API integration requirements

# Maintenance breaks communication examples

## ECHA Submissions portal maintenance announcement



ECHA Support  
To



02/03/2021

Dear all,

We would like to inform you that access to the ECHA Cloud services as well ECHA Submission portal will be interrupted between 05/03/2021 19.00 – 06/03/2021 12.00 (Helsinki time).  
Additional, access to ECHA Submission portal will be interrupted between 02/03/2021 18.00 – 19.00 (Helsinki time) due to scheduled maintenance activities.

Please avoid submitting dossiers via System-to-System service between the above start and end date as they will otherwise fail.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Please don't answer to this email, feel free to contact us via <https://echa.europa.eu/contact>

Best regards  
ECHA

# Services downtime

- API end point not reachable
- API end point not stable
  - Authentication errors
  - Long responses times
- API end point returning HTTP error codes

# API integration requirements

A successful API integration needs to be able to

- avoid submission(s) on the provided time frames **OR**
- Handle the submission errors to identify those submissions that have failed or detect periods where the interface is unreachable, and instead of automatically resending

Verification whether already submitted dossier has been successfully received by ECHA

**a) Yes:** No need of resending

**b) No:** Resubmission can occur.

## How to verify EVENTS or submissions: S2S API to be used

Check section 2.4 from the API description: **Get list of events**

- This service is used to retrieve events related to submissions made by a company. It is typically performed after the submission of one or more dossier and can be used for the following purposes:
  - To track the submission status of multiple submissions using a single call as an alternative of issuing multiple calls to the "Get submission report" per submitted dossier.



# What if resubmissions are triggered without verification

- Increase on Business Rules errors
- Waste resources on overall capacity
- Non sense versions of the same Article in dissemination

## Key Tips for a successful submission

- [S2S integreation v1.2 \(europa.eu\)](#) [Annex B]

### Annex B Recommendations for successful integration

This annex provides some recommendations to ensure the optimum integration between the Industry systems and the ECHA Submission portal. Apart from the main flows, it addresses some exceptional situations (e.g. slow response times, system becomes unresponsive, etc.), which the Industry systems should be able to handle.

#### B.1 Performing submissions

Table 19: Recommendations - Performing submissions

#	Description
1.	Avoid the submission of big volumes in peak hours, which are between 10.00 and 17.00 Helsinki time. S2S submissions pose additional load to the system on the top of the user activity, such as manual submissions in the ECHA Submission portal and the use of the ECHA Cloud services (IUCLID instances).
2.	Wait until you get a response from the ECHA Submission portal and do not abort the connection. Set a sufficiently long timeout in your requests (e.g. 30sec or 1min), allowing ECHA Submission portal to respond when the system is heavily used.
3.	Do not set an unlimited number of retries when submitting, instead set a small and configurable number of retries (e.g. 2 retries).
4.	Avoid consecutive submission retries without allowing a sufficient time to receive a response, instead retry after 1hour and if that fails, try the next day. When the maximum number of retries is exhausted, contact ECHA.
5.	Avoid submitting all the dossiers in one go. It is preferable to send in batches and verify the status of submissions before moving on with the next batch. This ensures that Industry systems do not have a large amount of submissions failing for the same reason, while the issue could have been spotted since the first failure.
6.	Avoid fully unattended submissions, monitor your systems and block further automated submissions when a threshold of failed submissions is reached.
7.	Avoid the resubmission (e.g. the same file or an updated file) when the reason for failure of a previous submission pertaining to the same entity (PCN mixture or SCIP Article) has not been identified. It is possible that the new dossier will fail once more due to the same reason.

Thank you!

# Re-think SCIP IT User group

Clara Rueda



# SCIP IT User Group Main objectives

- Engage the user community in the development of the system.
- Learn from experience and gather improvement ideas.
- Analyse different scenarios.
- Identify the areas where extra attention is needed in order to provide adequate support/guidance.





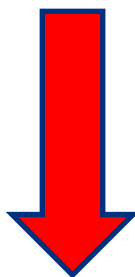
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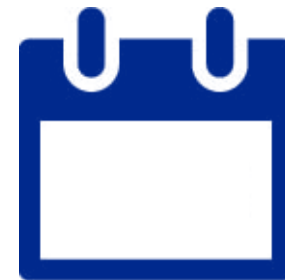
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## **SCIP IT User group 2021**

- How would you improve it?
- What are you missing?
- Ad-hoc meeting on specific topics ?

# Next SCIP events





# Next SCIP IT user group meeting

**27 May 2021 (15-16.30 Helsinki time)**

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