How to spread the word? Priorities for closing gaps or improving tools

• It is all about risk management communication
• REACH generates lots of data – how can we use this to achieve the correct use of chemicals?
• The supply chain is complicated. ‘we need chemicals to make chemicals’
• Many end users do not have the scientific and technical capability to fully understand all of the information they receive, though some do – in reality already can identify to user audiences.
What do we need?

• High quality, easy to understand and implement risk management measures in eSDS
• Information should be targeted, proportionate to the actual risk, objective and present robust and effective RMMs
• RMMs should be implemented consistently across workplaces in all relevant sectors of employment.
• Reality is complex – need to simplify, demystify the outcome for the non-technical end user
  ‘workers should not be harmed by their work’

Where are we now and looking to the future

• ENES started in 2011 – developing practical tools.
  ‘it is a long road but if we do not start walking we will not get there’
• Key stakeholders – main players already actively engaged. We are missing someone – the less technically aware and possibly smaller employers and representatives of workers’ organisations.
• Communication – much of the information still technically detailed – how can we simplify the content without losing the message?
• Do we need an ENES Communication Strategy?
Where are we now and looking to the future

• We heard about the house of REACH – built on 3 pillars.
• Focus on the outer pillars to minimise the need for the middle pillar – substance specific regulatory actions when risks are not adequately controlled.
• Make improvements to the IT tools so that they can ‘speak to each other’.

Final remarks

• Stakeholder engagement – not all fully engaged
• eSDS content – better populate the multi-lingual ESCOM library
• More effective risk communication to end users – digitalisation/video
• How do eSDS recipients recognise/demonstrate compliance
• How can we make better use of REACH info in OSH RA/RM
• Do we need a process to recognise interplay between REACH DU CSR and OSH RA.
• Outcome – safer and healthier workplaces for all
decrease in burden of occupational diseases
• What are the topics for ENES 13? We are a growing community of experts from various backgrounds.
REACH and OSH for users of chemicals

The Pillars of Creation

Towering tendrils of cosmic dust and gas at the heart of the Eagle Nebula located 7,000 light years from Earth