

Joint initiative Forum ASOs on Improvement of the quality of SDSs

Provisional findings

Forum 31 – AP. 5.1.1

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Background

- At Forum-26, the ECHA Forum Secretariat presented a number of actions – others than enforcement projects such as REFs and pilot projects - to be set in place at national level and at Forum level that would help increase the quality of the SDSs.

Background

- One of the proposals was a joint action between the Forum and the ECHA Accredited Stakeholder Organisations on the improvement of the quality of SDSs
- Sixteen (16) ASOs has expressed interest to participate in this initiative but only 12 have confirmed

Objectives

- Identify the common deficiencies found in the SDSs and propose solutions for improvement and encourage ECHA ASOs to implement the solutions and monitoring the progress.
- To increase the quality of the SDS by the means of pro-active measures taken by industrial stakeholder organisations both at a European and national level.

Task of the WG

- Collection of data on deficient SDSs
- Identification of topics that require priority actions
- Analysis of the data and identification of reasons for the deficiencies
- Identification of potential solutions
- Implementation by the ECHA ASOs of the solutions

How data was collected

- The SDS checklist published by Echa was used
- Focus on sections 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 15
- Free text fields was used to facilitate a qualitative analysis
- Only substances or mixtures classified as hazardous

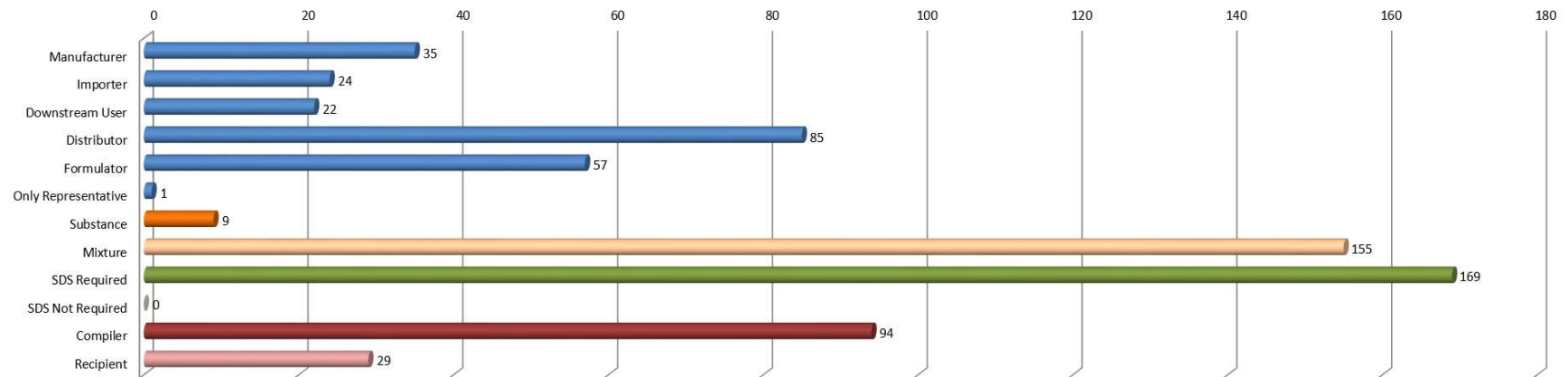
Initial findings

The results were compiled and discussed by the NEAs in the working group at a meeting on the 4th of October

Number of reported SDS

Row Labels	Country
CY	7
CZ	19
DE	20
DK	6
EE	20
FI	20
IE	20
LT	20
NL	20
PT	15
SE	10
UK	20
Grand Total	197

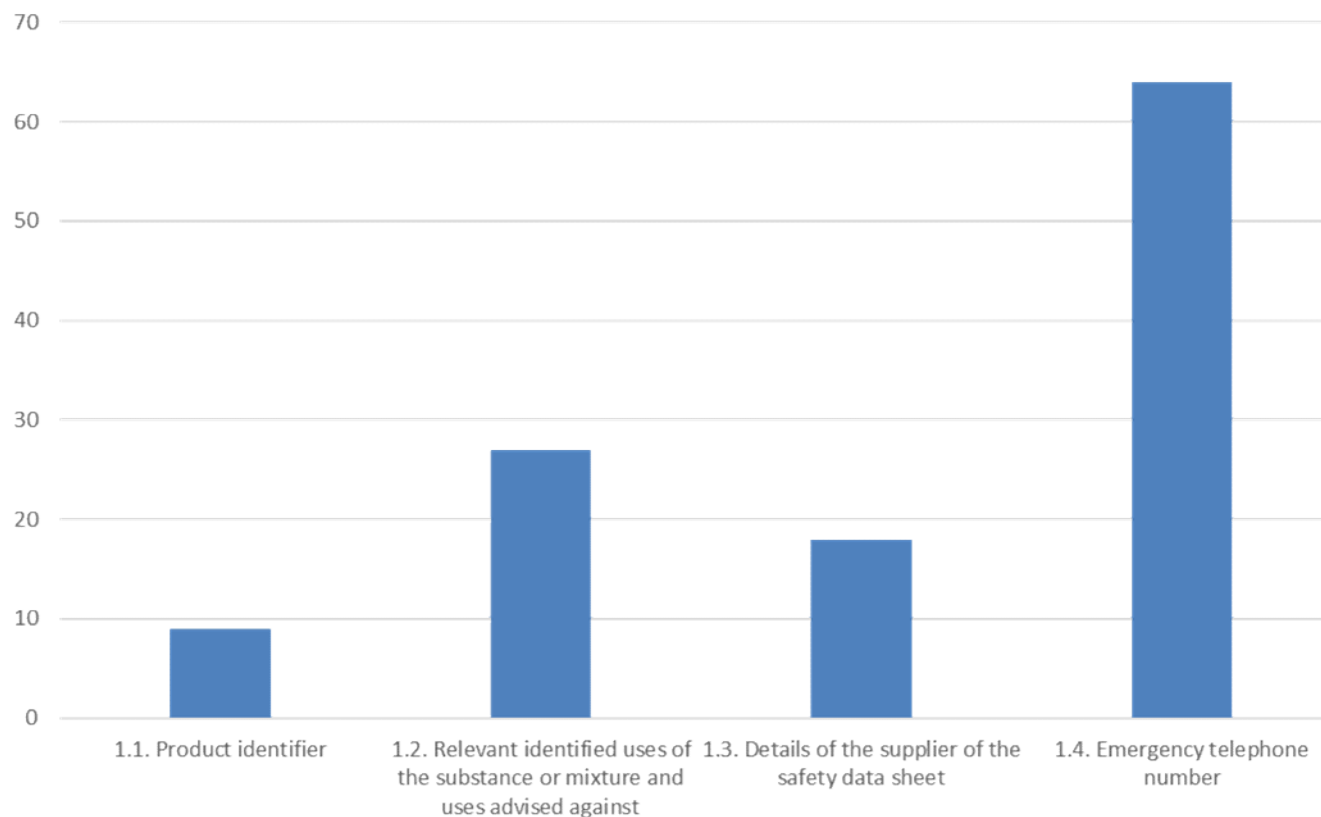
Company role, Substance/Mixture, Required/Not Required, Compiler/Recipient



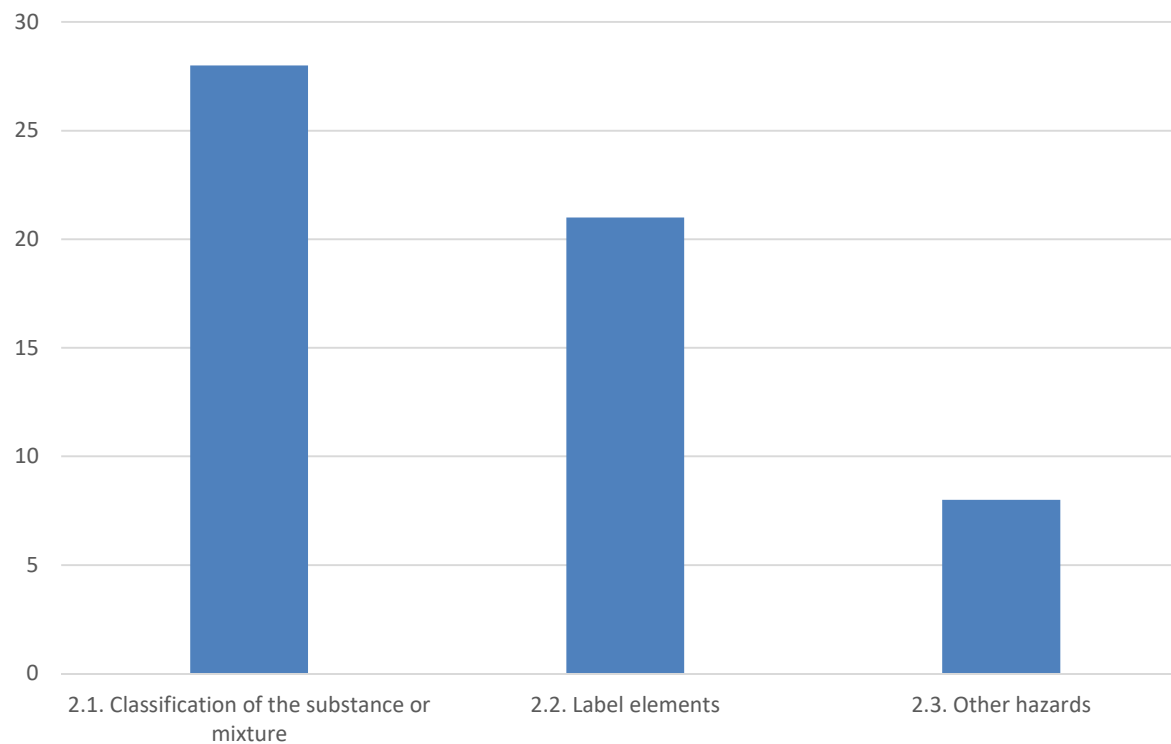
Most reported deficiencies

- The figures show the percentage where the information is missing or not adequate/appropriate based on the number of replies

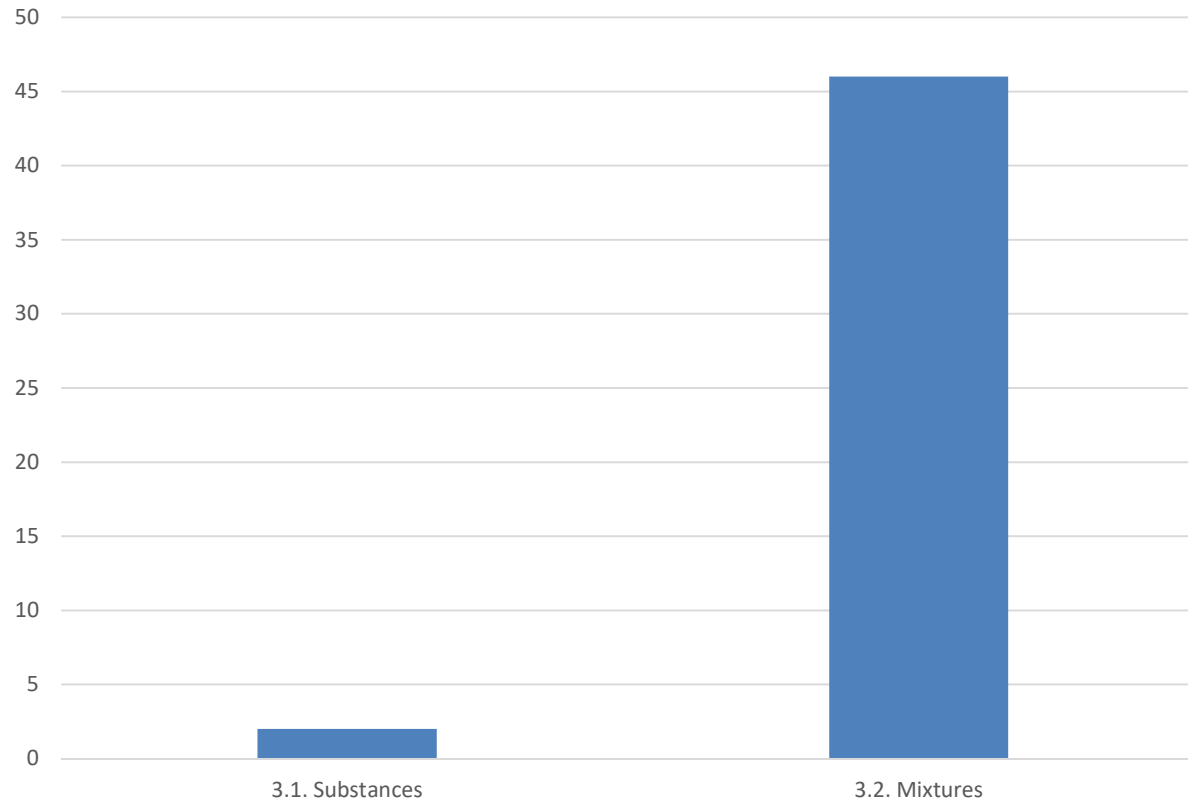
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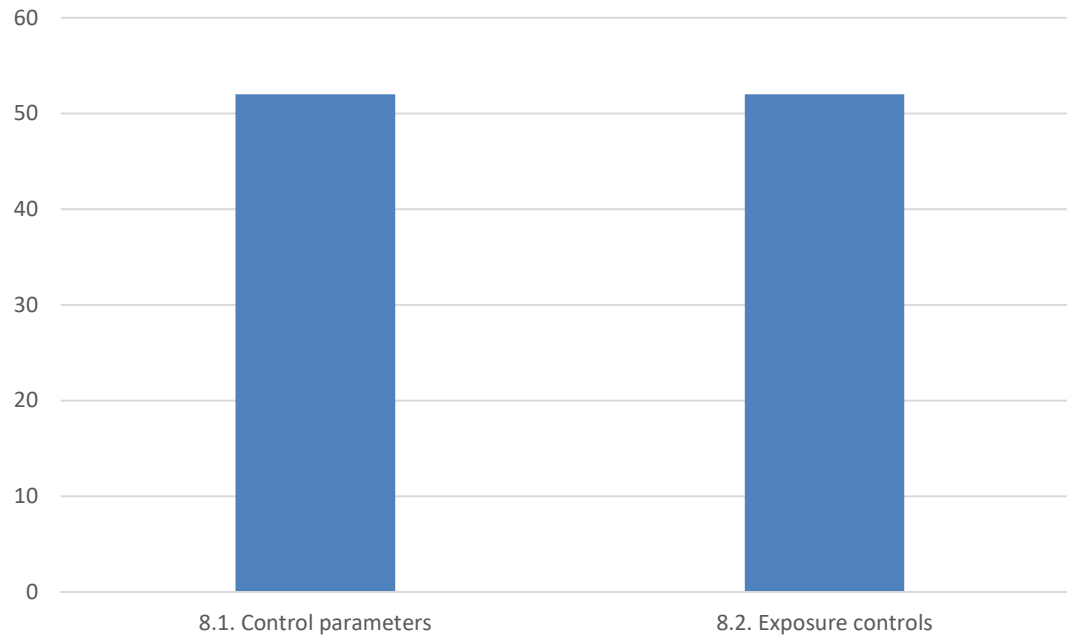
SECTION 2: Hazards identification



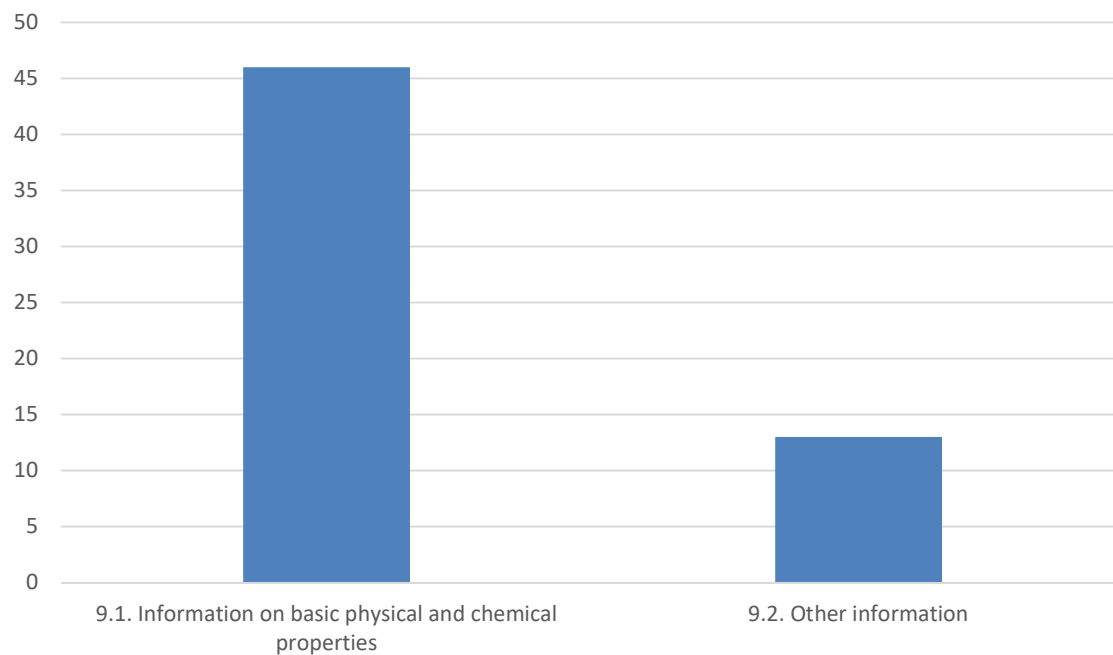
SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients



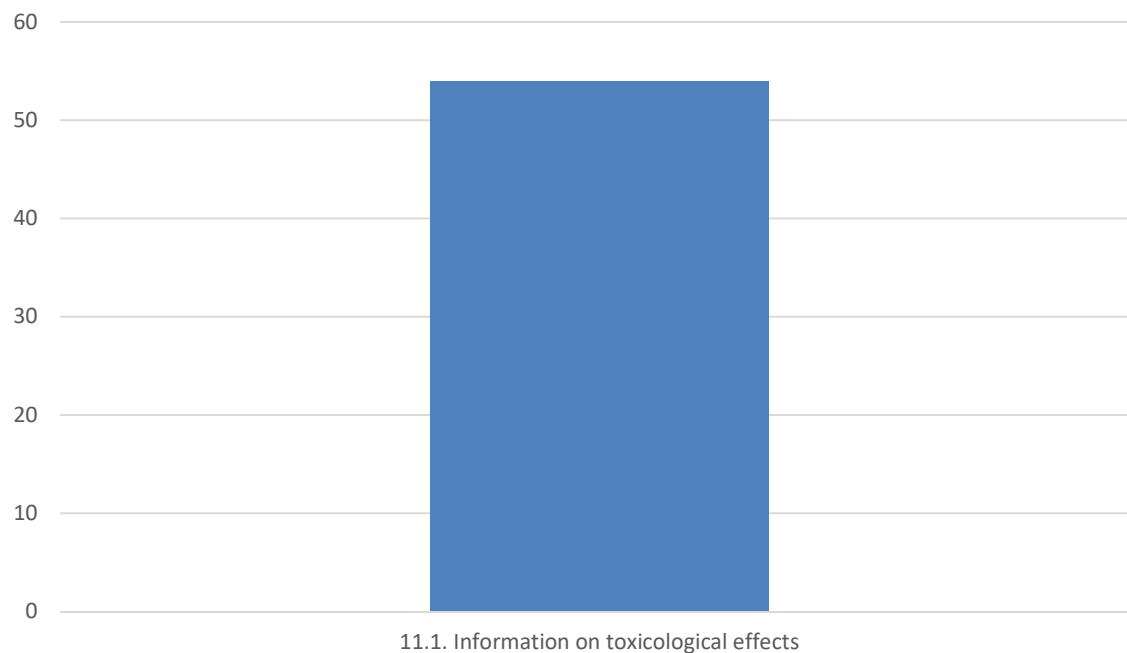
SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection



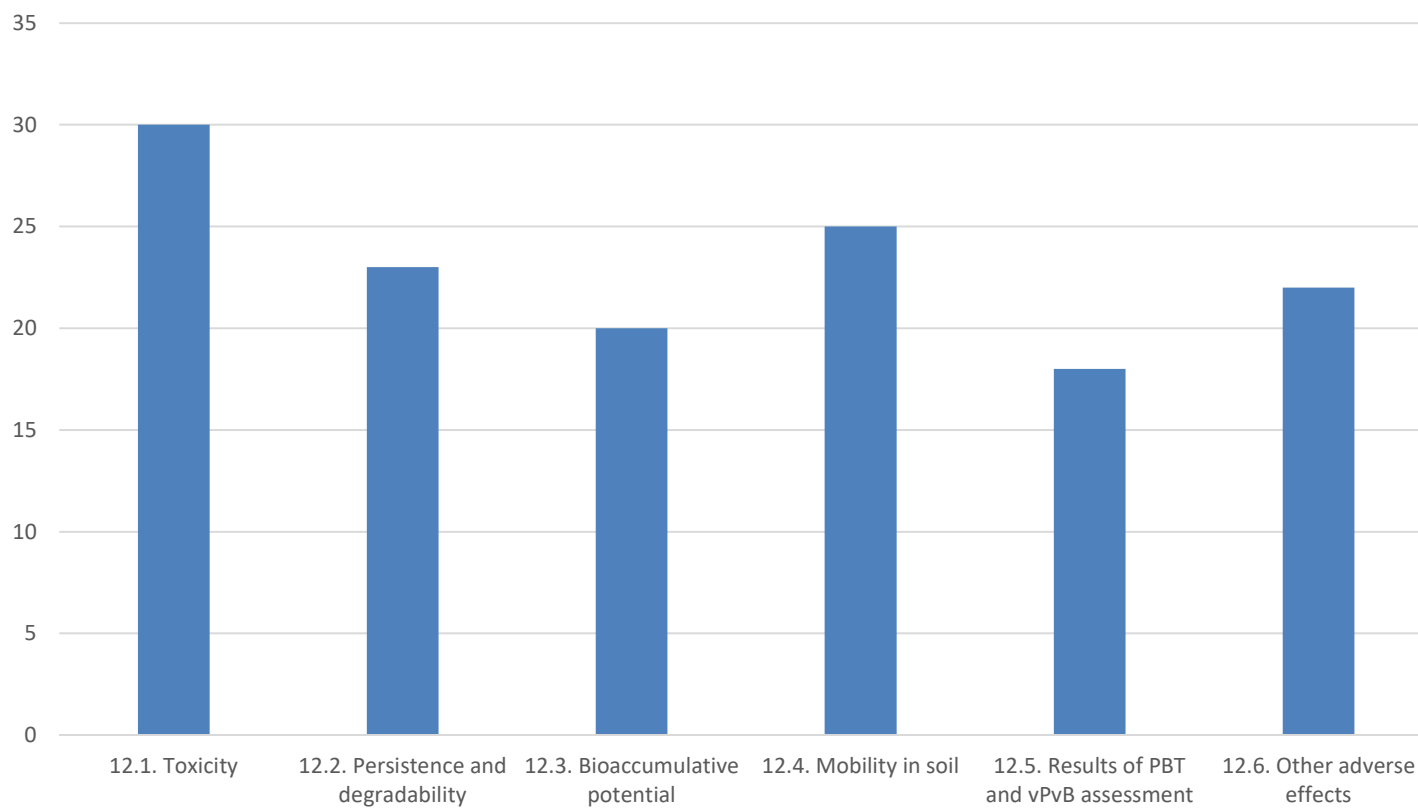
SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties



SECTION 11: Toxicological information



SECTION 12: Ecological information



Input from ASOs

- The ASOs in the WGto share examples of initiatives taken improve the quality of SDSs and invited them to share data on deficient SDSs.□
- 5 ASOs provided information

Examples on input

- FECC; a compilation of Supplier SDS Frequent Errors
- CEFIC; a guide on Practical considerations on gloves thickness

Next steps

- The analysis of the data on deficiencies found in SDSs to be completed by Forum-32
- The work is ongoing
- Using the response in the free text fields to make a qualitative assessment.

Next steps

- To hold one or two working group meetings between NEAs and the stakeholders to discuss the findings and actions to improve SDS
- Presentation of the list of actions to improve SDS open session Forum-34)

Request

- ASOs are invited to submit initiatives taken to improve the quality of SDSs.
- The ASOs who have not joined the WG are invited to do so.

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Next steps - plan

- WG final analysis report to be adopted by the Forum and then shared with ASOs in the WG.
- ASOs will be invited for feedback on what they could do to improve the SDS quality
- WG meeting (Q2 2019) including the ASOs in the WG to share the information on the deficiencies and have a first discussion on issues to improve and possible approaches
- The ASOs will further elaborate the list of actions that they commit to undertake to improve SDSs (a second meeting can be necessary)

Next steps - plan

- The final outcome of the discussions, including the list of actions on stakeholders will be presented to the Forum open session in 2019
- The WG closes down at Forum-34 (November 2019)
- The implementation of the actions is reported in future open sessions
- Forum projects on SDSs, or a repetition of the action can be considered in future plans to contribute as well to checking the level of implementation with SDSs