



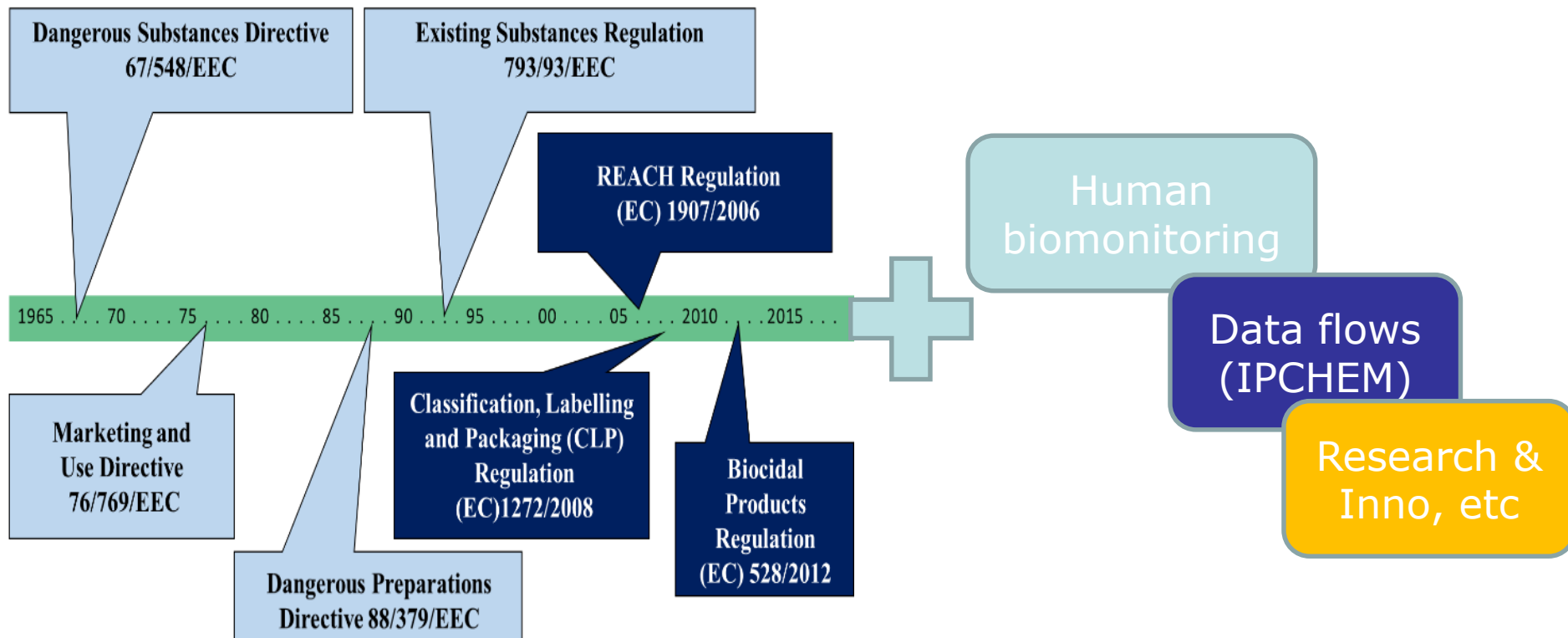
EU Goals for Safer Chemicals

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Over 50 years protecting from chemicals!

A complex (EU + global) legal framework + non-legal initiatives



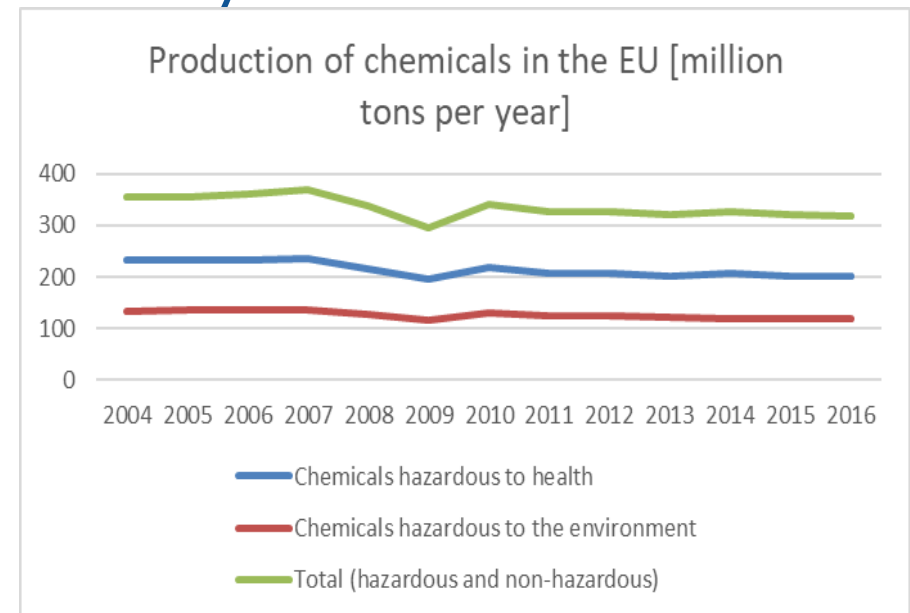
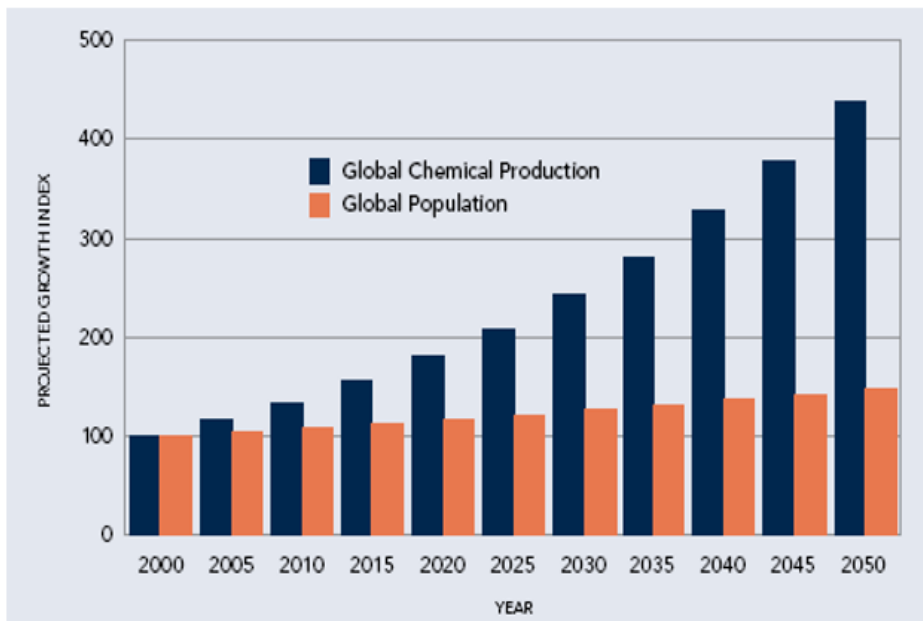
But are we reaching our objectives?

Recently published policy documents and evaluations:

- **Fitness check of the most relevant chemicals legislation (excluding REACH)**
- **The REACH Review/Refit evaluation**
- **Batteries directive**
- **A EU strategic approach to pharmaceuticals in the environment**
- **Towards a comprehensive European Union framework on endocrine disruptors**
- **Occupational Safety and Hygiene (OSH) Legislation**
- **Waste legislation**
- **EU Ecolabel**
- **Drinking Water**
- **Fertilisers**
- **Evaluation of the EU 7th Environment Action Program**

Chemicals: a cross-cutting challenge

- **Diseases/biodiversity loss** linked to chemicals
- Amount/diversity of chemicals & **production trends**
- **74% chemicals hazardous** to health/environment
- **90% citizens concerned** about impact of chemicals;
- **500 billion €** chemicals industry



The European Green Deal



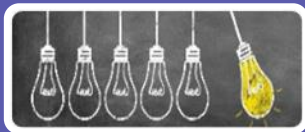
COM will present a chemicals strategy for sustainability:

- To help *protect citizens and the environment and encourage innovation for safe and sustainable alternatives*
- To combine better *health and environmental protection and increased global competitiveness.*
 - **by simplifying and strengthening the legal framework**
 - **moving to 'one substance – one assessment'**
 - **to rapidly reflect scientific evidence on the risk posed by endocrine disruptors, hazardous chemicals in products including imports, combination effects of different chemicals and very persistent chemicals**

Towards a Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability



Stronger legislation



Innovation/competitiveness



Coherence



Knowledge and science



Global

Timing

- **Roadmap** for the Strategy published: consultation open until 20 June – **FEEDBACK IS WELCOME!**
- **Adoption:** expected for later this year
- **Follow-up proposals and implementation: 2021-2024:**

Protecting our planet and our shared environment is our generation's defining task. It is an urgent moral, human and political obligation, which Europeans have resoundingly told us they want their Union to fulfil. It is also a long-term economic imperative: those who act first and fastest will be the ones who grasp the opportunities from the ecological transition.

(Von der Leyen to Timmermans in mission letter)



Thank you!