



Study on strengthening the role of substitution in the context of REACH and other EU chemicals legislation

Workshop and next steps

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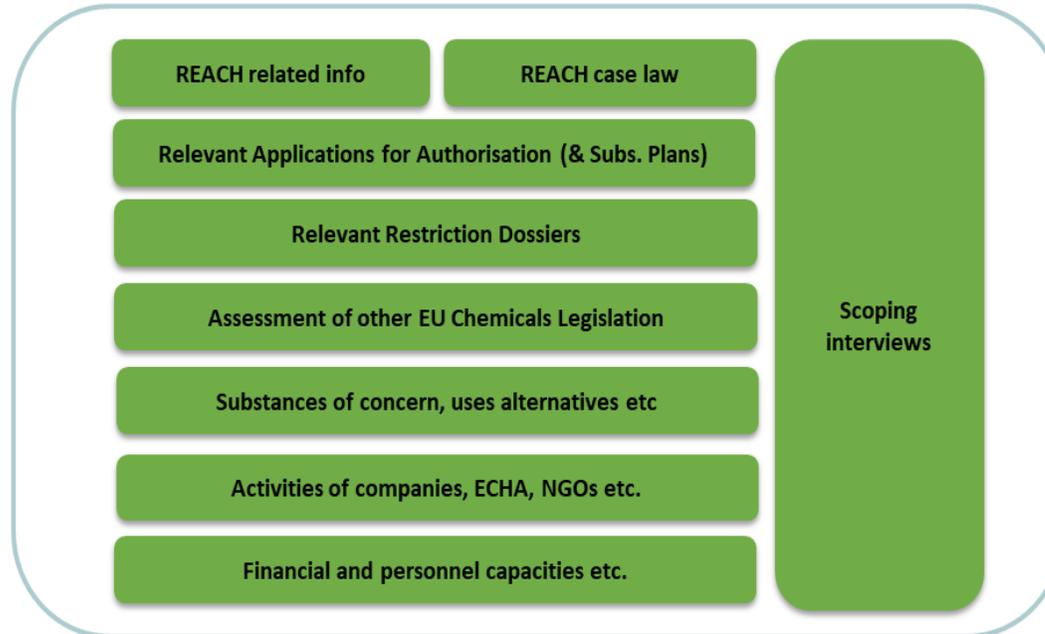


Study Scope and Purpose

- The study seeks to identify and evaluate options to better address substitution of harmful substances, particularly in the context of REACH Authorisation and Restriction
- A range of possible actions will be considered, including legislative and/or voluntary
- The overall policy objective is to increase human health and environmental protection, whilst promoting innovation, regulatory efficiency and predictability
- The starting point is a careful assessment of current challenges
 - What are the underlying causes?
 - Are the challenges universal or only in specific cases? If specific, what are the common characteristics?
 - What works well and what lessons can be learned from other regulations, jurisdictions or approaches?
- No decisions on options will be made in the current workshop

Methodology – Evidence Review

Task 2: Identify and review existing information relevant to the study and possible information gaps



Subtasks: Focused scoping interviews and desk-based information review

Outputs: Evidence base for subsequent tasks; thematic assessment of findings in final report

Stakeholder Input – Today's workshop

Task 6 - Workshop 1
- Explanation, Engagement and Validation

Workshop 1: Today's workshop seeks to **improve the problem definition**, via exchanging experiences on substitution and to validate the policy objectives.

- The purpose is to collect evidence and experiences from you
- The outcome will be a more detailed and accurate assessment

Methodology – “Problem Definition” and Policy Objectives

Task 3 - Identify specific problems and refine objectives of a new substitution framework

Thematic assessment & drafting of initial problem analysis

Drafting objectives of revised subs. framework

Internal Assessment workshop

Subtask 3.1: Thematic assessment of findings and initial problem definition

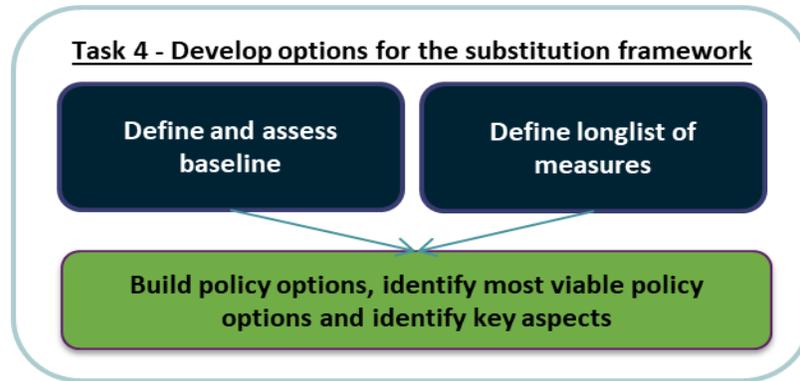
Subtask 3.2: Define objectives for a revised substitution framework

Subtask 3.3: Internal assessment workshop

Outputs:

- Draft problem definition
- Draft objectives for revised substitution framework
- Outline of possible policy options

Methodology – Develop options for substitution framework



Subtask 4.1: Define a baseline against which to assess policy options

Subtask 4.2: Develop a longlist of *measures* based on problem definition

Subtask 4.3: Screen the longlist to identify the most viable measures and key issues

Subtask 4.4: Development of *policy* options

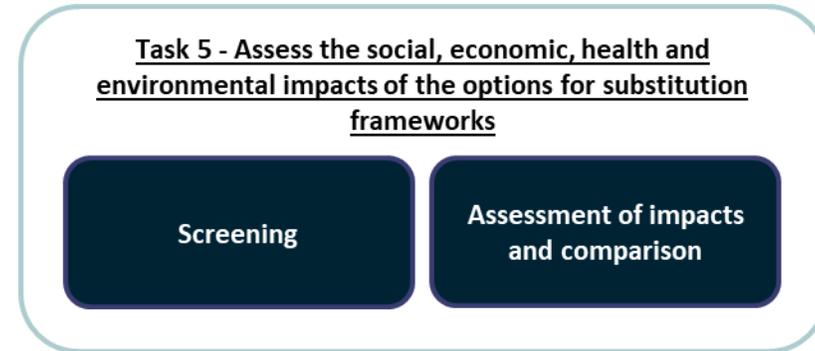
Outputs:

- Baseline for policy assessment
- Longlist of policy *measures* for revised substitution framework
- Agreed list of ~ 3 policy *options*
- Inputs to final report

Methodology – Assess the impacts of the options

Subtask 5.1: Screen impacts of policy options in line with BRG

Subtask 5.2: Assessment of impacts of policy options compared to agreed baseline. To include administrative burdens to authorities and industry.



Outputs: IA of policy options, and inputs to final report.

Stakeholder Input – “Workshop 2”

Task 6 - Workshop 2
- Explanation, Engagement and Validation

Workshop 2: Will provide the study teams draft assessment of options for feedback, refinement and validation

- The purpose will be to obtain feedback on potential options
- The outcome will be improved policy options with greater stakeholder support
- We expect this workshop to be around mid July or Mid September

After the coffee break

- Break out sessions will commence at 11:00 CET promptly! Please move to your rooms at 10:50.
- You will consider questions 1-3 in the morning and 4-6 in the afternoon sessions
- In person sessions will either be in the
 - Auditorium
 - Room BREY 011/183
 - Room BREY 005/183
- Online attendees will have received MS Teams links.
- You don't need to move rooms/meetings, the facilitators and rapporteurs will come to you
- Time is short and we want to maximize discussion...

After today...

- Listen, collect and collate your feedback
- Prepare problem analysis for further assessment
- Refine policy objectives
- Final report in late 2024
- Thankyou for your participation!



Thank you

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