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### REACH and the world beyond

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#### Background

The first REACH deadline for submitting registration dossiers has passed in November 2010, while the next registration deadline is 1 June 2013. This special session aims to

1. provide feedback on REACH related processes relevant to hazard assessment (dossier preparation, evaluation, use of new scientific data, alternative methods...).
2. establish which scientific developments are taking place, provide markers for future development of non-test methods
3. establish what is needed for better registration, both for industry and ECHA
4. collect info on how REACH is working - "Is it doing its job?"
5. link REACH with activities in other regions

To establish a focus the range of questions include:

- How can industry make best use of (new) scientific data and developments to fulfil REACH requirements?
- How can scientific research be streamlined and efficiently used in a REACH context?
- What is needed for alternative techniques to be of practical use for REACH?
- What is new evidence on hazard so that a dossier requires an update?
- What are the positives & negatives of REACH for industry and DUs and how can the "negatives" be addressed?
- What are differences with other regions, what can be learned?

#### Setup

1. Presentations from ECHA, EU Member States, Japan/US/China:
  - a. REACH processes and link to scientific research: what can be learned from the first registration deadline?
  - b. Dossier evaluation feedback: effects & exposure
  - c. QSARs and other non-testing methods
2. Presentations from Industry:
  - a. What can be learned from the first registration deadline?
  - b. Updates of dossiers in light of new scientific data: expectations from industry on what is regarded as new in a practical way
  - c. What are the problems and challenges for the future?
3. Presentations from NGOs:
  - a. What can be learned from the first registration deadline?
  - b. Expectations for the next registration deadline
4. Methods developments, academia presentations: Scientific developments in:
  - a. QSAR
  - b. (environmental) in vitro testing methods
  - c. grouping approaches
  - d. experimental test designs
5. Feedback from other regions
  - a. Japan
  - b. US
  - c. China
6. Panel discussion (panel: ECHA, other region representative, Industry, NGO, scientists):
  - a. New developments: reality or too optimistic for REACH deadlines?

- b. What additional guidance can be expected, what is needed to get methods accepted?
- c. Problems and challenges for the future? How to tackle them?

Link with SETAC and the World Congress topic

Target audience and invited speakers are in line with SETAC's balance between academia, business, and government. The theme of the World Congress "Securing a sustainable future: Integrating science, policy and people" is reflected in the basic idea of the session: bridging the gap between science, industry and regulation in order to improve environmental and public safety. Specifically, the lessons learned from the first REACH registration deadline by all parties and communication between NGOs, industry, scientists and regulators should improve the quality of dossiers and therefore increase knowledge and safety of chemicals.