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Dear all,

fyi please find a short feedback from a session on the Chemicals Strategy at the Eurometaux Regulatory Forum, which I just attended:

The Eurometaux Regulatory Forum brought together the regulatory specialists of their membership.

I was then interviewed by [REDACTED] on the following points:

- **Substances of concern (SoC)** include many hazard classes (and 80% of all metals) – what does this mean for the concerned substances. I highlighted that the term SoC is used in the beginning of the strategy only, in the broad context of the vision for the long-term future, and there is no link to concrete actions. Where concrete actions (e.g. the GRA approach) are envisaged, this applies to a more narrow set of hazard classes.
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- On the question on the cross-relation to **climate change and circular economy**, I highlighted that substances in uses which are crucial for combating climate change are likely to be considered as essential uses. For the circular economy, I pointed to the need for clear decisions on which substances we do not want to see in waste (and thus not in products in the first place), and in addition to the need to find appropriate solutions for legacy substances (e.g. lead in PVC).

Kind regards