

Meeting Digital Europe on REACH restriction process and learnings from RoHS

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- DG Grow indicated that the publication of the REACH revision is planned for Q4 – 2023.
 - Digital Europe raised the importance of aligning REACH and OSH regarding restriction substances.
 - Digital Europe indicated that the scope REACH restriction in initial phase of the restriction process is often unclear and therefore it is hard to get involvement of all industry stakeholders. Digital Europe recommended allowing industry sufficient time to request for a derogation. Also, companies need time to investigate potential substitutes. Digital Europa promoted a system like RoHS.
 - DG Grow indicated that in the REACH revision it is foreseen to get more information on the use of substance early in the process. This would allow authorities to be more specific on the scope. The same system as RoHS might not be the solution as it can be too detailed. However, we would like to move away from applicant-by-applicant decisions. COM will launch a study on substitution plans. With respect to the PFAS restriction, DG Grow underlined the need to react during the consultation. In the reaction, the on-going effort to find alternatives and their planning could be mentioned. SEAC can take this into account in their assessment.