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The following issues were pointed out by CEFIC:

- Implementing measures as a challenge for the industry;
- Follow up to Antwerp Declaration – dialogue and cooperation, including with the trade unions;
- Simplification, burden reduction – input was provided to Draghi report looking where things can be improved notably on smart regulation, the simplification of CBAM, barriers to the green transition;
- Possible REACH revision:
 - CEFIC argues not including it in the “first 100 days” planning;
 - Possible need to revise the impact assessment;
 - PFAS restriction – concerns about the long process and suggestion for prioritising specific uses where progress can be made relatively quickly;
 - Suggestion to tackle the assessment of several particular substances before heading for a broader REACH review;
 - Problem of coherence of chemicals’ assessment – e.g. between ECHA and EFSA’s assessments;
 - Suggestion to apply the generic risk management approach (GRA) to consumer products;
 - Problem of direct translation of hazard classification further down the value chain;
 - Need to tackle the work and safety at the work place rules;
 - Concerns as to possible inclusion of polymers under REACH;
 - Discussion on sustainable finance taxonomy package;
 - Some concrete suggestions as to how to take forward the assessment of chemicals have been included in the papers submitted by CEFIC;
 - Request for an overview of upcoming implementing measures.

Elisabeth Werner stressed the following points:

- Simplification, consolidation of chemicals’ legislation and acceleration of the procedures – need to draw lessons from the PFAS restriction procedure;
- Need for smarter regulation that will reduce administrative burden, but achieve its objectives – call for specific examples of what should be improved;
- Interest in an idea to test new approach on some substances first before going on with a broader review;
- Need for coherent implementation of the legislation;

- It is not possible to draw a list of all the implementing measures across the board, but information can be retrieved for specific pieces of legislation;
- Interest in the follow-up to the Antwerp Declaration;
- Interesting idea of market pool measures, including procurement.

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