

Status

Draft reports have been received and soon some final reports will follow. (Note: “WP4.N Medical” is finalized). But some final reports (i.e. WP4C FCM) will be a bit later. Some uses (i.e. membranes, laboratory use, pesticides) have not yet been covered. Other uses are hardly covered: Veterinary medicines for instance. Do we need additional research on data gaps / what to do with this?

Below some idea’s regarding WP4 progress are described in more detail.

1. Idea: Additional stakeholder response?

Stakeholders keep delivering information and keep contacting us however. How to act? All MS have to have a similar approach. Dilemma: It’s hard to neglect info after finalization of reports but somewhere we have to draw a line. Include an additional opportunity for stakeholders to respond. Publish the full WP4-subuses reports on internet and ask stakeholders to react to the final reports.

Advantage: Easier to handle stakeholder responses after finalization of WP4 reports as we can refer to the additional consultation round

Better & more complete info at an early stage

This might also help if we decide that for (some) uses, by default the PFAS application for the use will be banned, unless industry delivers solid evidence that a ban is not (yet) possible.

Maximum transparency

Disadvantage: Likely many responses can be expected so a lot of extra time might be needed...

Not much choice in SEA strategy anymore as ‘all cards are on the table’.

Questions: Good idea?

Open publication (if possible...) or only for certain stakeholders?

2. Present (draft) reports briefly?

Have DE, DK, SE, NO, NL (briefly, max. 10 minutes & 10 slides) present their WP4 (final?) reports to group. I.e. focus on chemistry, functionality, alternatives, volumes, emissions.

Advantage: Everybody is updated without having to necessarily read all the reports in detail

Disadvantage: Takes some preparation time

Questions: Wait for final reports or present already the draft reports?

<u>Report progress</u>

3. Key info to be listed in tables?

Chemistry and, to a lesser extent, also alternatives are mentioned quite extensively in most reports. But this also (partly) applies to PFAS load (article tonnage * average concentration), emissions both during production and use phase. Etc.

- An overview of all chemistry / PFAS groups per use, including alternatives, might be of significant value. *Probably this can already be done even in case we decide to start a consultation on the final WP4 reports.*

Questions: What topics do we like to have summarized for whole WP4 in tables?

4. An integrated WP4 report?

All 15 final reports will cover many pages. There is a need for a WP4 summary report as i.e. in the restriction dossier the individual reports cannot be included. How to produce such an integrated report?

Options:

- Integrate reports ourselves. (*Advantage: we'll get a solid knowledge of the reports, disadvantage: a lot of time involved / not native speakers*)
- Subcontract report integration (*Advantage/disadvantage are a mirror of the above mentioned*)
- A mix: first integrate the report ourselves and for streamlining, solid English subcontract.

Questions: Integrate reports already before comments of stakeholders have been received?

Timing?