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Lunch meeting with business sector at the COM Rep (The Hague)

- Association of housing associations (Aedes)
- AKZO Nobel (coatings)
- Trade association MKB-Infra (contractors association)
- EPV - Dutch packaging and pallet industry association
- Esso Netherlands
- ExxonMobil Rotterdam
- Port of Rotterdam
- Modint (clothing and textiles)
- NCV - Dutch Cosmetics Association
- NLdigital (Trade association for ICT and telecom companies in the Netherlands)
- NVZ (Trade association for importers and manufacturers of detergents, cleaners, maintenance and disinfectants and cleaning machines)
- RWE Generation SE (energy)
- Signify (LED lighting systems, software and services)

- Uniper Benelux Holding B.V. (energy)
- Vattenfall (energy)
- Association of Paint and Printing Ink Manufacturers VVVF
- Association of Hydraulic Engineers
- VIG - Association of Innovative Medicines
- VNCI - The Royal Association of the Dutch Chemical Industry
- The Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW) and SME Netherlands (MKB-Nederland)
- Klasja Vande Ridder, Head of Representation
- Patrick Child, DDG ENV
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REACH/Chemicals

QUESTIONS: *Essential Use / REACH revision updates especially on polymers, paint sector association worried that the chemicals they use will be banned in GRA, updates on microplastics and PFAs (hard to find alternatives for certain products), how better involve industry in the decision making process (especially down-stream users):*

- PC made reference **to the chemicals strategy for sustainability**. He recalled that as part of the strategy the Commission tabled proposals on **CLP** and the next step is the REACH revision scheduled for 4Q.
- He explained that current **REACH** system is complicated, especially the very labour intensive system for authorisations. The aim is therefore to simplify the restrictions and authorisations, to have GRA for the whole categories of uses (consumer/professional groups); GRA will be proposed but only for certain categories for consumer uses. Commission is consulting industry: stakeholders consultations, organised High level Round Table, ad hoc Csr's discussion on PFAs with last week.
- **Microplastics proposal** passed the 2nd RSB and it is coming in September;
- **On PFAs:** industry thanked for ECHA Q&A which was very helpful but highlighted that for medicines (usage and packing) there is little scope for alternative solutions. **PC explained** the consultation process. ECHA has already had a huge response with over 2000 replies. ECHA will consult different committees and then the Commission will take decisions on possible exemptions taking account of technologies that are essential for the green and digital transition (solar panels, medicine). Commissioner Sinkevicius had invited different industry groups showing the recognition that Commission is aware of the high political stakes in this discussion. PC noted however the wide public concern about PFAs in the environment and human systems.



