

A successful first session of the CII REACH-OSH Forum

We are really pleased that about 50 experts from all over Europe joined us for the first CII REACH-OSH Forum on 1 April.

The aim of this Forum is to provide an informal platform for the European Commission, Member States' experts, trade union and industry representatives and other relevant stakeholders to exchange views and discuss solutions to clarify the REACH-OSH interface.

We would like to particularly thank Ms Schutte, Ms Podniece and Mr Linher from the European Commission, Mr Doreste from ETUC and Mr Sacco from the European Platform for Occupational Hygiene for their insightful presentations, which were an important basis for the discussion. We would also like to thank our two moderators, Martin Wieske and Marko Susnik, for efficiently steering these debates.

During this kick-off Forum, we covered quite a broad range of topics, including:

- the current status of the REACH review and the EC current thoughts on the future of the REACH-OSH interface
- the EC views on the sequencing of the discussions on the REACH-OSH interface
- concrete examples of how OSH protects workers
- the role of RMOAs
- the need for clarification and, when possible, harmonization of limits
- enforcement
- the need for clear information along the supply chain

All these points will be further discussed and explored during upcoming Fora. Indeed, when concluding this Forum, we mentioned that we would like the following ones to address each time a specific aspect of the REACH-OSH interface.

The next CII REACH-OSH Forum is likely to take place at the end of May.