

# Opening address

ECHA's seventh Stakeholders' Day  
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- Seventh Stakeholders' Day (started in 2008)
- Over 350 registered participants with many more watching live via web-streaming
- 36 countries represented including: ? from the EU, Japan, China, Canada, Australia, India, USA, Brazil, Mexico
- 30 journalists

## Programme – something for everyone

- 3 plenary sessions
  - Registration
  - Evaluation
  - Applications for Authorisation
- Information stands
  - Publications
  - New ECHA website
- One-to-one sessions
  - 10 topics
  - Over 100 questions submitted
  - 30 ECHA experts at your service
- Meet ECHA's staff
  - Informal networking
  - Guidance
  - Reflect on the day

## Looking back

- Industry successfully responded to the first registration deadline
- 25 000 registrations for some 4 300 substances
- Three million C&L notifications for 107 000 substances
- All this information now available to all on our website
- Five years of ECHA

## Looking forward – ECHA's four strategic aims

1. Improving the quality of data submitted
  2. Using data intelligently for better chemicals management
  3. Managing resources efficiently and effectively
  4. Addressing the scientific challenges
- These aims will guide our (multi)annual planning

## REACH/CLP challenges ahead

For ECHA:

- Registration deadlines in 2013, 2018
- Identifying all SVHCs and selecting the most suitable risk management option for each of them by 2020
- Using REACH for substances in nanoform

For you:

- Update your dossiers – better quality means safer use
- Prepare for registration – there is even more support available now

## Other challenges ahead

- Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR)
  - Entry into force this summer
  - Entry into operation on 1 September 2013
  - Simplifies the authorisation procedures in the internal market
  - Ensures protection of human and animal health, and the environment
- Prior Informed Consent Regulation (PIC)
  - Entry into force this summer
  - Entry into operation on 1 March 2014
  - Regulates import/export of hazardous chemicals in compliance with CLP
- These laws bring opportunities also for you – we will do our best to inform and support you



**Have a productive day.**

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