

# Closing remarks

## Biocides Stakeholders' Day

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# Thank you for your active participation

- 250 in this room
- 1300 watching online
- Over 100 questions asked remotely

# Improvements as of 1 September

- New opportunities
  - Mutual recognition in parallel
  - Union authorisation
  - Product Family approach
  - Same product approach – “mutual recognition among companies”
  - Simplified procedure for products of lower concern
- Simplification and streamlining
  - Electronic submission – R4BP and IUCLID
  - Guidance
  - New process deadlines

## Tips for all

- Use the support available on our website
- Get your views heard
  - Respond to public consultations
  - Use ECHA Accredited Stakeholders (see website)
  - Encourage your representatives to apply for accreditation
- Data has to be shared and costs determined in a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory way
  - Keep evidence of your negotiations with other companies (like data owners)
  - ECHA can help to resolve data sharing disputes
- Check the status of your application regularly

# Support and tools

- Submission Manuals
- Video tutorials
- Webinars
- Helpdesks - national and ECHA
- Guidance
- ECHA web content
- Multilingual Terminology database (ECHA-term)
- Stakeholder events like this

# Your requests of ECHA

- Accelerate the Review Programme
- Publish guidance as soon as possible
- Think about SMEs:
  - Anticompetitive practices – be clear about what they are
  - Templates and tools like model letter of access for example
  - Best practice on gaining access to data
  - Costs
- Be pragmatic – “walk before you run”
- Keep talking to stakeholders

## Your requests of ECHA

- Incremental demands – try to minimise them
- Ensure alignment between Biocides, REACH and Classification.
  - Concern about RAC intention to consider harmonised classification
- Harmonise terms, conditions and technical issues of different authorisation procedures
- Much more discussion and clarity needed on from the Commission on treated articles – current guidance draft not helping

## Coming soon

- Answers will be provided online to **recurrent issues** raised today
- Guidance by September from ECHA on:
  - Information requirements
  - Technical equivalence
  - Alternative suppliers
- Guidance by September on treated articles from Commission
- Dossier templates



## What to do now...

- Meet ECHA's staff
- Submit **specific** unanswered questions to ECHA's helpdesk online – you will get a personal reply
- Download presentations – later today
- Watch again online – events page
- Feedback questionnaire coming by e-mail
- Contact the helpdesks (national and ECHA)
- Follow our weekly e-news – subscribe online

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