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# Opening of the seminar

*Seminar on applications for authorisation  
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## A new process, with high expectations

- Authorisation was one of the most controversial aspects of REACH during the negotiations. A lot of expectations have been placed in it.
- Authorisation is also new for all parties involved;
  - we (potential applicants, third parties and ECHA) are entering a “*learning by doing*” phase, in which communication, pragmatism and sharing of experiences will play a key role.
- Uncertainties remain on how some particular aspects of this procedure will be implemented.
  - ECHA is working, with others like the Commission, to bring clarifications as soon as possible.
- For ECHA, a lot of uncertainties also remain on how and when Industry will apply
  - any early signals from potential applicants would help in ensuring the best planning of resources to ensure the most efficient handling of forthcoming applications.

## Transparency

- ECHA's preparations for handling applications for authorisation will be discussed with all the stakeholders. This is the first meeting, primarily targeted to potential applicants;
- A meeting will be proposed to NGOs in the near future.
- All presentations will be made available on ECHA's website.
- A common understanding, general acceptance and best use of the authorisation procedure is a key for this system to function as it was meant.

## Trustworthiness

- Applications for authorisation dossiers and the discussions in ECHA Committees and Commission will certainly contain confidential information.
- Therefore, appropriate solutions have to be found to ensure that (commercially) sensitive information is kept in trust, whilst the overall functioning and objectives of this procedure are guaranteed.

## Objectives for the seminar

- The Commission and ECHA will present how the authorisation requirement and procedure will be implemented.
- An objective is to help future applicants to become more familiar with:
  - their rights and obligations,
  - the procedure,
  - the formats, templates and pieces of guidance to develop and submit applications for authorisation.
- For ECHA, this is an opportunity to receive direct feedback and suggestions on what to further develop or improve.