



# Getting ready for the next decade



What can we expect on chemicals policy?

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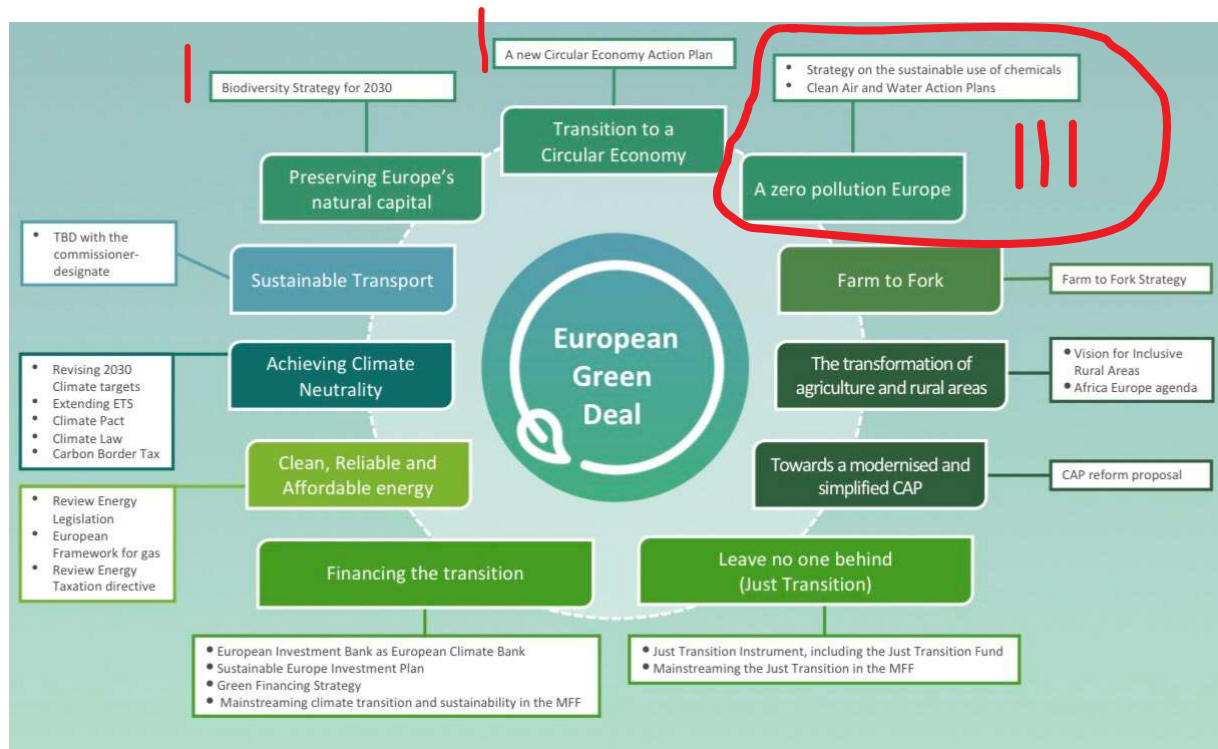


# The European Commission

- **A new Commission**
  - Exercises right of initiative, upholds EU treaties and administrative functions
  - Shift from technocracy to something more political
  - Greater interaction between different portfolios
- **Updated political guidelines**
  - New cross-cutting strategy addressing air and water quality & hazardous chemicals
  - Streamlining of UN SDGs
- **Future legislation**
  - Proposals must be evidence based, widely consulted on, subject to an impact assessment and reviewed by the independent Regulatory Scrutiny Board



# A European Green Deal



# The Green Deal: EU's Zero-Pollution Ambition



- cross-cutting strategy to protect citizens' health from environmental degradation and pollution
- addressing air/water quality
- **hazardous chemicals**
- industrial emissions
- pesticides
- endocrine disrupters

# The Green Deal: EU's Zero-Pollution Ambition – What to expect?



- clean **air** and clean **water** action plans - a priority for **chemicals emission to water** (also from soil/agriculture)
- a renewed focus on remediation of **legacy pollution**
- a comprehensive approach to **emissions of Pharma** in the Environment
- a **Circular Economy 2.0** – beyond single use plastics, a new **strategy** on **textiles** and emissions from laundry
- a strong focus on transport emissions. Air pollution and especially NOx and PM 2.5
- the use of the **Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)** and **BREF's** as to a tool to **drive innovation**
- Focus on hazardous chemicals, pesticides, endocrine disruptors

# The Green Deal: Hazardous chemicals



- a more **coherent** and **comprehensive** legislative framework
- more focus on **implementation** and **enforcement**
- shift towards **safe and sustainable production of chemicals** and products through strong market and regulatory incentives
- **address** the **gaps** in EU Chemical policy
  - combination effects
  - endocrine disruptors | nanomaterials | very persistent chemicals
  - the protection of vulnerable groups
  - chemicals in articles



Communication by mid 2020

# Seeking to answer 2 key questions: what will it mean for REACH?



Be ready for change in 2022!

## Data on chemicals



Do we have sufficient data to understand (potential) impacts of the use of chemicals?

- Registration of polymers
  - Data requirements: general (annexes VI – XI), EDs, low tonnages
- Chemical safety assessments covering man via the environment, persistent chemicals, combined exposures, low tonnage use
  - Mandatory update dossiers
- Knowledge on substances in consumer products (SVHC dbase)

## Regulatory risk management



How to protect people and the environment today and in the future from exposure to chemicals?

- Generic vs specific risk assessment
  - Risk acceptability workers
  - Risk acceptability environment
  - Risk acceptability consumers
- Essential vs non-essential uses
- Managing (very) persistent chemicals
  - Combined exposures
- Informed substitution



# We need to engage now!



What is our response to the key questions?

- Proposing a way forward – setting directions
- Addressing concerns and challenges raised



Key elements

