#### LIFE13 ENV/IT/000849

**inREACH** | protecting health and environment by streamlining REACH compliance check at European Economic Area import stage

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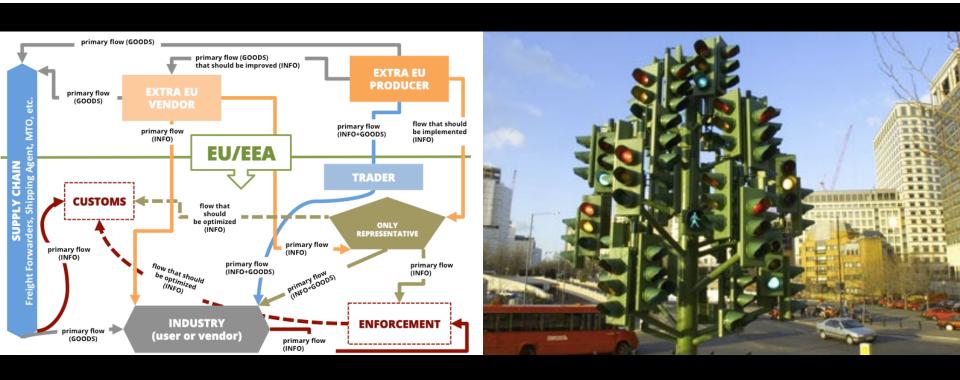
Duration of the project: 36 months (01/09/2014 to 31/08/2017)
Total budget: € 801.034,00 EC contribution: € 400.517,00 **18** Actions **26** Deliverables **12** Milestones

#### **Environmental Problem targeted**

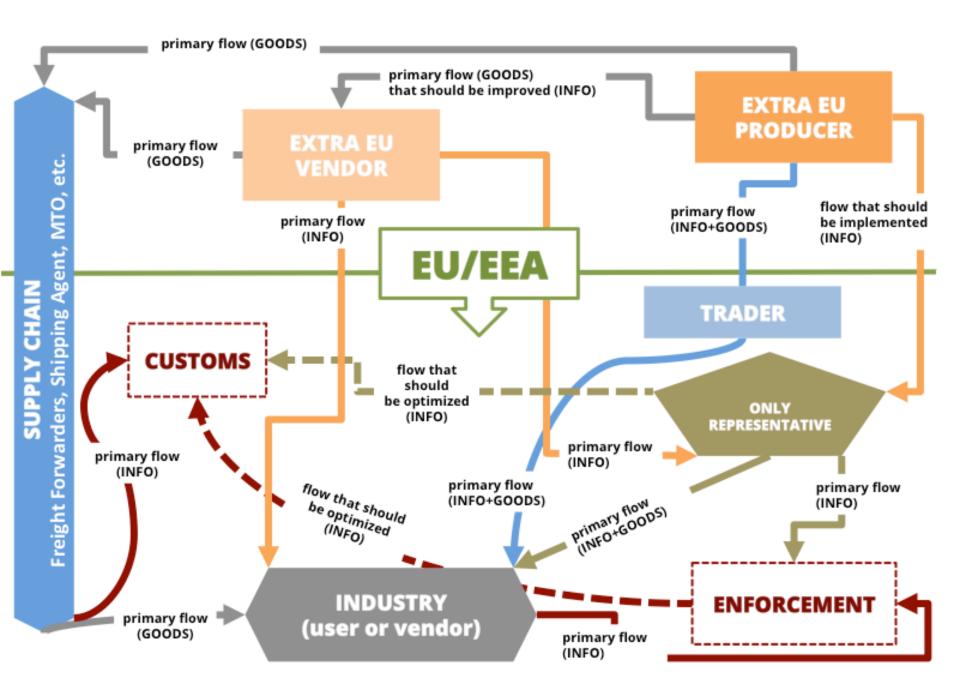
With reference to Article 1 of the Reach Regulation (*protection of human health and environment as well as the free movement of substances, on their own, in mixtures or in articles, while enhancing competitiveness and innovation*) Project Actions have as Global Objective the reduction of the Critical Issues related to access to European Economic Area (EEA) of Chemicals with incomplete or not compliant to REACH Regulation information in import operations.

**Coordinating Beneficiary** Tecnologie Innovative per il Controllo Ambientale e lo Sviluppo Sostenibile (Ticass) scrl **Associated Beneficiaries** Federchimica, Centro Reach srl, Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri

"Reach" the Project web site at www.inreachproject.eu - Inputs from Stakeholders needed!



more than 20 different ICT Tools reported into the Project Specific Report 2



EU Regulations (Reach/CLP) require Producers and Importers to pass down the Supply Chain information on chemicals and how to use them safely.

Anyway, there is evidence of Importers facing difficulties in evaluating and managing quality and compliance of information transferred to them by extra EU Suppliers.

e.g. information on permitted uses and exposure are generally difficult to obtain. **Importers** of chemicals need to identify and manage risks linked to substances they market.



#### **REACH status verification**

Who (legal entity) Why (exempted, pre-registered, registered...), and When (deadline for registration, or registration number).

"REACH Legal entities" may be different from "Customs clearing Legal Entities" >>> there must be precise and transparent information for **Enforcement Authorities**.

#### Focus on the Importer

At Customs level information is focused on the subject actually carrying on clearing procedures. But it might not be the importer itself, which may <u>delegate procedures to a Freight Forwarder</u>.

Furthermore, Traders are not always exporters themselves, but it may be a Trading Company buying items from extra-UE Producer(s) - more than one - and forwarding goods troughout the Supply Chain to Europe.

fostering **allocation of responsibility** throughout the Supply Chain with special focus on "hot topics" (Traders, Only Representatives).

e.g. establishment of clear liabilities in relation to marketing and use of dangerous substances; ensure that importers assume responsibility for their products.

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#### CLP compliance check

Classification and labelling of hazardous chemicals shall be assessed to ensure adequate risk management throughout the European Union.

A clear confrontation between mandatory classification (harmonized endpoints) and proposed ones (nonharmonized endpoints) has to be done **by the** Importer well before starting import operations.

issues related to information on substances imported to an EU Country detailed in a language different from the official one of that Country and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) incomplete/poor level of information.

**e.g.** UK importers feeling confortable with SDS of substances from Australia because written in plain English

**e.g.** Cleaners containing 95% of a highly dangerous component released on the EU market with conformity to USA market only

Environmental problem targeted: protection of human health and environment as well as the free movement of substances, on their own, in mixtures or in articles, while enhancing competitiveness and innovation (Art. 1 of the Reach Regulation)

"there is a relevant need for ensuring that goods imported into EU will undergo the same checks foreseen for the equivalent goods produced here in EU territory because potential environmental impacts or adverse effects are strictly related to (and focused on) the fact that their final use (e.g. toys, paints, etc.) take place in the EU territory, not where production was made (outside EU)"

#### focus on the topic "Risk"

Improvements of the protection of environment and health from risks posed by chemicals will be **pursued by actions fostering safer handling of chemicals** including chemicals in products, **promoting chemically safer products in the industry supply chain**, and raising awareness of and contributing to synergies between chemicals and other environment and health policies.

#### Preparatory Actions | Extended Stakeholders Forum

established for helping fulfilling the general purposes of the project (e.g. seminars, report and deliverables discussion and contribution)

#### **Target Audience**

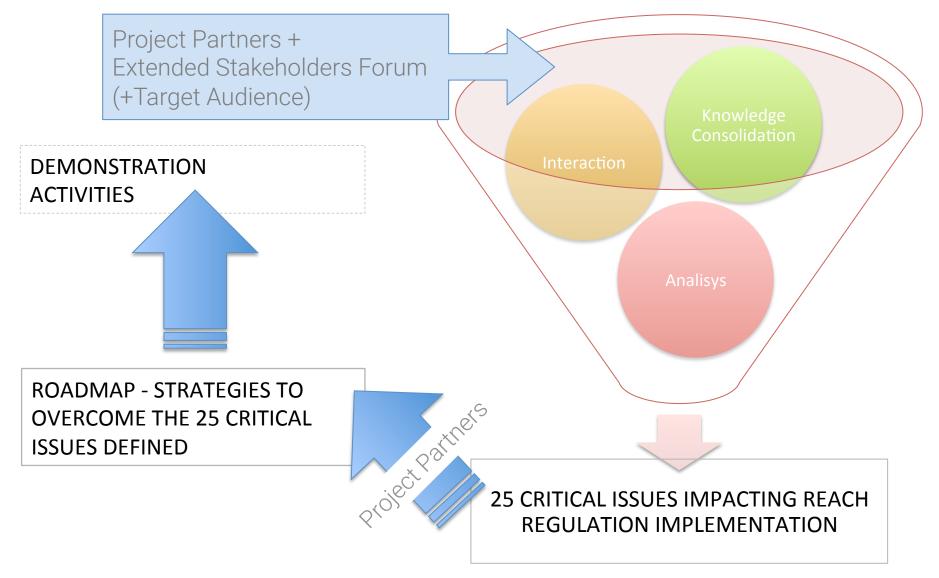
Manufacturers, Companies established outside EU, Only Representative of the non-EU manufacturer established in the EU, Downstream users, Formulators, End-Users, Producers of Articles, Re-fillers, Re-importers, Importers with a "Onlyrepresentative", Enforcement Authorities, Customs Agencies, ECHA

**Preparatory Actions | inREACH Framework: 25 Critical Issues impacting REACH Regulation Implementation** 5 major impacts of REACH -> 5 Specific Reports, 5 issues each

- 1. Regulation (Regional, National, EU, World);
- 2. Procedures and Technologies (Workflows, ICT, Web Services, Databases, Saas, legacy systems, etc.);
- 3. Science (Definition of standard Sampling Protocols for REACH analyses);
- 4. Transports and Logistics (Impacts of the REACH Regulation on the Supply Chain);
- 5. Science-Politics integration (Capacity Building and Education/ Training).

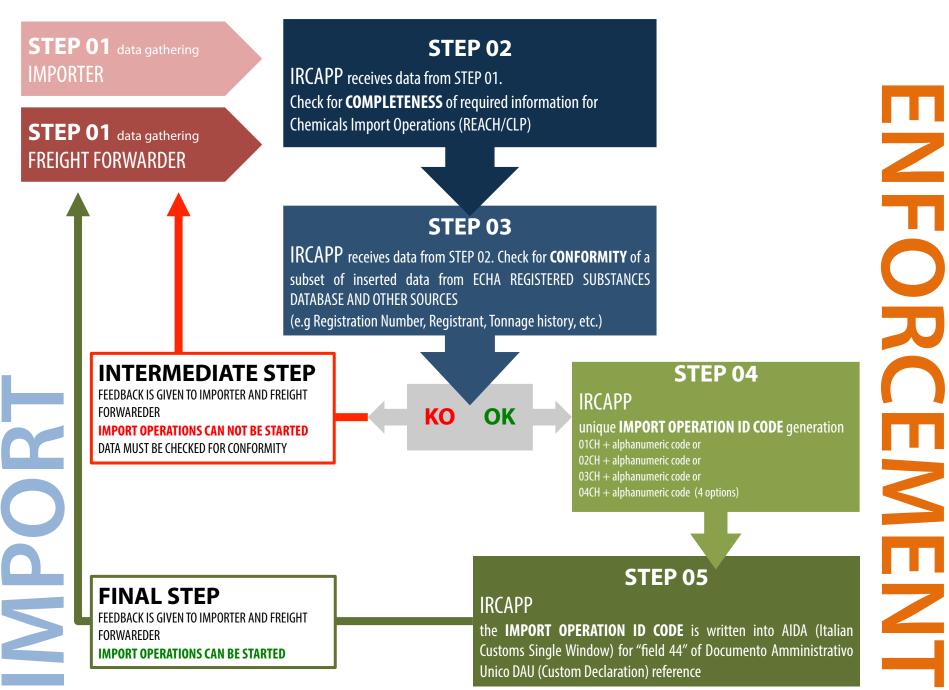
# Report 4 - REACH Regulation and its impacts throughout the Supply Chain

- 1. REACH Regulation does not foresee explicitly the definition of a proper role for Customs with impacts on procedures, operations and responsibilities allocation over the Supply Chain
- 2. Classification based on Harmonized Systems (HS), Combined Nomenclature (CN), TARIC Goods Code, is not fully compliant with the definition of substance/mixture/article in REACH Regulation
- 3. Traders: import of substances exploiting a unique registration number used to access different Member States market
- 4. Pre-registration number and Customs: from a theoretical point of view they may not be allowed to ask for specific information about it
- 5. Customs Clearance: avoiding problems and delays given by REACH non-conformity at EU border control level



- Implementation Actions | inREACH Framework: design, implementation, deployment
- inREACH is a **DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**
- it will be implemented with focus on technical and economical viability of a Framework (ICT + processes and procedures) impacting the environmental problem targeted
- The project will deploy **DEMO** activities at national level with reference to EU/EC scenario (+ exploitation)

inREACH Framework: logical flow for implementation of IRCApp (inReach Application) cloud service for REACH-related Import to EU operations



- Implementation Actions | inREACH Framework: design, implementation, deployment
- 3 steps
- I selection of subset of strategies and actions listed in the RoadMap
- II definition of a coherent WorkFlow gathering organization and process models for the Target Audience
- III Technical Specification of an ICT Platform (iRCApp)

#### **IN REACH** PROJECT LIFE 13 ENV/IT/00849 inREACH

#### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

improved **science-policy integration** and transfer of results to provide a solid technical background for Public Bodies, Authorities and the Business Community affected by REACH and CLP Regulations

focus on Import to European Economic Area (EEA) Operations, SMEs, Enforcement, Customs and the Supply Chain

technical specifications for an operations and process model, supported by Cloud Services, to check compliance of chemicals (REACH, CLP Regulations) at EU import stage (**inREACH Framework - procedures + ICT**) and Demonstration Activities

overall evaluated reduction by 5-10% of chemicals with limited or not compliant information entering into EU

