

**Communication with stakeholders
and third countries.
REACH experiences**

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Presentation outline

Communication with stakeholders.
REACH experiences

- Stakeholders
- Communication vehicles
- Conclusions

REACH Stakeholders



Commission - Member States

- Committee members
 - Ministries health, environment, economics, industry, ...
 - National agencies on environment, health, ...
- Permanent representations

Commission and third countries



Commission and international organisations

- APEC
- ASEAN
- ISO
- OECD
- UN – GHS
- WTO (TBT)
- ...

Commission and stakeholders associations

- Company/industrial
- NGOs
- Trade Unions

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- European
 - International
 - National

Commission and Companies

- REACH players

Commission and ECHA

- Born within the Commission
- Independent body
- Active coordination of activities

REACH Stakeholders. Communication vehicles



Communication vehicles

- Committees (COM and ECHA)
- REACH networks/expert groups
- Ad-hoc meetings
- Dedicated seminars-Workshops
- Cooperation networks, working groups, agreements
- EC delegations
- Business networks (EU and abroad)
- Brochures
- Presentations
- Official letters
- ...

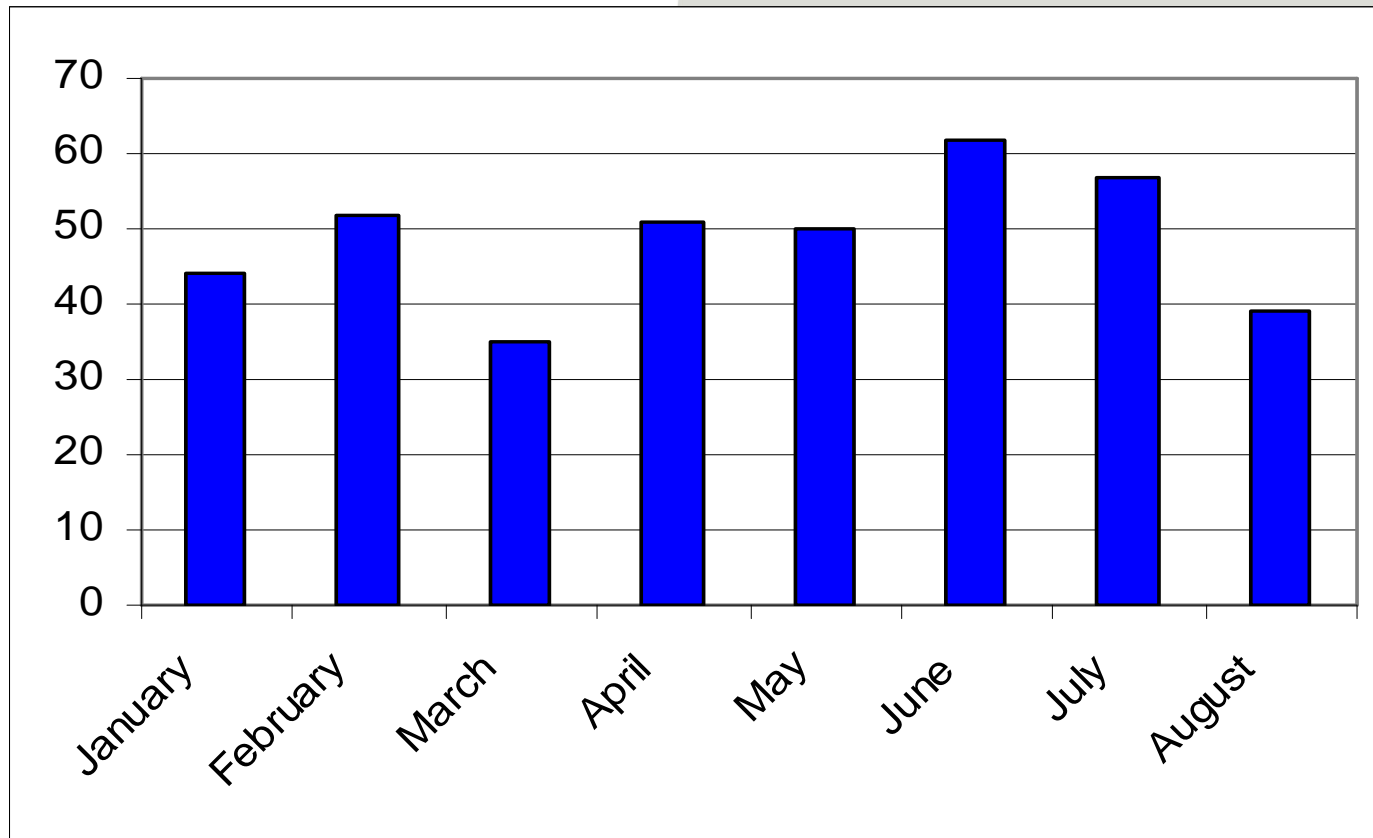
Communication example

~ 50 written external communications per month

Type of stakeholder(s)	%
Companies	45.4
EU+ MS	16.4
Industrial and Trade NGOs	16.4
Individuals	7.9
ECHA	7.7
Non-MS	4.9
Universities	1.3

Sample: DGENTR Jan08 – Aug08

Written contacts with external stakeholders



Source: DGENTR Jan-Aug 08

Example. Activities in China

- EU-Regulatory dialogue
- EU-China Environment Dialogue
- Asia-Invest REACH capacity building project for China and ASEAN
- EU-China Trade project
- MSs – China

All have REACH as one topic to discuss

Conclusions

- REACH complex networking system
- Commission appreciates good cooperation with stakeholders in communicating the REACH message
- We have just taken off

Where to turn for help?

1. Check the legislation (available in all EU languages)
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:396:SOM:EN:HTML>
2. Check the Guidance website in ECHA's website <http://echa.europa.eu>
3. Check the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the ECHA website
4. Talk to colleagues, business associations, industry helpdesks
5. Contact national helpdesk (addresses can be found on ECHA website)
6. http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/reach/index_en.htm
<http://ec.europa.eu/comm/environment/chemicals/reach.htm>
<http://ecb.jrc.it/REACH/>