



## Programme of the visit

### “Intersection of Environmental and Chemical legislation – what environmental specialist should know about it?”

#### Aims of the visit :

- to get insight into chemical regulatory system from the perspective of environmental specialist;
- to discuss the practical aspects of the implementation of environmental and chemical legislation on national level (in Finland).

Target group – project partners and relevant stakeholders.

#### September 29

From 15:00	<b>Visit to SYKE – Finnish Environment Institute</b> Ms. Susan Londesborough, Mr. Jaakko Mannio
<b>Discussion issues</b>	
1) Implementation of hazardous substances (HS) reduction measures under water legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- how your country decided on HS reduction measures for the river basin management plans, what measures got included into the current plans;</li><li>- BSAP (Baltic Sea Action Plan): how Finland is going to implement it, how it is lead down to national implementation plan, what measures Finland foresee;</li><li>- the work on emerging HS (e.g. how you identify new substances, which might be of the same concern as current ones under WFD and BSAP)</li></ul>	
2) Experiences on the intersection of REACH and environmental issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- cooperation/ communication among REACH and environmental specialists - on what topics, how it is set up;</li><li>- use of data generated by REACH, how candidate list is considered, why it is important for environmentalists to know and follow this list;</li><li>- how Finland is implementing REACH in practice.</li></ul>	

#### September 30

9:30 – 12:30	<b>Visit to ECHA – European Chemicals Agency</b> Ms. Eva Sandberg, Ms. Elina Karhu, Mr. Peter Lepper, Mr. Spyridon Merkourakis
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## Discussion issues

- REACH principles and elements (for non-chemists)
- interlinkage of REACH and environmental legislation (mainly WFD, IPPC), how REACH can influence environmental legislation e.g. through authorisation, restrictions etc.
- data gathered through REACH:
  - what data are collected, how it is managed, when and how it will be accessible, what is accessible already now, where to find it;
  - what data could be relevant for environmental specialists, how new knowledge can influence and serve environmental legislation (e.g. new information on sources could influence BREFs under IPPC as new BAT to be developed, new EQS under WFD...)
  - ECHA and national authorities - what data is accessed through whom, how it flows to the national level, whom to contact when;
- how to propose hazardous substances for authorisation/restriction if that is seen of relevance to the country;
- does REACH influence enforcement of environmental legislation and if yes, how?
- CLP: shortly on basic principles and elements, what environmental specialists should know about new system, deadlines etc.

