


“Consultation on guidance documents”

ECHA’s Second Stakeholders Day

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What does REACH say?



ECHA

- provides **technical and scientific** guidance and tools for the operation of REACH for:
 - industry, especially SMEs
 - other stakeholders
- provides **assistance to registrants**
- provides **explanatory information** on REACH to other stakeholders

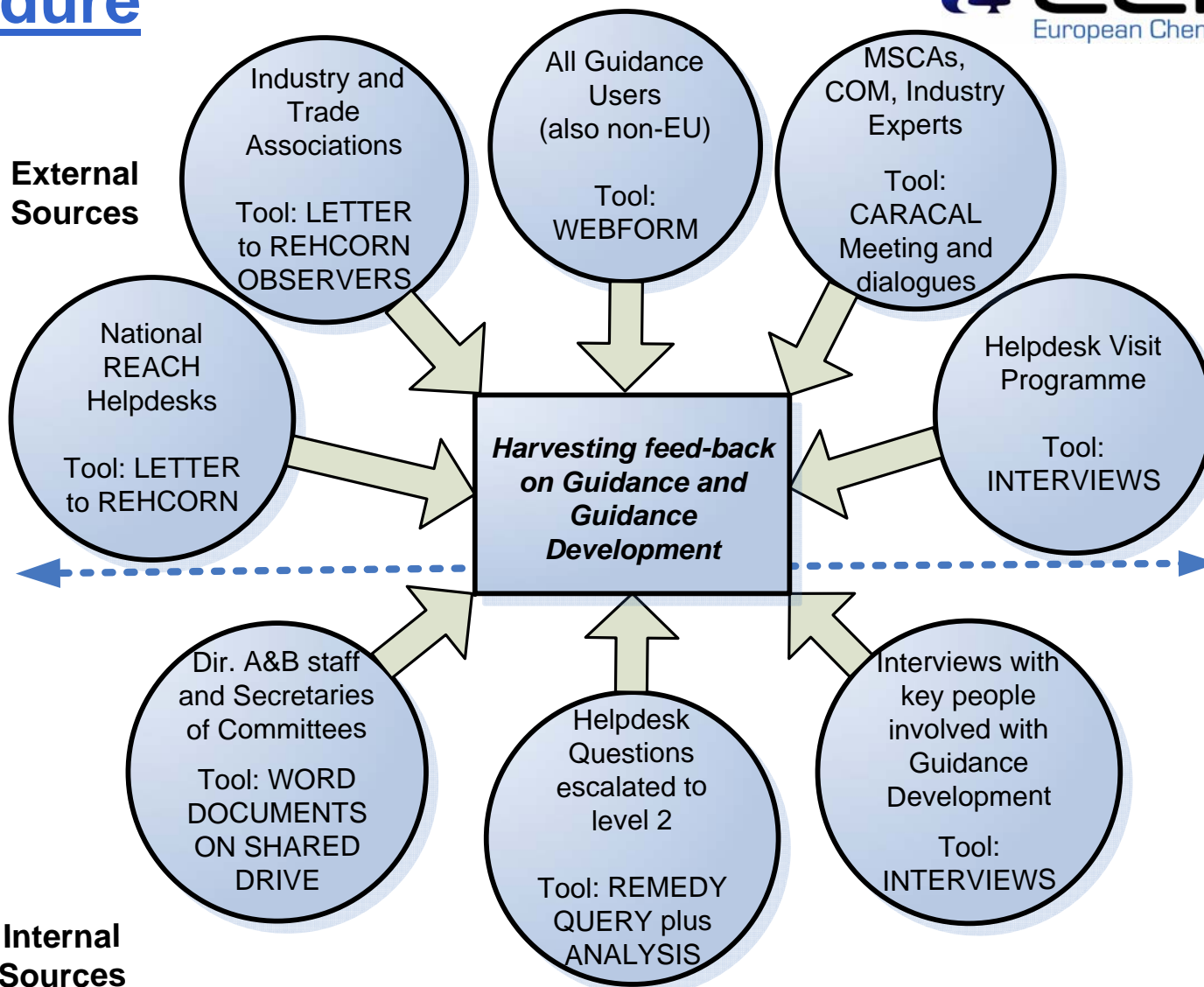
- **To assist stakeholders in implementing their obligations - but not legally binding**
 - First version has been developed by the Commission and agreed with industry, NGOs, MSCAs and ECHA (RIPs) to ensure broad support of all important players
 - Future guidance management has been handed over to ECHA

The Guidance shows the “safest” way for industry to implement REACH


How are stakeholders involved?

- 1. Initiation of the consultation procedure**
- 2. Consultation of ECHA partners**
 - Partners Expert Group
 - Committees and/or the Forum
 - European Commission and the MSCAs
- 3. Main interim documents prepared at different stages of the consultation process published on the ECHA website**

Initiation of the consultation procedure



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Feedback on ECHA Guidance Documents

REACH [Guidance Documents](#), you are invited to provide your comments on your [guidance documents](#). ECHA is seeking to continually improve the service it provides to its users. Your feedback will help us to improve the quality of the guidance that is available on REACH. For any enquiries on REACH or REACH-IT, please [contact ECHA](#).

Comments are collected in relation to:

- Guidance documents e.g. the ease of finding the information you need;
- Guidance documents mentioned below by selecting the guidance document and the guidance document;
- FAQ's
- Helpdesks

Comments are collected within the framework of guidance update and revision. **Please note ECHA cannot reply to these comments.**

Compulsory fields are marked with an asterisk (*)

Please provide us with your contact information.

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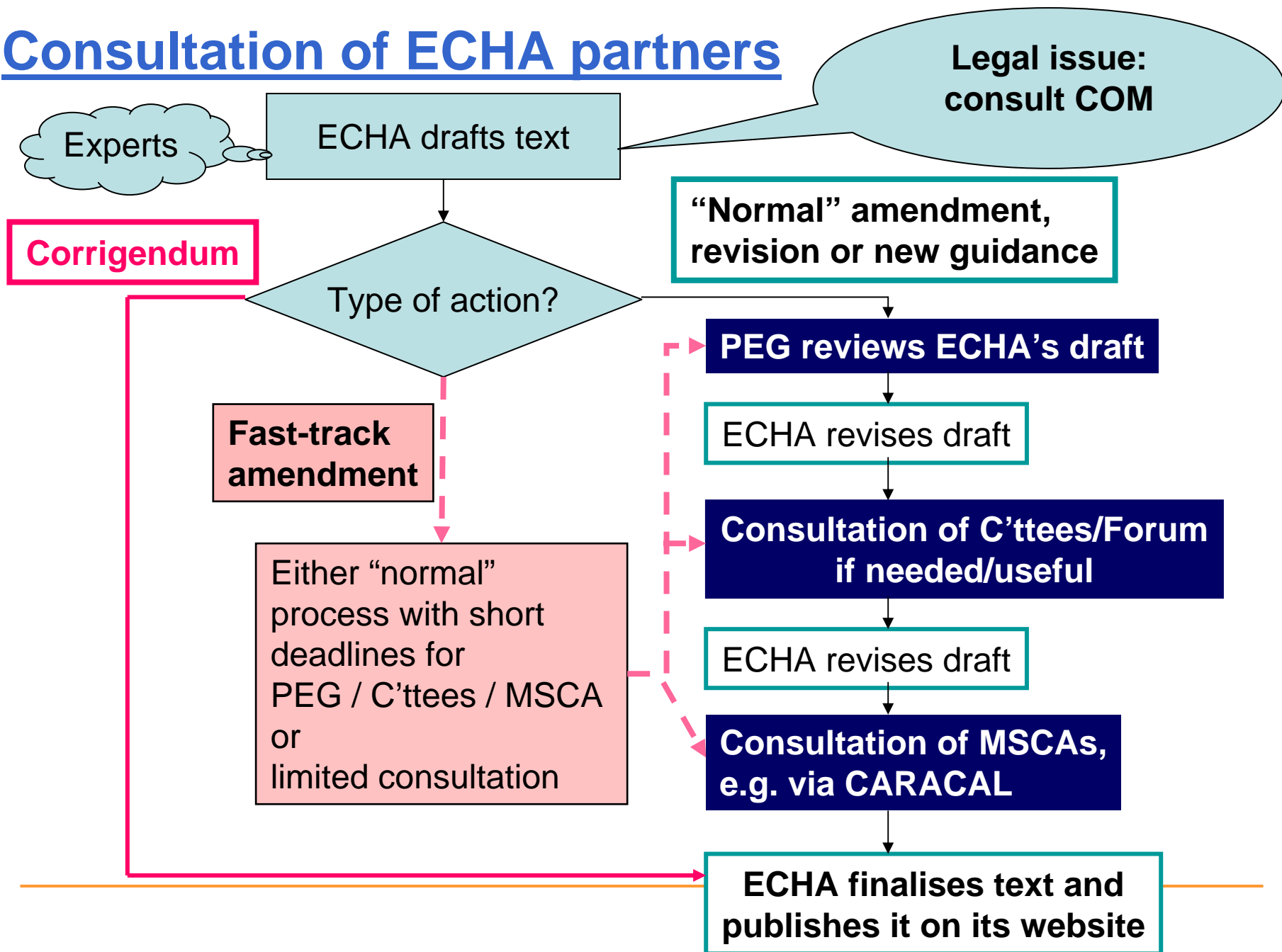
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<https://comments.echa.europa.eu/Comments/FeedbackGuidance.aspx>

Consultation of ECHA partners



- **PEG**

- nominations by MSCAs, Stakeholder Organisations or ECHA
- established by ECHA
- a meeting will be convened if no consensus can be achieved via written procedure

- **Committees and/or Forum**

- ED will be advised by the ECHA secretariat/PEG on their involvement:
 - to avoid disagreement at the end
 - to feed top-level expertise

- **Consultation of MSCAs and the Commission**

- obligatory for “normal” amendments, revisions, or new guidance

- **The proposed stakeholder consultation**
 - involves all stakeholders, including Commission, MSCAs, industry, enforcement authorities
 - should meet deadlines while reaching buy-in
 - all efforts will be made to reach consensus for achieving the basic objective:

Guidance that is acceptable to

- **those applying it,**
- **those using it, and**
- **those enforcing REACH**

Planned guidance updates

- **Registration**
 - Annex V
 - waste and recovered substances
- **Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment**
 - use descriptor system
 - exposure scenario format
 - exposure estimates
 - extended Safety Data Sheets
 - exposure scenarios describing strictly controlled conditions
 - exposure scenarios for waste life cycle stage and corresponding exposure estimates
- **Requirements for substances in articles**
- **Annex VI of the CLP Regulation**
- **Risk Communication**

Where to find information on the on-going guidance updates?



The screenshot shows the ECHA REACH Guidance website. At the top left is the ECHA logo. To its right is the text "REACH Guidance" with the European Union flag icon, followed by "Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of CHemicals". Below this is a navigation bar with links: "Site map | Glossary | Contact | Feedback Form | Search" and a language dropdown menu set to "English (en)". A secondary navigation bar contains buttons for "< Home", "About Reach", "Guidance", "Formats", "Legislation", "Other Documents", and "NAVIGATOR". Below this is a list of links: "Guidance Documents | Guidance in a nutshell | Fact Sheets | Consultation Procedure |". The main content area has a heading "Consultation Procedure" and a paragraph: "If ECHA identifies a need for updating existing guidance or for developing new guidance, it will prepare a corresponding draft, potentially involving external experts. Based on this draft, the consultation will follow the following steps:". To the right of the text is a small image of laboratory glassware.

http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/guidance4_en.htm

In order to ensure that the guidance updating process will be kept transparent and open to participation by relevant partners drafts of the different consultation steps will be published on this webpage.

More information on the "[Consultation procedure on Guidance](#)" is readily available.

Currently ongoing and planned consultations:

	PEG		Committees		CARACAL		
	Draft to PEG	Summary of comments	Draft to Committees	Summary of comments	Draft to CARACAL	Summary of comments	Final guidance

Thank You
for your attention

