

A **baseline study** is an analysis of the current situation to identify the starting points for a programme or project. It looks at what information must be considered and analyzed to establish a **baseline** or starting point, the benchmark against which future progress can be assessed or comparisons made.

An example is the [REACH baseline study](#) , a tool to monitor the new [European Union](#) policy on chemicals “ [Registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals](#) ”. A first “snapshot” has been taken of the situation before REACH came into force (“Pre-REACH-Baseline”); further snapshots later on will make it possible to monitor and assess the success of the Reach legislation.

Source

- [REACH baseline study](#)