



REACH

Progress and Perspectives

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Scientific Committees

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How is REACH moving?

Parliament: First reading: 17 November 2005

Council: Common Position by unanimity: 27 June 2006

2006:

- 2nd reading in Parliament (ENVI vote 10-10)
- Council and Parliament Agreement (end 2006)

2007 Entry into force (estimated April)

- Fees and test method regulations
- Review of Annexes I, III, IV and XI, possible proposals for commitology.

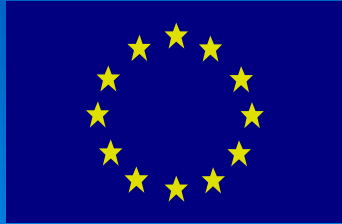
2008 Agency commences

2010 First Registration deadline (1000 tonnes+)

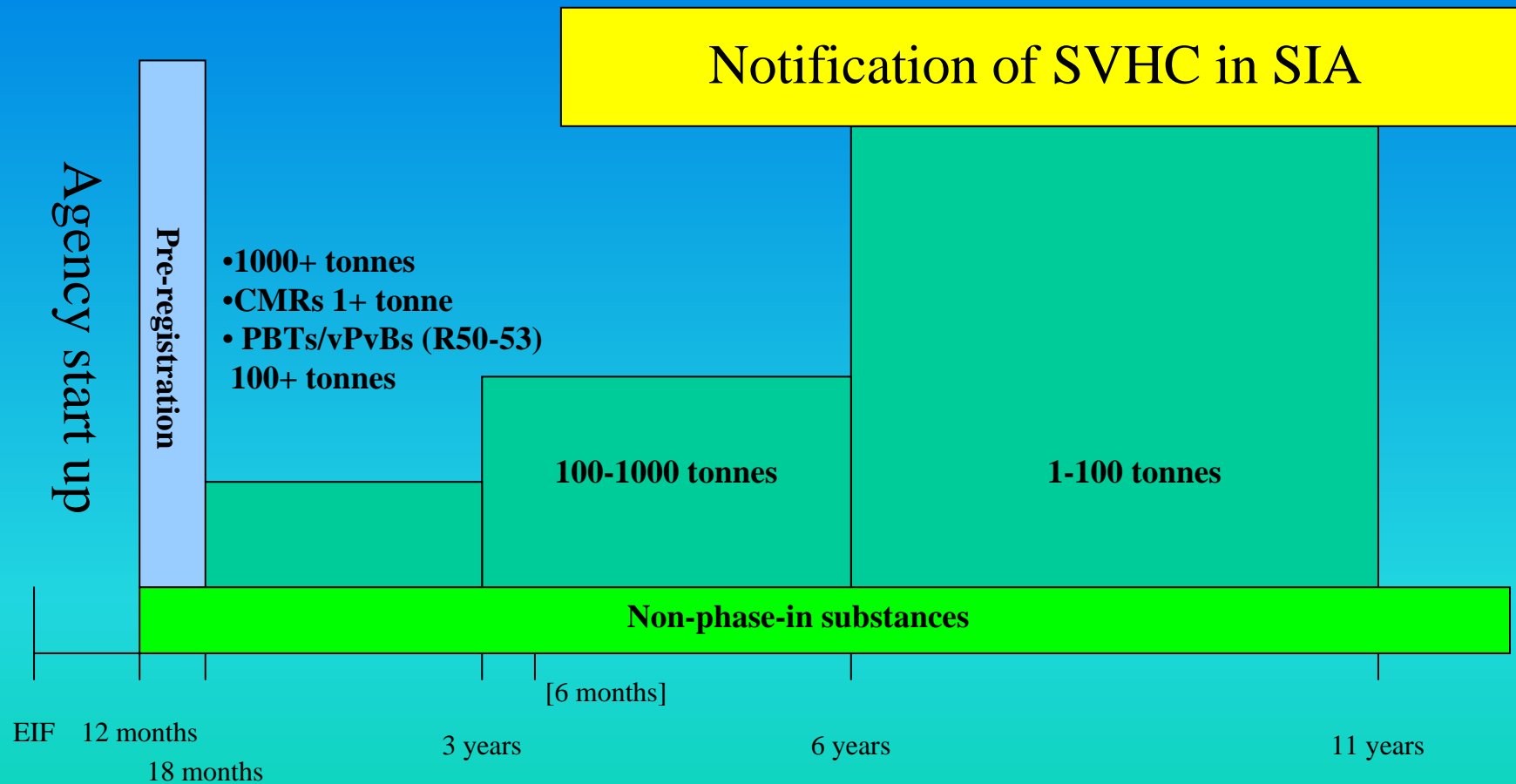


Main discussion points

- Duty of Care;
 - Animal Welfare;
 - Communication of information;
 - Registration/Data sharing;
 - Substances in articles
 - Authorisation;
 - EPs involvement in agency
 - Tobacco Additives
 - Comitology
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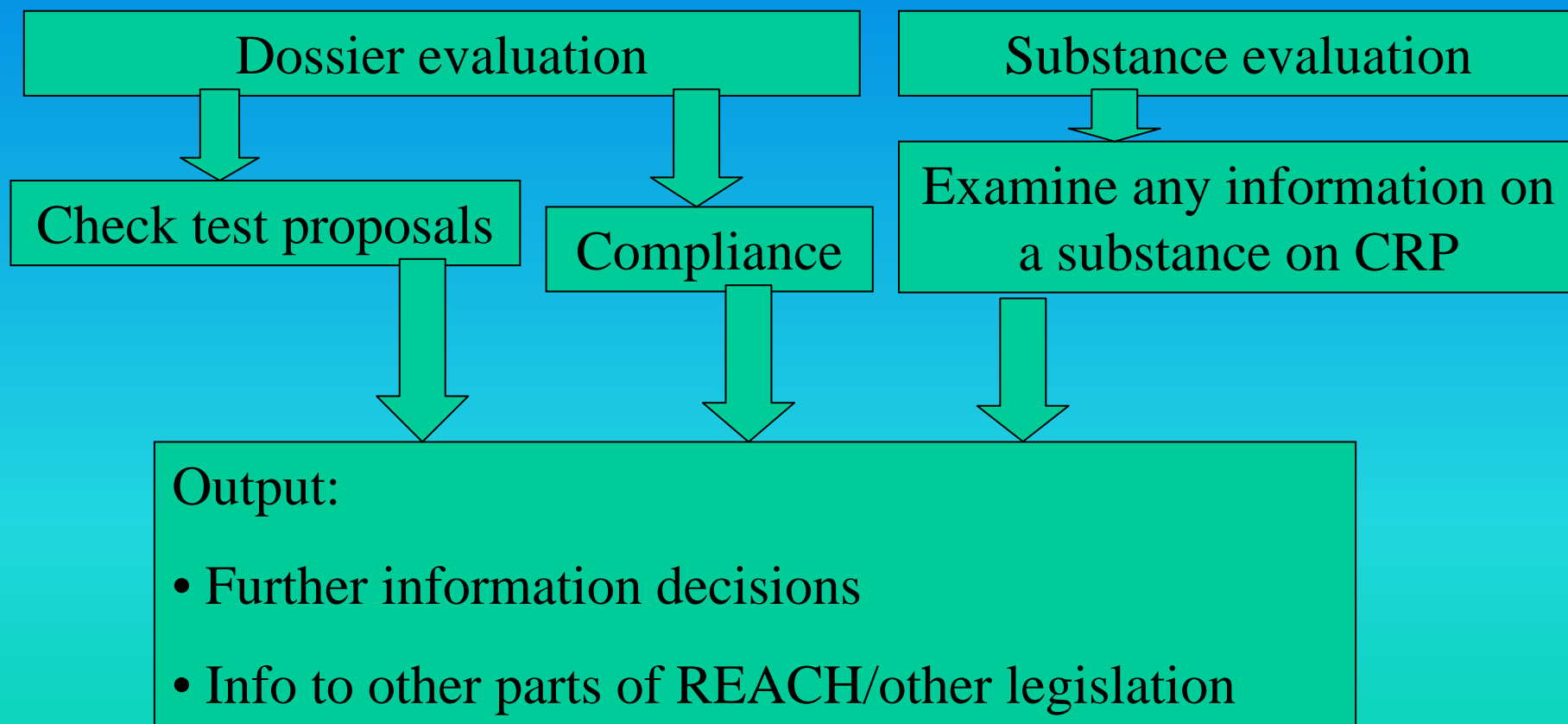


REACH: Registration





REACH: Evaluation





REACH: Authorisation and

Restrictions

Authorisation

- “Don’t call us, we will call you”
 - Limited number of substances
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The route to more answers

REACH Implementation Projects (RIPs):

- RIP 1: Process descriptions
- RIP 2: Development of IT systems (IUCLID database and REACH-IT)
- RIP 3/4: Guidance Documents industry/authorities
- RIP 5/6: Setting up the (pre-)Agency

AIM: In close collaboration with all stakeholders develop guidance to help fulfil the obligations under REACH



RIP-2: REACH-IT and IUCLID-5

□ 2 main systems, “talking to each other”

➤ IUCLID 5:

- Industry: tool for capturing data on chemicals, preparing and submitting dossiers
- Agency and MS: central data repository for all dossiers submitted and tool for preparing different kinds of evaluation dossiers

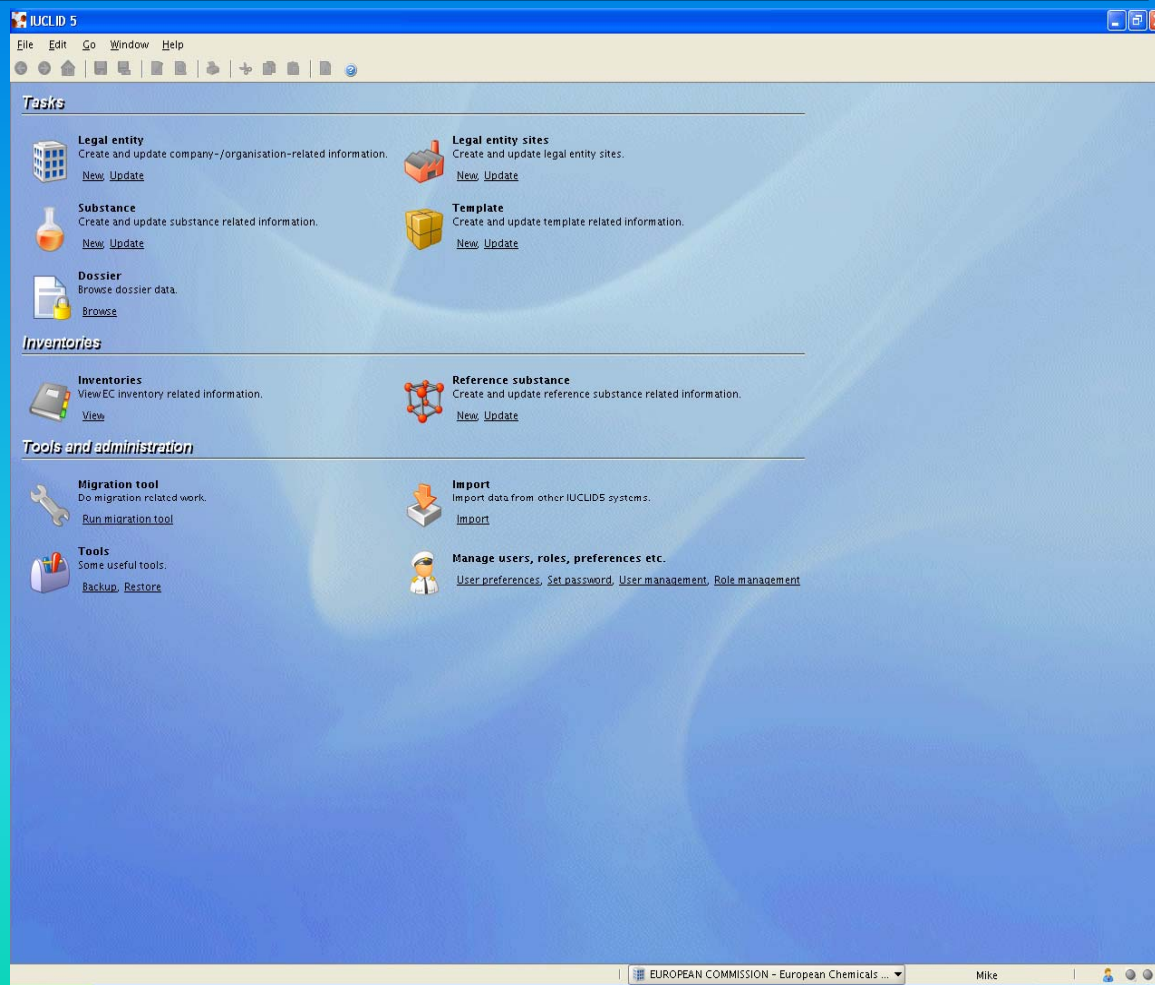
➤ REACH-IT:

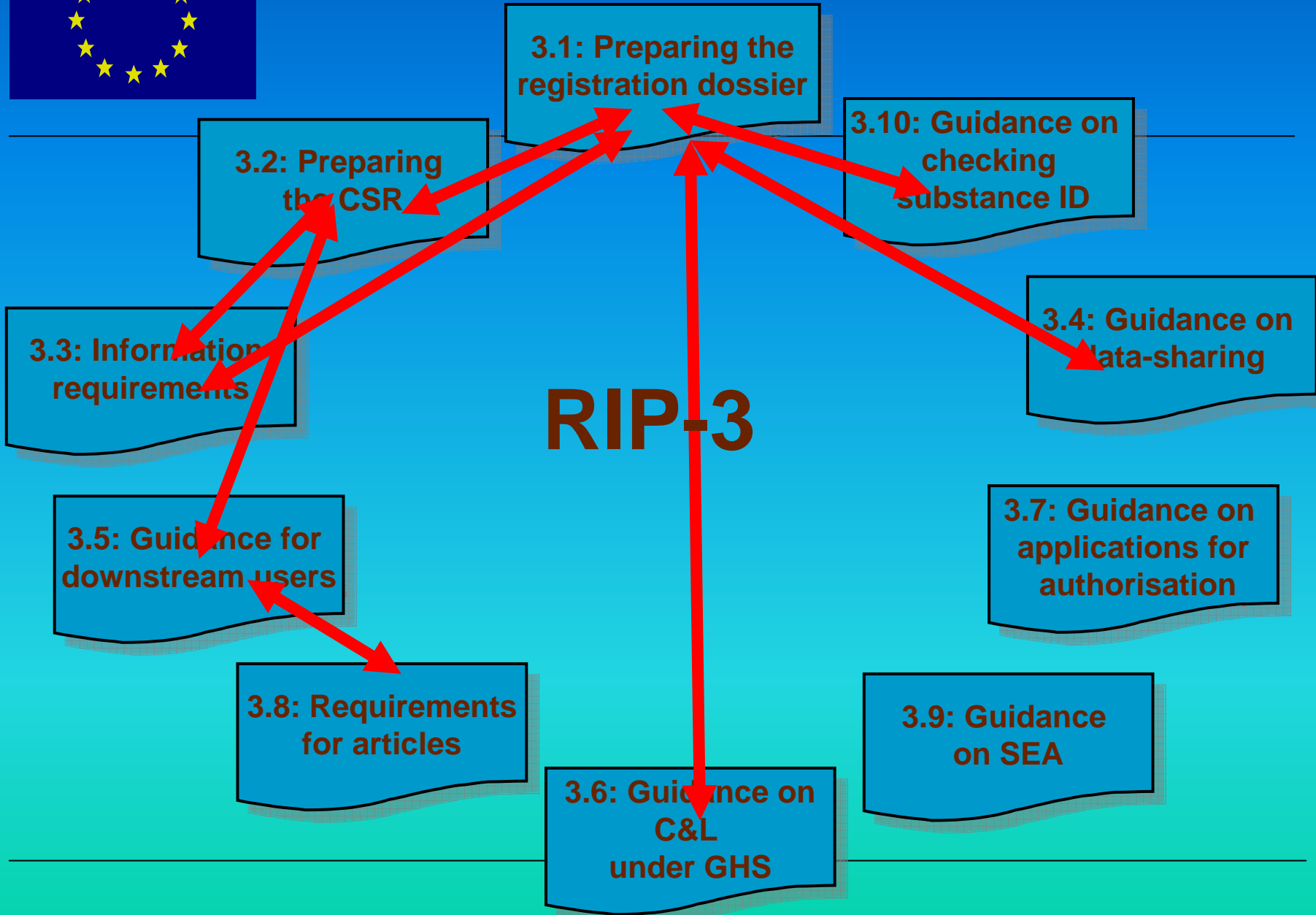
- Support for managing the complete system
 - Agency web portal
 - Workflow system
 - Dissemination
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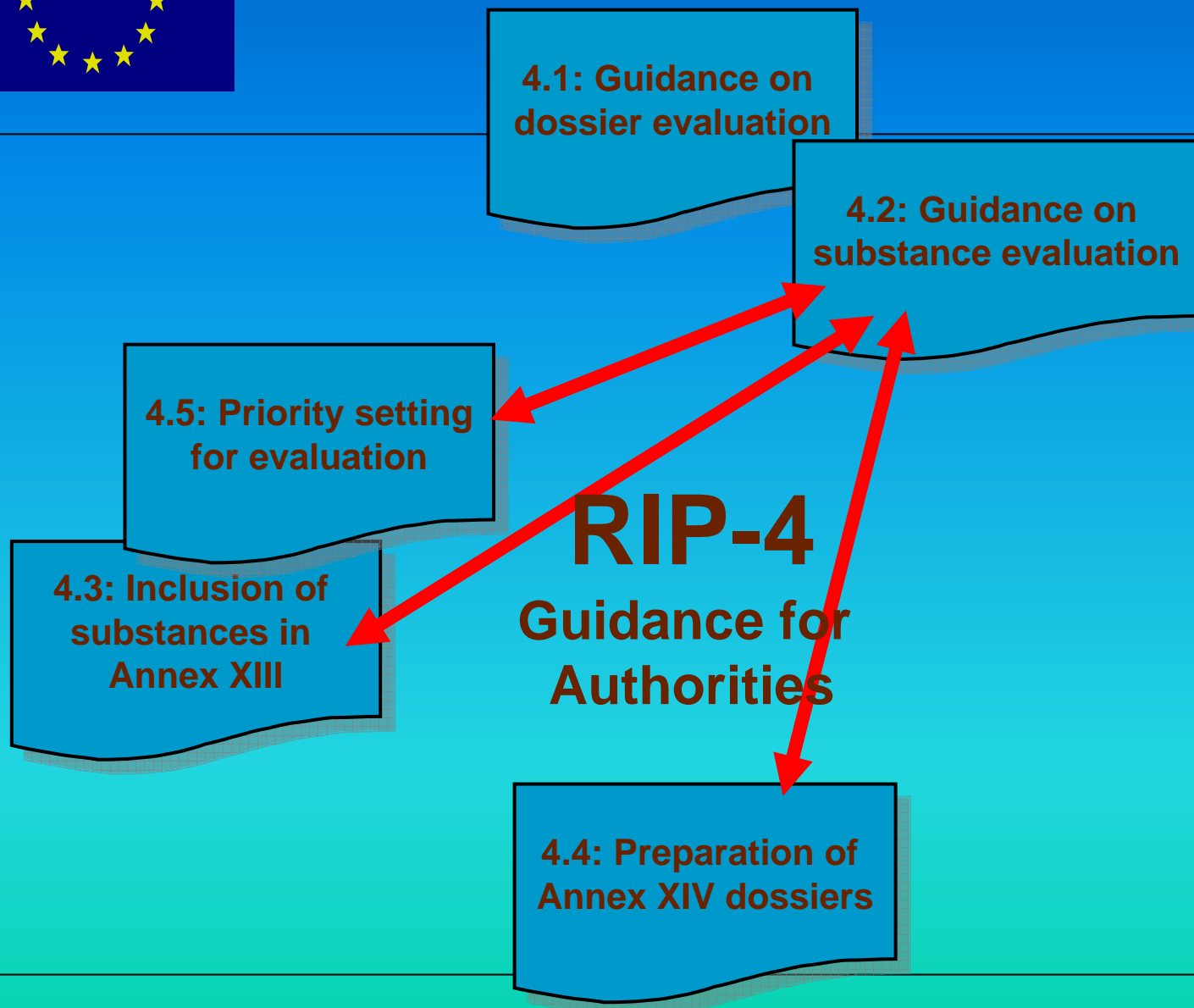


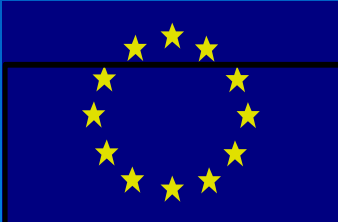
RIP-2: IUCLID-5

IUCLID5 implements the OECD harmonised templates and is downward compatible with IUCLID4 formatted data (currently used in the EU Existing Chemicals Programme, OECD Existing Chemicals Programme, by the ICCA and in the US HPV Programme)

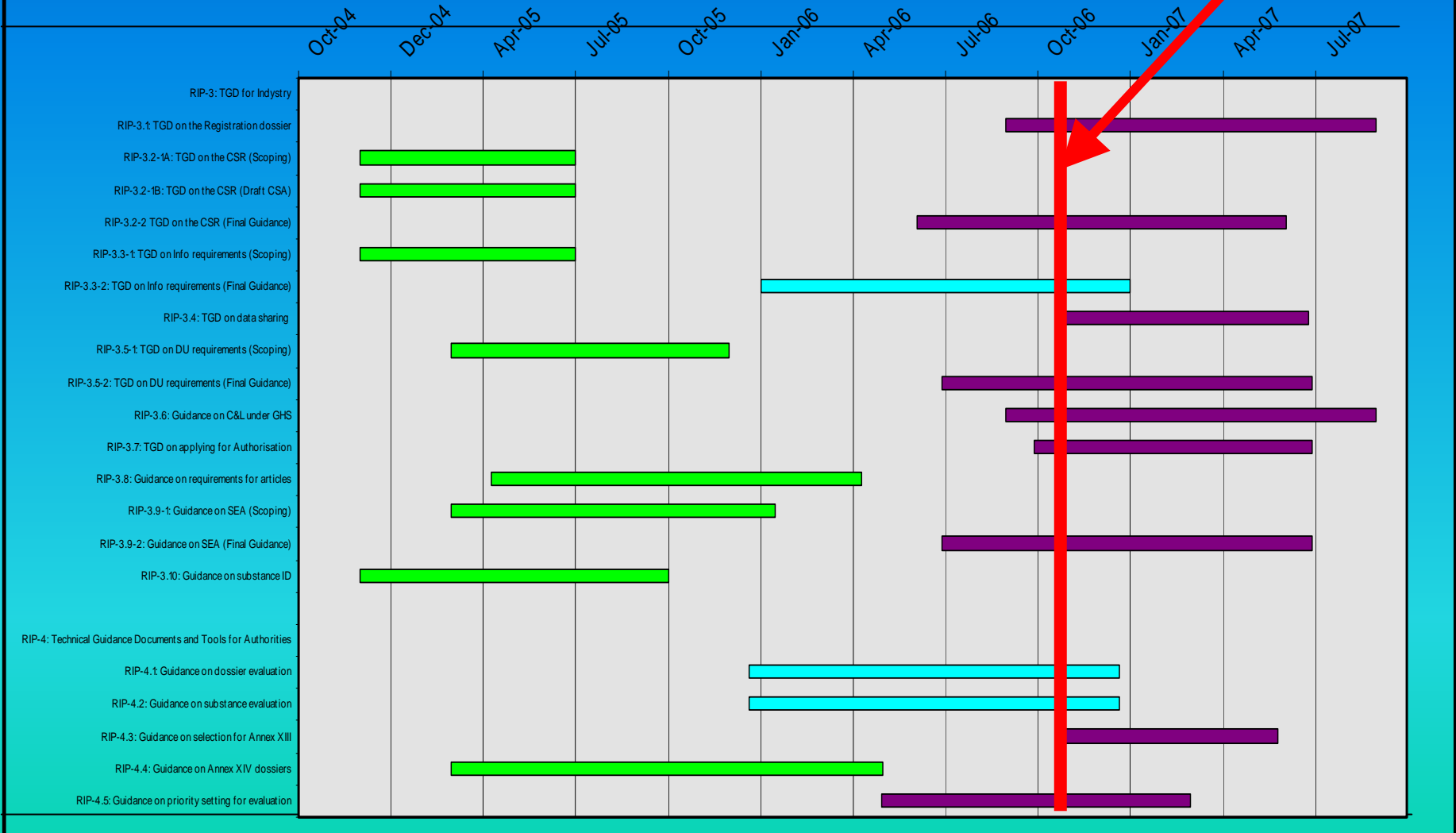


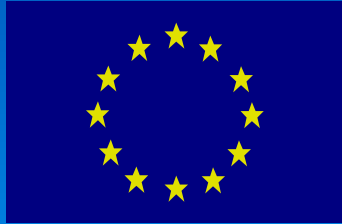






Timelines for RIP 3 and 4 projects





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Further information on RIPs

<http://ecb.jrc.it/REACH/>

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the REACH website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://ecb.jrc.it/REACH/>. The website header features the title "REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals)" and the ECB logo. A navigation menu includes links for HOME, DOCUMENTS, CALLS FOR TENDER, REACH PROPOSAL, RIP PROJECTS, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, and USEFUL LINKS. The main content area is titled "Overview" and contains the following text:

Biocides
Classification & Labelling
Existing Chemicals
Export-Import
New Chemicals
Testing Methods
OSARs
REACH
ESIS
INFOCAP
Contacts
Documents
Legislation

A proposal on a new EU regulatory framework for Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH) was adopted 29 October 2003. REACH aims to improve the protection of human health and the environment while maintaining the competitiveness and enhancing the innovative capability of the EU chemicals industry. ECB has the responsibility of developing methodologies, tools and technical guidance needed for REACH through a number of REACH Implementation Projects (RIPs). This is managed under Action no 1313 - Support to future chemicals legislation (REACH) or in short *REACH Support*.

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On 27 February 2001 the Commission issued a White Paper on a Strategy for a future Chemicals Policy. This has subsequently been developed and extensively discussed with major stakeholders, resulting in the release on 29th Oct 2003 of the Commission's proposal (REACH).

Under REACH enterprises that manufacture or import more than one tonne of a chemical substance per year would be required to register it in a central database. REACH would furthermore give greater responsibility to industry to manage the risks from chemicals and to provide users in the supply chain with safety information on the substances.

The proposal is now being considered by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU for adoption under the so-called co-decision procedure.



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Thank you!

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/chemicals/index.htm>

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