# **Introduction to FPP4EU**



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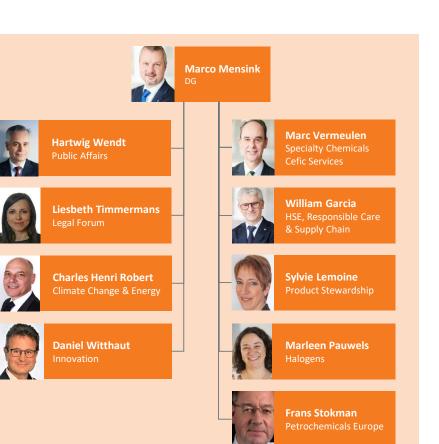
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- ✓ Sodium Chlorate Sector Group R. Mariner
- ✓ Chloroformates Sector Group R. Mariner
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- ✓ European Sulphuric acid Association F. Ortolan ✓ Euro Fluor - F. Ortolan



Membership



of the many potential substances that fall within the broad definition of PFAS.

Substances that contain at least one fully fluorinated methyl (CF3-) or methylene (-CF2-) carbon atom (without any H/Cl/Br/I atom attached to it)

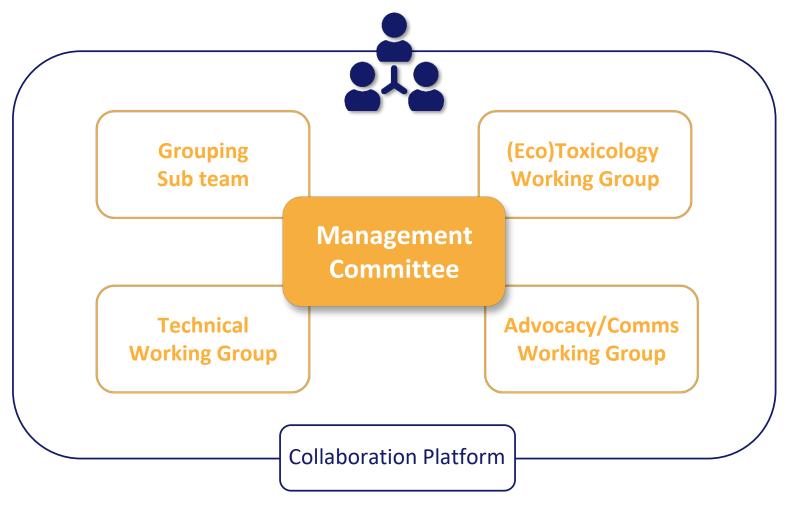
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#### How are we organized?







**Collaboration Platform** 

#### https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/europe-fit-digital-age/european-industrial-strategy\_en

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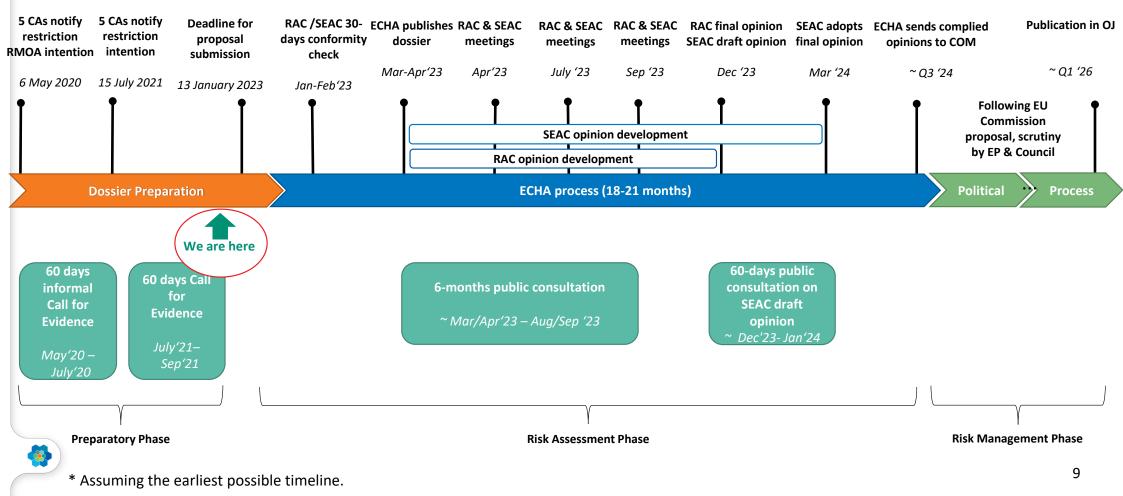


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## Wide PFAS REACH Restriction: Indicative Regulatory Timeline\*





## **PFAS restriction process: some knows**



Wider PFAS restriction: dossier under preparation by NL, DE, DK, SE, NO (submission January 2023).

#### Some knows:

- Group approach;
- Common concern persistency, additional concerns;
- All uses, except fire fighting foams;
- Commission and European Parliament support the restriction;
- All PFAS in fire-fighting foams restriction: Risk assessment will apply to the wider PFAS restriction.
- Other restriction to consider: Intentionally added microplastics, PFHxA, Perfluorinated carboxylic acids (C9-14 PFCAs) and PFHS

#### **PFAS restriction process: some unknows**



#### Some unknows:

- Most probably will be structured by applications/uses;
  - This will follow previous restrictions e.g PFHxA and Intentionally added microplastics;
  - The approach adopted by the dossier submitters in the 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation.



#### **PFAS restriction process**



Potential end result of the PFAS restriction

76. Substances that contain at least one fully fluorinated methyl (CF3-) or methylene (-CF2-) carbon atom (without any H/Cl/Br/I atom attached to it

This is just to give you an idea...

- 1. Shall not be manufactured, or placed on the market as substances on their own from 15 July 2028
- 2. Shall not, from 15 July 2028 ), be used in the production of, or placed on the market in:
  - (a) another substance, as a constituent;
  - (b) a mixture;
  - (c) an article,

in a concentration equal to or above<sup>0.1% of a</sup>

combination of PFAS A-related substances.

Followed by many pages including derogations, longer transition period and higher concentration limits.



#### **PFAS restriction process**

Some unknows:

Derogations?

Elements to consider in RAC an SEAC consultations?

RAC: considers whether the restriction is appropriate for reducing the risks posed to human health or the environment.

The answer to the consultation will need to show that emissions are controlled. important elements: Site-specific uses, RMM in place, control use including manufacturing, life cycled and disposal. SEAC: evaluates the socio-economic impact of the proposed restriction on manufacture, placing on the market or use of a substance.

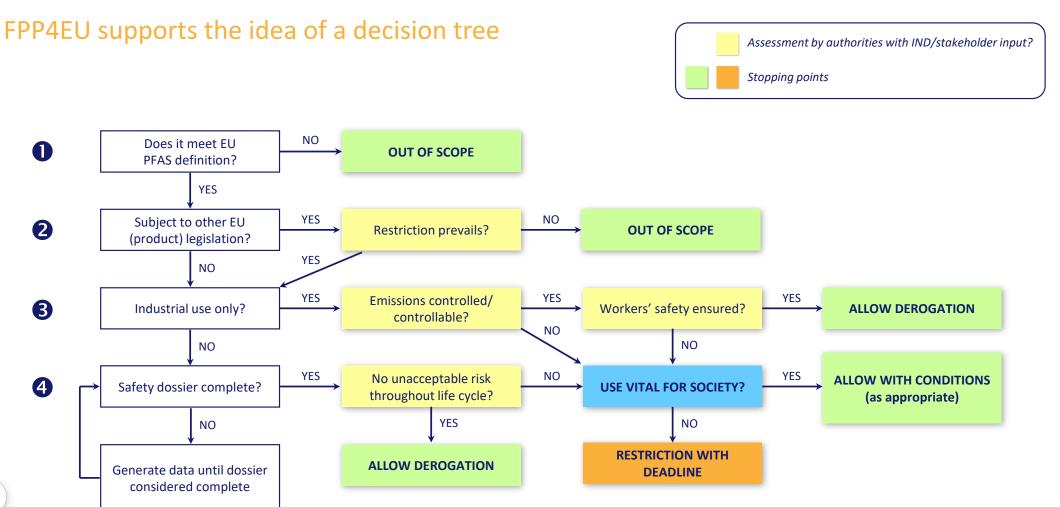
The answer to the consultation will need to show the cost of restricting an application, Important elements: alternatives and cost including societal cost, health cost, substitution cost etc.



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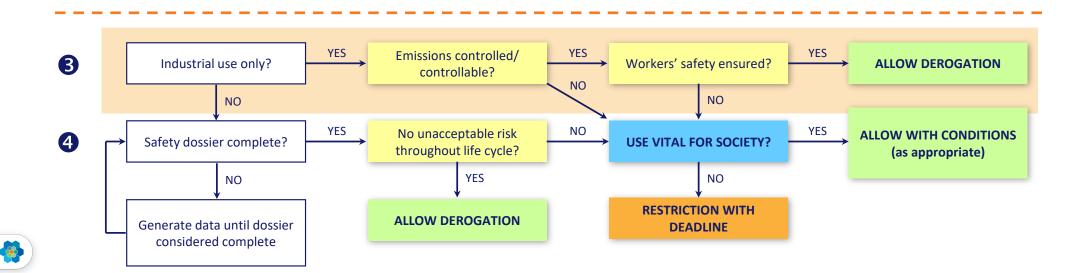






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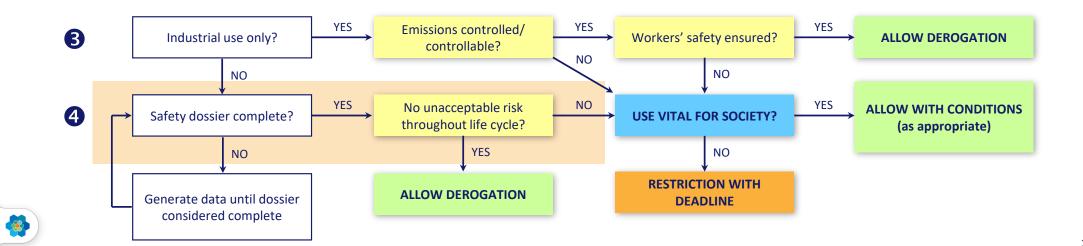
• Industrial uses versus PFAS ending up in consumer products/ articles





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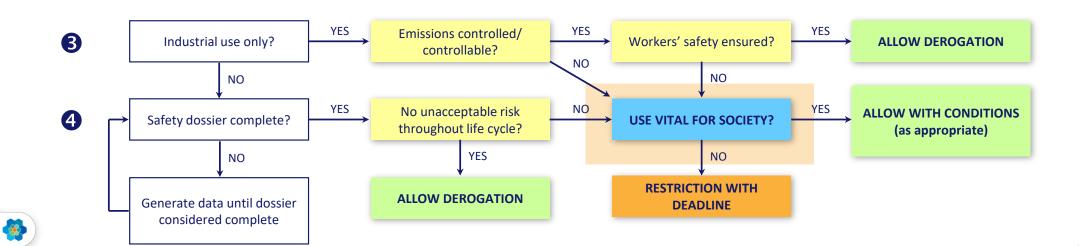
- Risk assessment linked to function/ use/ exposure patterns and based on important properties/ features:
  - Physico-chemical properties, incl. size/molecular weight, physical state, Kow, etc.
  - Presence in the environment (different media)
  - Official status of PBT, CMR , ED, ...
  - Human data, New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) for risk assessment and read-across proposals
  - Potential emissions throughout life cycle (involving DUs)
  - Circularity and end-of-life considerations; appropriate disposal





#### FPP4EU supports the idea of a decision tree

- Essential uses idea to be considered
- Companies/ downstream users to include assessments of (absence of) alternatives



#### Conclusions



- ✓ There is an imminent regulatory process that may restrict the use of PFAS in sealants.
- ✓ Providing data and helping the authorities in the decision process is essential.
- ✓ We may need to consider to start looking in to how to propose derogations.
- ✓ Industry must collaborate in this restriction process.

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# THANK YOU !



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