



# PC Legislation and Institutional Affairs



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## Better Regulation: 2016 priorities

- 1) Implementation of the new Commission Better Regulation Package and governance mechanisms (Cf. COM REFIT Platform)
- 2) Advocate Cefic recommendations to strengthen the Commission's Better Regulation policy (cf. [Cefic's position](#)):
  - (i) Set **burden reduction targets** under REFIT
  - (ii) Improve the assessment of EU legislation's **impacts on innovation**
  - (iii) Extend Better Regulation principles to **non-legislative initiatives (delegated/implementing acts)**
- 3) Ensure Cefic contributions to **ex-post evaluations** directly relevant for the chemical sector (e.g. Fitness check on chemicals legislation) and recommend **corrective measures** where appropriate

***Better Regulation = Cefic top-6 priority for 2016 (ExCom - Board)***

## ction targets (1/2)



- “ Cefic has been calling for the setting of burden reduction targets, to ensure:
- ✓ existing EU legislation is made **more efficient** without touching on existing protection standards (i.e. less costs to achieve existing policy objectives)
  - ✓ **cumulative costs** on the chemical sector are kept **under control**
  - ✓ **progress** can be measured under the REFIT Programme
- “ Dec. 2015: **COM** politically committed towards European Parliament and Council to **assess the feasibility** of setting **objectives for the reduction of burdens in specific sectors** (Cf. Inter-Institutional Agreement on Better Law-Making)

## ction targets (2/2)



- “ Council is likely to adopt [Conclusions on Better Regulation in May 2016](#), with advice on how such burden reduction targets should be set
  
- “ Cefic in contact with the [Dutch Presidency](#) to discuss the potential design and focus of such targets - questions to be solved:
  - ✓ Target for a legislative area (e.g. chemical legislation – among Top 10 more burdensome areas for SMEs!) or for industry sector?
  - ✓ Absolute (Eur) or relative (%) target ?
  - ✓ Administrative costs only?
  
- “ First results of the [Cumulative Cost Assessment](#) on the [chemical sector](#) provide a very good base for establishing such targets (cf. indicating the most burdensome legislative packages for the chemical sector + share of different costs)
  
- “ [AFEM](#) invited to raise the matter with PermReps in view of Council debates

# on Chemical Legislation (1/2)



## Planned under REFIT:

*“fitness check on the most relevant **chemicals legislation** (other than REACH) as well as related aspects of legislation applied to downstream industries”*

### In parallel to:

- evaluation of REACH (2017 REACH Report)
- evaluation of legislation on occupational health and safety (2015)
- cumulative cost assessment on chemical industry

## Fitness check state-of-play

- “ **fitness check scope** to be released Q1 2016
  - “ **study** evaluating the implementation of the **CLP Regulation and its linkages with other legislation**: electronic questionnaire launched last week by COM’s consultant, for direct feedback from Cefic’s company members - by end of March 2016
- AFEM** (email 11/02) are **invited to encourage** their members to participate

# on Chemical Legislation (2/2)

