

EPER and PRTR

A new challenge for Industry ?
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The EU chemical industry is the biggest chemicals producer in the world – 30% of world production

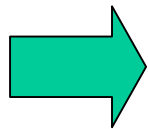
- 25,000 companies (98 % have less than 500 employees)
- Employs over 1.7 million people
- Sales of Euro 528 billion in 2002



Cefic approach to EPER

European Pollutant Emission Register web site

- A tool to give the public an access to data relative to emissions from industrial facilities
- A first step toward European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR)



EPER and E-PRTR a new challenge

Cefic has a track record of environmental reporting



Responsible Care

- Voluntary programme to raise standards and win the trust of the public
- Continual improvements in all aspects e.g. environmental performances
- Records and reporting to stakeholders every year

Data should be put in perspective



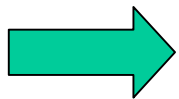
- accurate and easily understood by the public
- Data should be put in perspective with other economic sectors contributing to emissions
- Limitations on the possible usage of the data should be recognized
- Relevance when compared to other sources of information should be clearly assessed

Education of the public is key !!

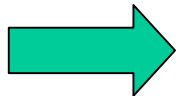


Confidentiality

- Substance specific information on emissions may allow an expert to trace back to the process and the costs



Threat to competitiveness



Provisions on confidentiality
needed for specific cases



Clear communication of data

- Industry should have the right to comment the figures provided in the reporting
 - **e.g. by an internet link to facility or company**

For instance need to explain evolution of emissions due to increase in production or emissions trading scheme

Balance between the 3 Pillars



Environmental objectives are not isolated !

- social objectives (jobs, pension,..)
- economical objectives (enterprises sustainability, GDP, purchase power,...)
- environmental objectives (clean air, clean water,...)

Too much emphasis on one pillar only may jeopardise the others - need to strike a balance!

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Implementation of E-PRTR should not bring additional burden to European facilities in terms of

- **unnecessary reporting requirements and**
- **repetitive explanations tasks**



Cefic ready to participate !

- Need for a GUIDANCE DOCUMENT **definitions, examples including usual complex situations** (e.g. industrial site with different facilities, activities, common waste water treatment units,...), **emission determination methods, pollutants expected for a specific process, etc.**

CEFIC considers this as an opportunity for a real partnership between concerned parties



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