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## Opinion

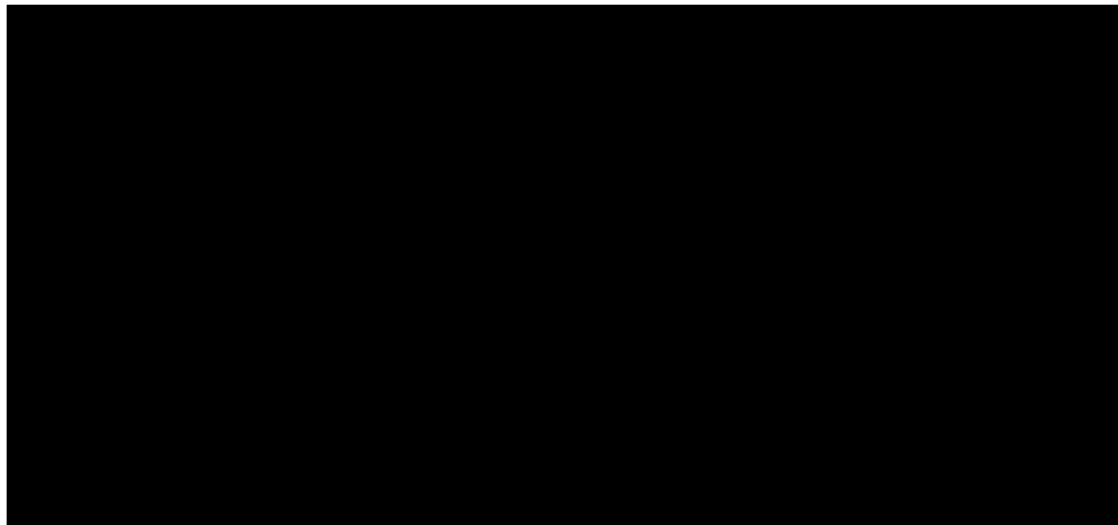
**Title: Impact assessment / Revision of EU legislation on registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals**

### **(A) Policy context**

The 2007 EU Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) aims to improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks posed by chemicals, while enhancing the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry, as well as promoting alternative test methods. The four processes of REACH, namely the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals, do this.

A 2018 evaluation concluded that overall REACH was effective but there was scope for further improvement, simplification and burden reduction. Following the evaluation, a number of non-legislative actions have been launched. The 2020 Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability called for a targeted revision of REACH to achieve its objectives by addressing certain identified problems. This initiative proposes the revision of REACH.

### **(B) Summary of findings**

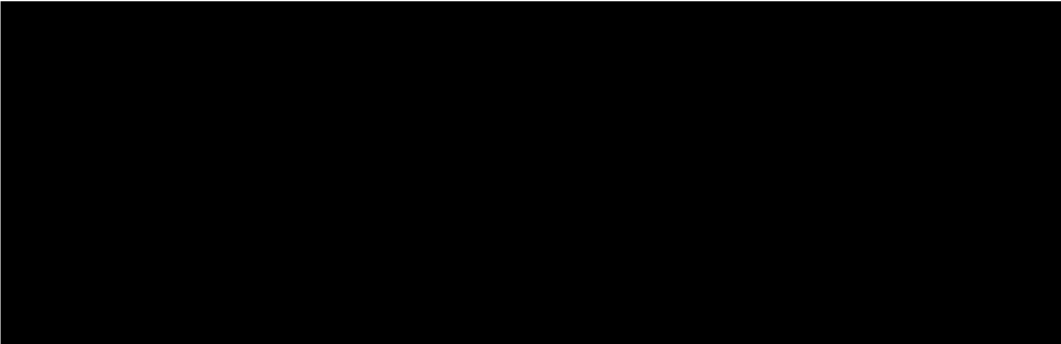


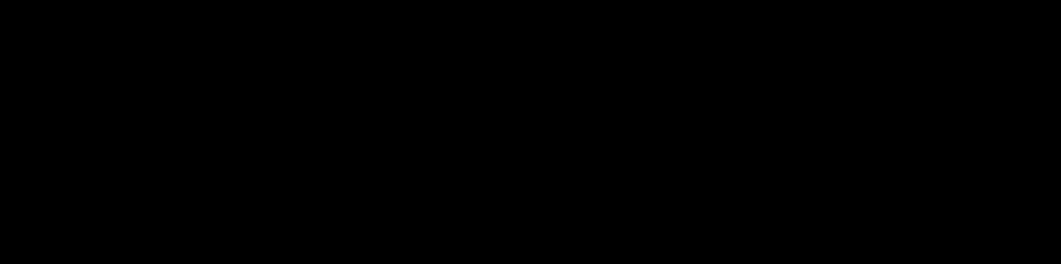
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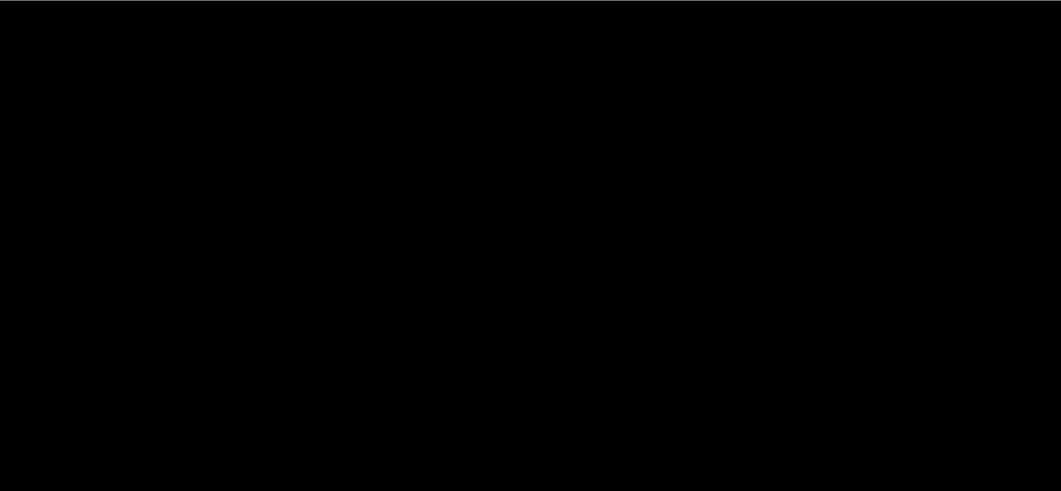
**This opinion concerns a draft impact assessment which may differ from the final version.**

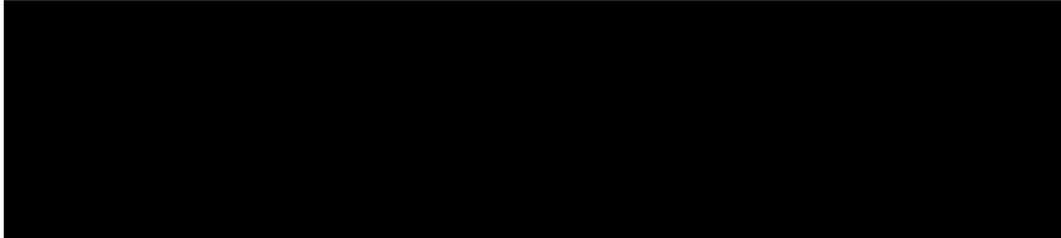
**(C) What to improve**

(1) The report should better explain to what extent the identified problems are due to: (i) a failure of the legal framework of REACH, (ii) its implementation, (iii) the increased ambition for zero-pollution, or (iv) the availability of new scientific knowledge. It needs to explain clearly in the problem definition and in the baseline scenario if, how, and to what extent the follow up actions from the evaluation and other recent measures aiming to improve the implementation of REACH, addressed the identified issues. It should also better explain the role of the review clause for polymers and information requirements within REACH.

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<b><u>(D) Conclusion</u></b>	
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Full title	Revision of EU legislation on registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals
Reference number	PLAN/2021/10630
Submitted to RSB on	12 October 2022
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**ANNEX: Quantification tables extracted from the draft impact assessment report**

*The following tables contain information on the costs and benefits of the initiative on which the Board has given its opinion, as presented above.*

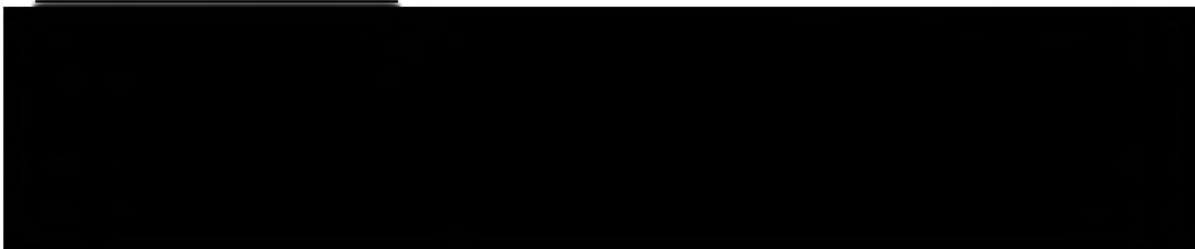
*If the draft report has been revised in line with the Board's recommendations, the content of these tables may be different from those in the final version of the impact assessment report, as published by the Commission.*

<b>I. Overview of Benefits (total for all provisions, 30 years) – Package of preferred options (EUR)</b>		
<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Direct benefits</i>		



<i>Indirect benefits</i>	
<i>Administrative cost savings related to the 'one in, one out' approach*</i>	

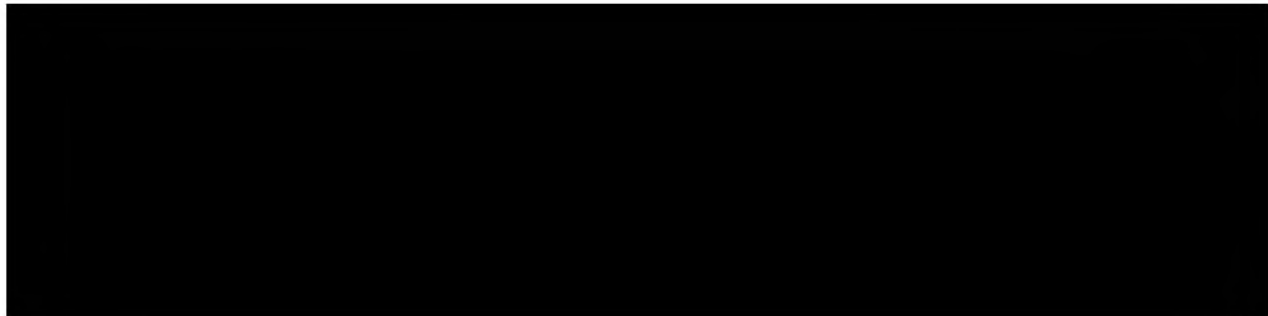
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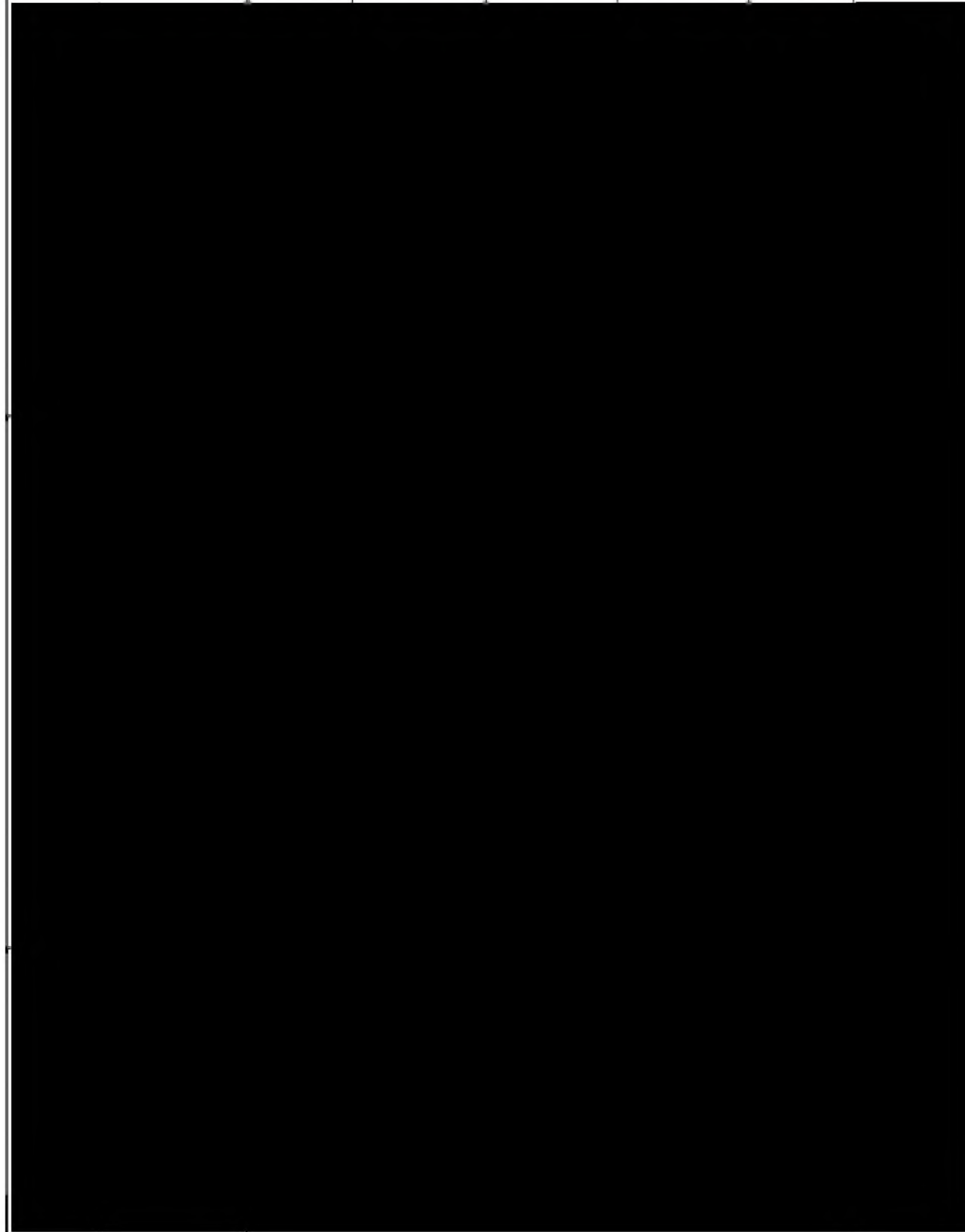
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*Costs related to the 'one in, one out' approach*

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