

**Question for written answer E-006869/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Evaluation of REACH

The EU REACH Regulation on chemical substances aims ‘to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment as well as the free movement of substances, on their own, in preparations and in articles, while enhancing competitiveness and innovation’.

The ‘REACH Review’ has until 1 June 2017 to examine whether REACH has achieved this goal and whether it has led to a measurable increase in public welfare (e.g. fewer cases of illness). In light of this, we would like to ask the Commission to present a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the results to date. We would like particularly detailed information on the following points:

1. In how many instances has REACH led to a phase-out of dangerous substances?
2. Has REACH enhanced the EU’s competitiveness (taking into account the costs of implementation)?
3. What are the economic costs of REACH for the companies concerned (applicants and non-applicants) and the EU?