



GIVE US A TOXIC-FREE FUTURE

Women want a future free of hazardous chemicals, for both themselves and their families.

- We want bodies free from pollution with hundreds of harmful chemicals!
- We want to be able to protect our health! (immune-, nerve- and hormone system)
- We want an environment that is not contaminated with chemicals that cannot break down naturally, that persist in wildlife and are toxic to animals!

Women in Europe for a Common Future, SEI and Karat strongly endorse the current REACH (Registration, Authorization and Evaluation of Chemicals) proposal of the European Commission. We call on all three major European institutions - the governments of Europe, the members of the European Parliament and the Commission to ensure that a strong effective reform of the EU chemicals policy will find its conclusion in REACH. This includes undertaking the necessary measures to ensure that the current version of the new EU chemicals policy is strengthened, and essential changes are made to ensure maximum protection for women and their families from the adverse effects of synthetic chemicals. We encourage the European Union to continue to take the lead globally towards achieving “ *by 2020 that chemicals are used and produced in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment*”, as mandated by the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

As consumers, we demand from industry and business associations to bring an end to their disruptive and uncooperative involvement in the legislative process concerning REACH. Until now we have “enjoyed” obviously the benefits of many products containing chemicals. However, we are very concerned that many of these products are not as safe as you and we thought. It is your responsibility to ensure that the consumer goods that you manufacture are safe, through both the provision of comprehensive information on the chemicals allowing us to make informed choices, and through substituting dangerous chemicals by safer alternatives.

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