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TOWARDS A TOXIC FREE ENVIRONMENT

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- ✓ Ambition
- ✓ Fast action
- ✓ Banning hazardous chemicals in consumer products
- ✓ Transition towards safer substances and technologies
- ✓ Zero tolerance for non-compliance
- ✓ Clean recycling as a rule
- ✓ Stop double standards





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Preferred regulatory tools

- ✓ The EU already has a good chemical regulatory framework
- ✓ CSS proposals to revise REACH and CLP welcomed
- ✓ Revise sectoral and environmental legislations to regulate toxics
- ✓ New framework for product regulation to address toxics in materials and goods
- ✓ Need to strengthen precautionary and polluter pays principles and ensure safety testing by independent labs



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Generic vs specific risk approaches

- ✓ Both approaches already in use
- ✓ Generic best approach to ensure high level of protection and should be extended to all consumer goods
- ✓ Specific and comprehensive RA needed to justify exemptions to a ban



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How to speed-up protection

- ✓ Extending use and scope of Generic approach
- ✓ Grouping and Generic Mixture Assessment Factor
- ✓ Simplifying and streamlining regulatory procedures
- ✓ Establishing strict timelines (e.g. for Commission decisions)
- ✓ Supporting DU transition to safer alternatives: Substitution Action Plans
- ✓ Disincentivising the use of hazardous chemicals (fees, enforcement, fines)



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Role of the essential use concept

- ✓ Simplification of the decision-making process under REACH and others
- ✓ Filtering the legitimate candidates for authorisation and restriction derogations
- ✓ Tool to limit the number of situations where a full analysis has to be made, when systematically facing data gaps

(ClientEarth,2020)

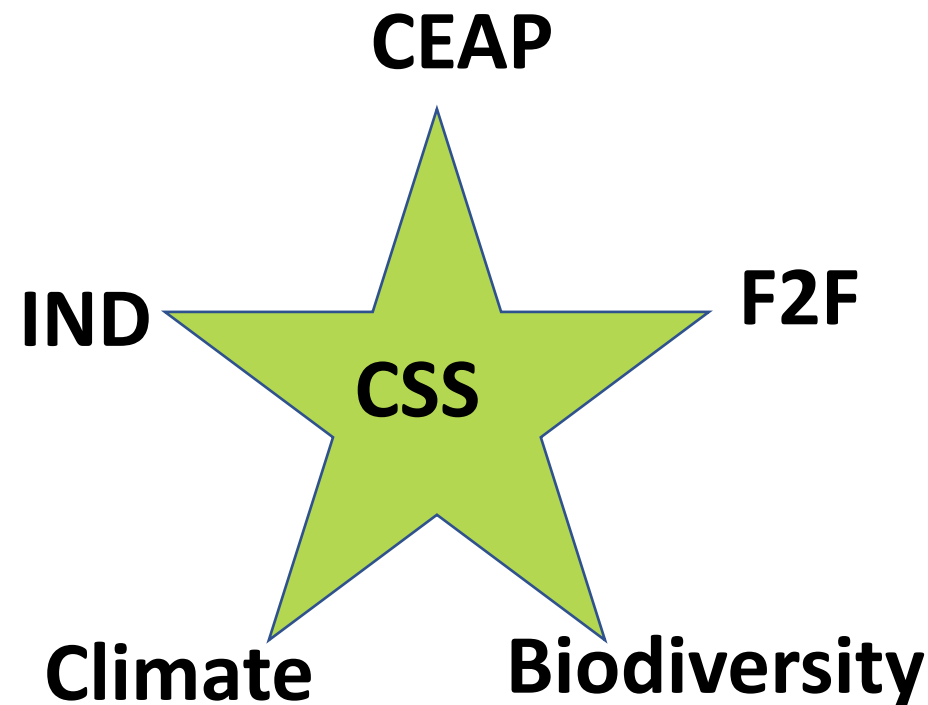


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Role under the European Green Deal

CSS central strategy of the Green Deal, its concepts should be incorporated in all Green Deal strategies:

- ✓ Toxic-free hierarchy
- ✓ Safe and sustainable by design
- ✓ Essential use
- ✓ Non-toxic material cycles
- ✓ Protection against most harmful chemicals





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