

Workshop on a (network of) EU Substitution centre(s)

Date and location details

Date: 18 of September 2025

Location: hybrid:

- Auditorium (level 4 - souterrain), DG GROW, Avenue d'Auderghem 45, Brussels
- The link for the online session will be communicated closer to the workshop

Expression of interest background information

WSP is conducting a study for the European Commission in collaboration with RISE, Green Chemical Design, Green Rose Chemistry and Wyese Consulting to develop and test a possible new EU (network of) substitution centre(s) for chemicals. The purpose of the potential new substitution centre(s) will be to support the identification and implementation of less hazardous chemical alternatives, to help meet existing legal obligations.

This form is to register interest in a workshop in which we will discuss the options for a new EU (network of) substitution centre(s). The purpose of the workshop is to gain feedback on the option(s) presented, in particular to discuss the option(s) for the set-up of substitution centre(s), activities, SME engagement and potential challenges. The workshop will have plenary sessions to present the study findings, followed by an opportunity for discussions and Q&A on the topics presented. The break-out sessions will follow the plenary sessions and offer an opportunity for more detailed discussions in smaller groups, in person and in hybrid format.

We are looking for participants who are actively involved in chemical substitution and who will be able to make an active contribution to the discussion. In particular, we are interested in:

- Industry and company representatives working on R&D, product development or in scale-up processes making use of safer alternatives;
- Experts from academia, NGOs, industry associations, etc. with experience in supporting substitution of hazardous substances in products and processes;
- Representatives of research institutes, laboratories, consultants, etc. that have first-hand experience in supporting companies to substitute hazardous substances, including SMEs;
- Member States representatives working in activities that promote and support substitution of hazardous substances

We aim to have a broad representation of stakeholder types.

The workshop will be held at the European Commission's premises in Brussels on 18 September 2025. The workshop will last for a whole day and there will also be an option to attend the workshop online. Travel and lunch will not be covered by the workshop organisers.

Expression of Interest Form

Please see below a link to express your interest in attending the workshop:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1JFZ9kdYZ8>

Please note that registering does not guarantee a space at the workshop as places are limited.

Timing

If you are selected, we will confirm your participation over the month of June.

Additional information on the study will be sent to those people who have been invited ahead of the workshop.

If you have any questions, please contact eunetsubcentres@wsp.com