

EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

Proposal for a Standalone ECHA Founding Regulation

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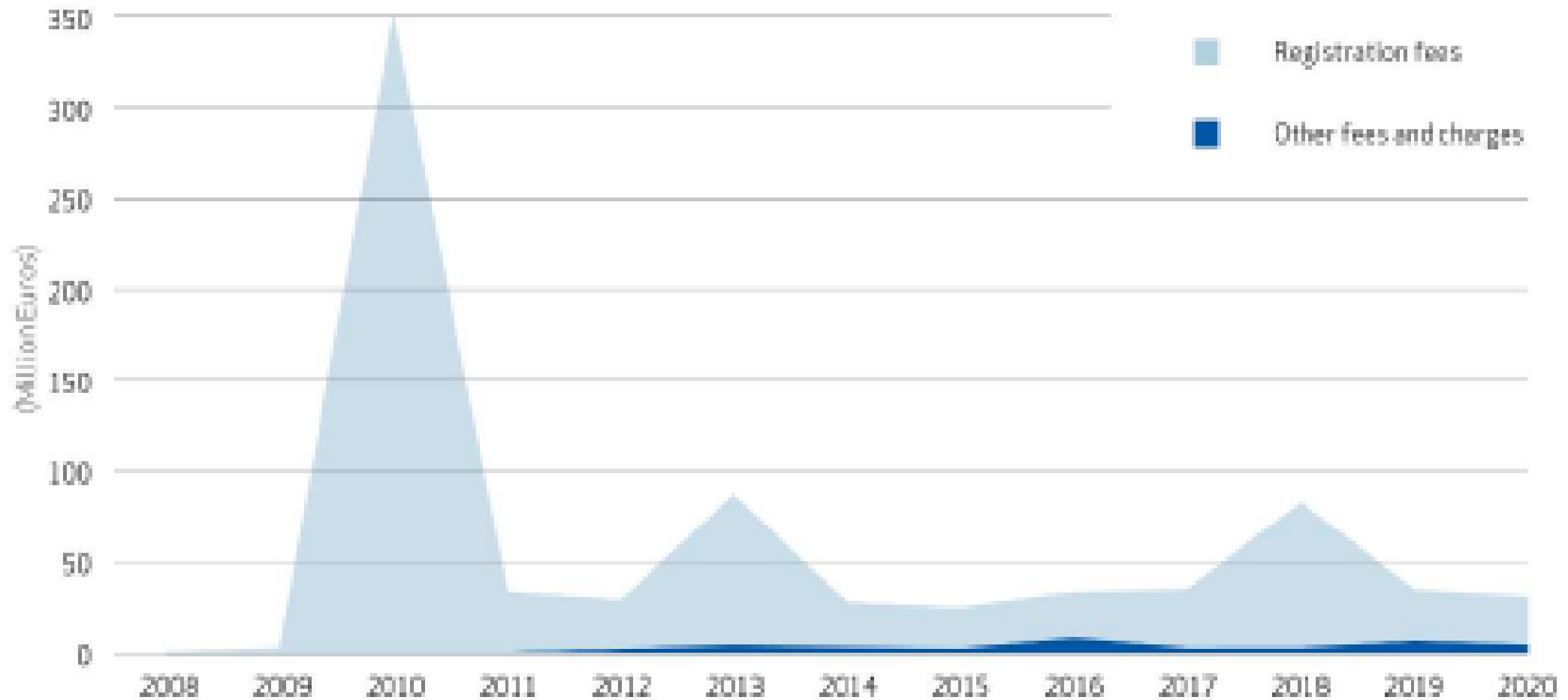
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Proposal for a Standalone Basic Regulation

- *The proposal for a stand-alone basic regulation is an initiative of Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS) under 1S1A section:*
 - “...make a proposal to strengthen the **governance of the European Chemicals Agency** and **increase the sustainability** of its financing model; ...”
- *implementation of the actions related to ECHA in 2018 REACH review:*
 - “Bearing in mind that budgetary constraints will remain also in the post 2020 Multiannual Financial Framework, the Commission will explore ways of guaranteeing ECHA mission and independence and to assess all possible options for financing in a context of projected reduced fee income...”

REACH fees and charges income 2008-2020



Why a Standalone Founding Regulation?

- *The current founding regulation of ECHA (Title X of REACH) dates back to 2006 and needs updating*
 - *Mandate of ECHA evolved over time (new tasks deriving from CLP, BPR, PIC, SCIP, POPs, DWD, 8th EAP...)*
 - *Align with the principles of the 2012 Common Approach for Decentralised Agencies (enshrined in standard provisions of agencies founding acts)*
- *Redefine the role of ECHA in the light of future tasks stemming from CSS proposals (revision of REACH and CLP + 1S1A + proposal for the reallocation of tasks to agencies, including ECHA)*
- *Strengthen governance of ECHA by adapting functioning of its bodies (e.g. RAC, Forum) to new tasks*

Why a Standalone Founding Regulation?

- Enshrine in the mandate of the Agency the tasks entrusted to ECHA by the Commission through ad hoc agreements (if these tasks are not to be discontinued).
- *Increase the sustainability of ECHA financing by:*
 - Reviewing the REACH fee system and explore ways and means to make it predictable, less burdensome and reflecting workload.
 - Explore the possibility of one EU contribution instead of 3 currently (REACH/CLP, BPR and ENV legislation)

Timeline and next steps

- The proposal for a standalone founding regulation of ECHA is planned for Q2 2023
- Most of the findings of the 2017 ex-post study on ECHA performance and the 2018 REACH Review are still valid
- The viable options of the REACH fee system have to be identified in 2022 in the light of the policy options under assessment (i.e. REACH impact assessment)
- A need for an improved ECHA activity based budgeting /costing system so that the fees reflect the workload (ongoing with the assistance of ECHA)
- A Call for Evidence will be published soon by the Commission to collect feedback.

Thank you

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