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### **CONSUMER CAMPAIGNS**

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### Agenda

- **1.** Consumers want transparency on substances in products
- **2.** The Scan4Chem app provides information on substances
- **3.** Our campaigns for consumers







### **Consumers want** transparency







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### **Consumers want transparency**

#### Eurobarometer<sup>1</sup>

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- Europeans are worried about the impact substances present in everyday products can have on the environment (90 %)
- Consumers are concerned about the impact of chemicals in everyday products on their health (84 %)
- Most consumers are convinced of that they have a right to know about substances in products - without having heard of REACH<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> www.europarl.europa.eu/at-your-service/en/be-heard/eurobarometer <sup>2</sup> Hartmann et al. 2018, 4.

#### AskREACH Consumer Surveys (2018; 14.465 participants)<sup>3</sup>

#### **Consumers are concerned with problematic substances in products**

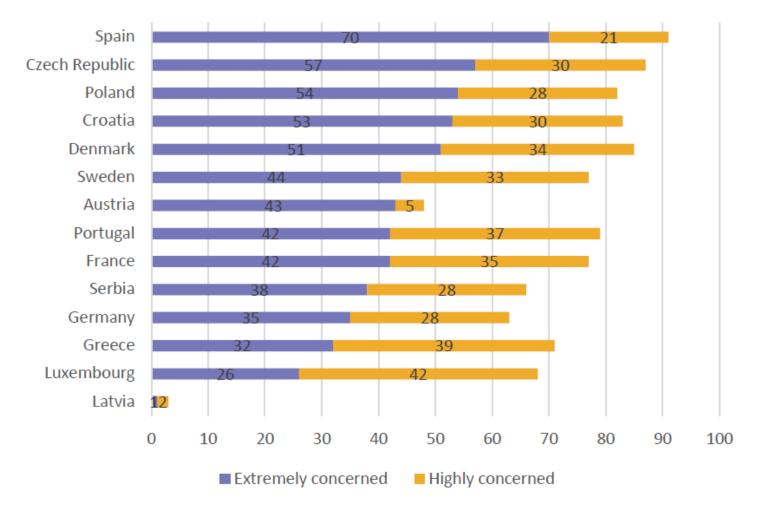




Figure 1: Level of concern about the possibility that everyday articles may have problematic substances that can be harmful to human health and the environment

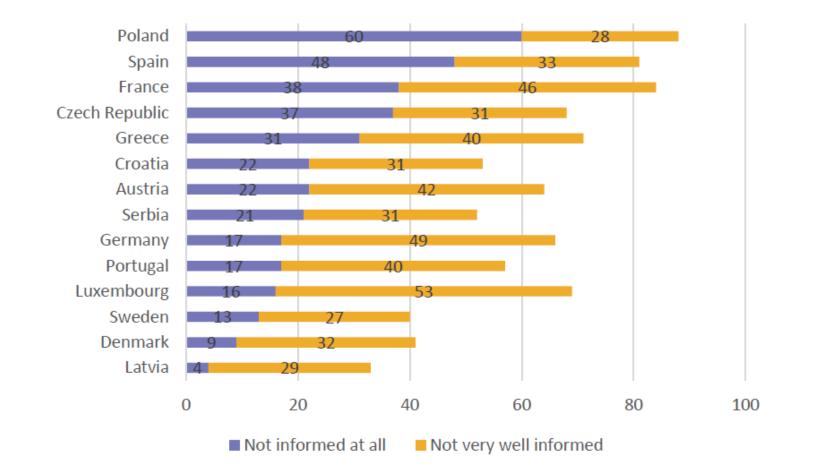
<sup>3</sup> www.askreach.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/LIFEAskREACH\_Baseline-publication\_2019-07-10.pdf





#### AskREACH Consumer Surveys (2018; 14.465 participants)<sup>3</sup>

#### **Consumers do not feel well informed**





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Figure 2: Level of information about the possibility that everyday articles may contain SVHCs that can be harmful to human health and the environment

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# The Scan4Chem app provides information

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### **The Scan4Chem app**

Scans the barcode of a product

Provides immediate information whether the product contains SVHC above 0.1 mass percent

**OR** enables the consumer to send a REACH request to the supplier easily

\* *Libe* \*



Suppliers may upload their data directly to the database

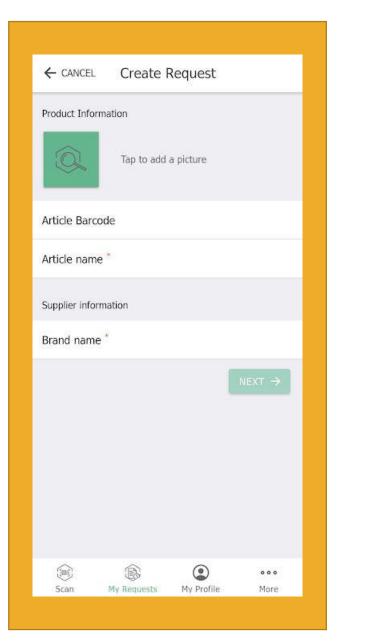
Already available in 17 countries

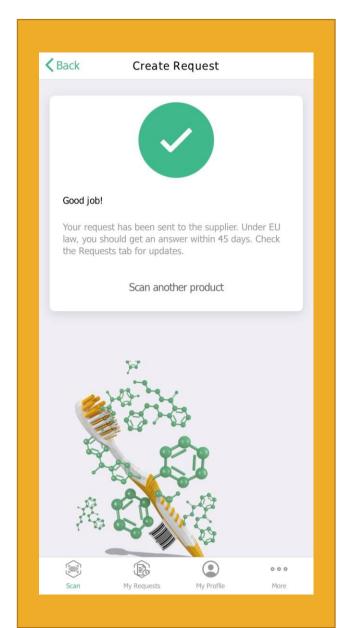
#### Scan4Chem



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### **AskREACH outreach**

THE SWEDISH CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION

#### 23 organisations with apps in 17 countries (incl. replication)













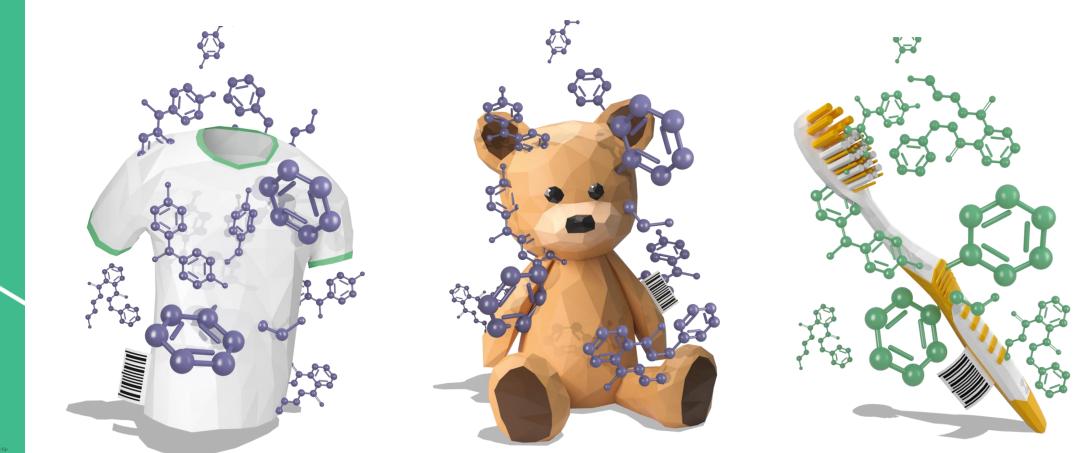




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### **Consumer Campaigns**





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### **Print materials**

- Flyer
- Consumer guide
- Info boards
- ...and much more





Explain SVHC in products and provide useful tips



You have the right to know. Ask suppliers if a consumer product contains harmful chemicals. The Scan4Chern app helps you to find out about substances of very high concern (SVHCs) in a wide range of consumer products including toys, clothing, sports shoes, furniture, carpets, and electronic devices.



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#### **Print materials**









### Scan4Chem

Faça o download gratuitamente

**Procure os Químicos** Por produtos mais seguros







## Masz prawo wiedzieć!

o chemię!

Testy dowodzą, że przedmioty codziennego użytku, takie jak zabawki, ubrania czy meble, mogą zawierać szkodliwe chemikalia Jeśli informacje nie są jeszcze dostępne w naszej bazie danych, za pośrednictwem aplikacji możesz w latwy sposób wysłać do

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### **Online campaigning**

### We make frequent use of social media

- The focus is on Facebook
- Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn reach additional target audiences
- Organisations in our networks share our posts to increase reach
- News portals and blogs populate our content
- Online workshops provide space for exchange within the interested communities
- More online activities in planning







#### **Online campaigning**

#### **Together we reach millions of people online**



Hersteller und Händler müssen Verbraucherinnen und Verbraucher auf Anfrage über "besonders besorgniserregende Stoffe" in Produkten informieren. Die Smartphone-App Scan4Chem des Umweltbundesamtes wurde im Rahmen des EU-LIFE-Projektes AskREACH überarbeitet und erleichtert Anfragen an Unternehmen.











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bund\_bundesverband Unseren ToxFox-Einkaufsratgeber gibt es jetzt auch im handlichen Pocket-Format. Er ist randvoll mit nützlichen Tipps. damit ihr schon beim Einkauf Schadstoffe vermeiden könnt - und passt garantiert in jede Hosentasche. www.bund.net/hosentasche

Was ist das Problem? Weichmacher in Tapeten, Flammschutzmittel in Küchengeräten oder Stofftieren. Wir sind umgeben von Produkten mit

Chemikalien. Oft sind es Zusatzstoffe in Kunststoffprodukten. Sie gelangen in die Umwelt und über die Nahrung, die Atemluft oder die Haut auch in unseren Körper. Einige dieser Stoffe können krebserregend sein das

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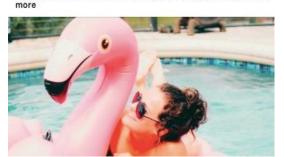
Melde dich an, um mit "Gefällt mir" zu markieren oder zu kommentieren.





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Παγκόσμια Ημέρα Περιβάλλοντος #WorldEnvironmentDay σήμερα και ας έχουμε όλοι στο μυαλό μας πως με τη συμπεριφορά μας, με μικρά ή μεγαλύτερα βήματα, μπορούμε να επιτύχουμε ο πλανήτης και οι ανθρώπινες κοινωνίες να ευημερούν και να αναπτύσσονται ταυτόχρονα και σε αρμονία. Οι καταναλωτικές μας συνήθειες είναι από τα πρώτα που μπορούμε να μεταβάλλουμε και να πετύχουμε τη μετάβαση σε μια πιο "πράσινη" και ασφαλή παραγωγή. Τα πλαστικά και ειδικά τα μαλακά πλαστικά αντικείμενα α... See



#### **Online campaigning**

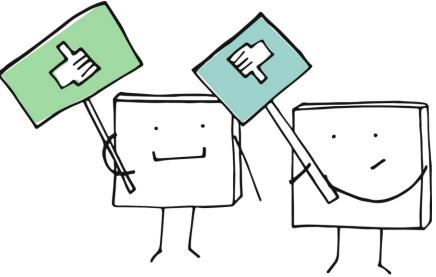
#### **Consumer feedback in social media and app stores**

- Consumers feel taken seriously when they receive a response from the company
- A direct response directly with the product scan can influence the purchase decision (esp. for articles without SVHC / with SVHC in concentrations below 0.1 mass percent)
- The company's email address in the database makes it easier for consumers to contact the company



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### Thank you!







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