

**Roundtable hosted by
MEP Christel Schaldemose**

**Less hazardous chemicals in our products
For a non-toxic Europe**

When 3 March 2015, 10:00-12:00. Accreditation from 09:30

Where Radisson Blue EU Hotel, Rue d'Idalie 35, 1050 Brussels

The EU has set itself the objective to minimise the exposure to hazardous chemicals in our products as part of its overarching goal to create a non-toxic environment.

But effective tools for protecting consumers against hazardous chemicals in products and for reducing the level of toxic substances released into our environment are missing. REACH does not compensate for these deficits. ANEC, the European Consumer Voice in Standardisation, and the Consumer Council of the Austrian Standards Institute are calling for urgent action to establish a framework for hazardous substances in products and rapidly close regulatory gaps in priority areas.

With this event, ANEC and the ASI Consumer Council want to reach out to and foster the exchange amongst EU policy makers and experts, from the European Parliament IMCO and ENVI committees, Commission DG's and cabinet members, and national governments. The objective is to identify the opportunities and challenges for minimising hazardous chemicals in products during this parliamentary term.

Agenda

The event will be moderated by Stefan Scheuer, Senior EU Policy Expert

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| 09:30 | Arrival and accreditation of participants
Radisson Blue EU Hotel (see map below) |
| 10:00 | Welcome
Christel SCHALDEMOSE, MEP and host |
| 10:05 | Introducing the challenge of implementing the 7EAP for products
Franz FIALA, Head, ASI Consumer Council and ANEC |
| 10:15 | Towards an EU strategy for a non-toxic environment: the role of product policies
Kęstutis SADAUSKAS, Director, DG Environment, European Commission |
| 10:30 | Q&A |

10:40	<p>Product case studies: what challenges and opportunities for EU action?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials in contact with drinking water Jelka APPELMAN, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment • Products for children - toys, child use and care articles Bärbel VIETH, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment • Textiles Susan STRÖMBOM, Swedish Chemicals Agency • Tattoo inks Ana-Maria BLASS-RICO, European Commission DG JUST
11:10	Moderated roundtable exchange and discussion
12:00	<p>Conclusions and next steps</p> <p>Christel SCHALDEMOSE, MEP and host</p>
12:10	End of the event

About the organisers

The event is funded by the Austrian Chamber of Labour.



Raising standards for consumers

ANEC is the European consumer voice in standardisation, defending consumer interests in the processes of technical standardisation and conformity assessment, as well as related legislation and public policies.

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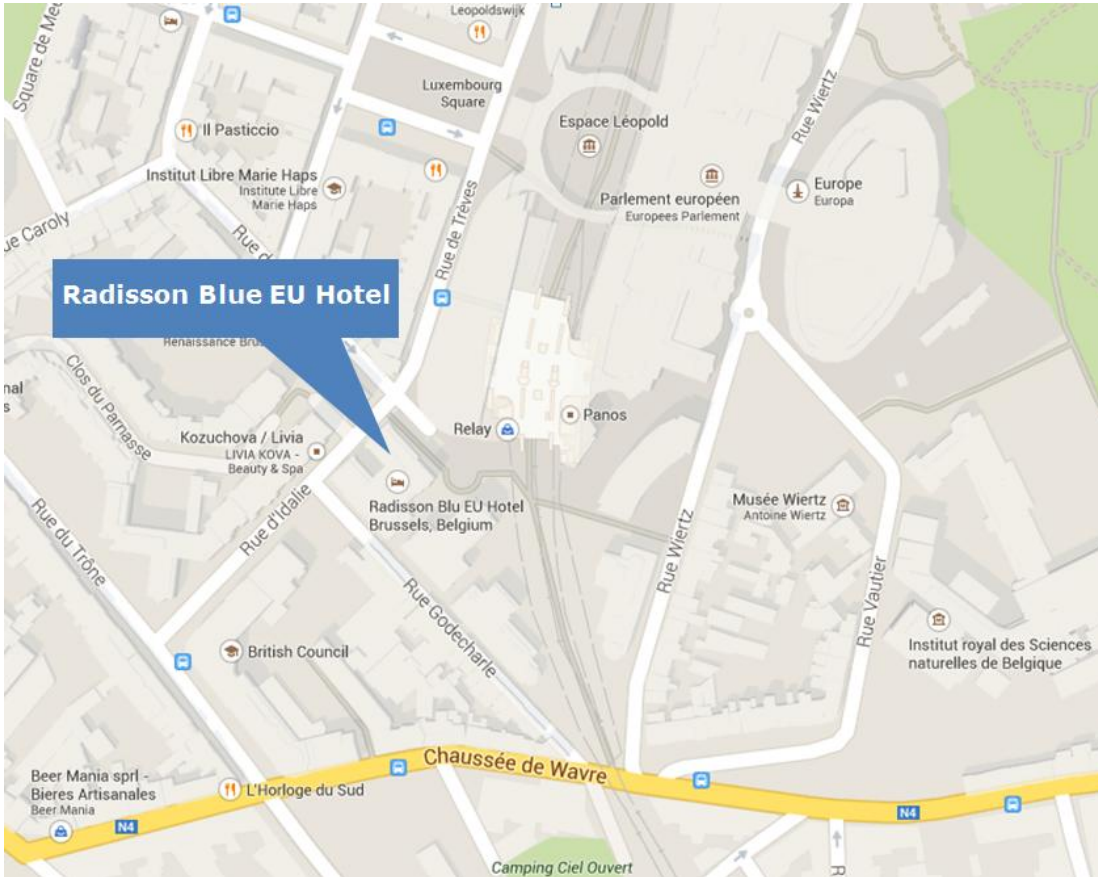
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