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# Introduction

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*"The 1S1A assessment process is a commitment of the European Commission, expressed in the European Green Deal and detailed in the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability. The initiative aims to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, consistency and transparency of the conduct of chemical safety assessments across the legislation. When referring to 1S1A, it is important to remember that the assessment we are talking about is the assessment of hazards, exposure and resulting risks to human health and the environment. We are not talking about other assessments such as socio-economic impacts, consequences of restrictions or assessments of alternatives,"* Cristina de Avila said in her introduction.

## The situation today

In order to arrive at the concept of 1S1A, the Commission first took stock of the current situation with regard to the assessment of chemicals in five main areas.

### Who takes the initiative for the assessment?

Today, within the framework of many different regulatory texts, assessments are launched by several types of actors (European Commission, Member State authorities, industry, etc.) and at different times.

### Who actually does the assessment?

It can be carried out by different actors: Agencies (European or national), scientific committees, groups of experts or even consultants...

### What data is used?

The European Commission has also noted that the data used in the evaluation is quite diverse and that its availability, accessibility and quality, as well as the format in which it is presented, vary greatly.

### What methodologies are used?

Again, they are diverse, depending on the policy documents or guidelines to which they refer.

### How transparent are they?

Finally, the transparency that underpins these four pillars seemed to the Commission to respond to different rules and practices.

*"We therefore concluded that these are key elements that sometimes lead to inconsistent results and inefficient use of resources,"* commented Cristina de Avila.

## The Commission's objective

The aim of the 1S1A concept is to radically change this situation, by working on these five axes.

### Initiating the assessment

The aim is to ensure that the initiation of assessments is, as far as possible, synchronised and coordinated, and that substances are assessed in groups rather than substance by substance.

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