

# **EUON – Stakeholder Dialogue**

## **Background 1<sup>st</sup> Launch**

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## Background

- A perception of lack of information sparked the EU Com to look into various options
  - E.g. mandatory registry
  - Observatory
  - Doing nothing
- Based on an Impact Assessment – Commission opted for the establishment of the European Union Observatory for Nanomaterials (EUON)
- Entrusted the initiative to ECHA through a Delegation Agreement
  - Giving the possibility to employ an additional of 3 FTE and a budget of 800 kEUR the first year, 600 kEUR the following year.



# Build up in three phases

## 1st Phase - 2017 – make use of synergies

- New web-content for professionals and consumers
- Start with easily available basic information
- New micro-site for consumers
- New search functionality on ECHA dissemination site

## 2nd Phase – 2018 – expansion of content

- More edited content for different audiences
- Linking with national inventories?
- Linking with (or hosting) databases on research and innovation?
- More structured information from other legislations?

## 3rd Phase – 2019 – full operation

- More edited content for different audiences
- New IT solutions?
- And more to come...

## Assessment of external data bases

- IT study will be launched to assess compatibility and actions needed in relation to eNanoMapper and NanoDATA
- The implementation of the study planned to be ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase
- Other aspects also to be considered, copyrights, ownership



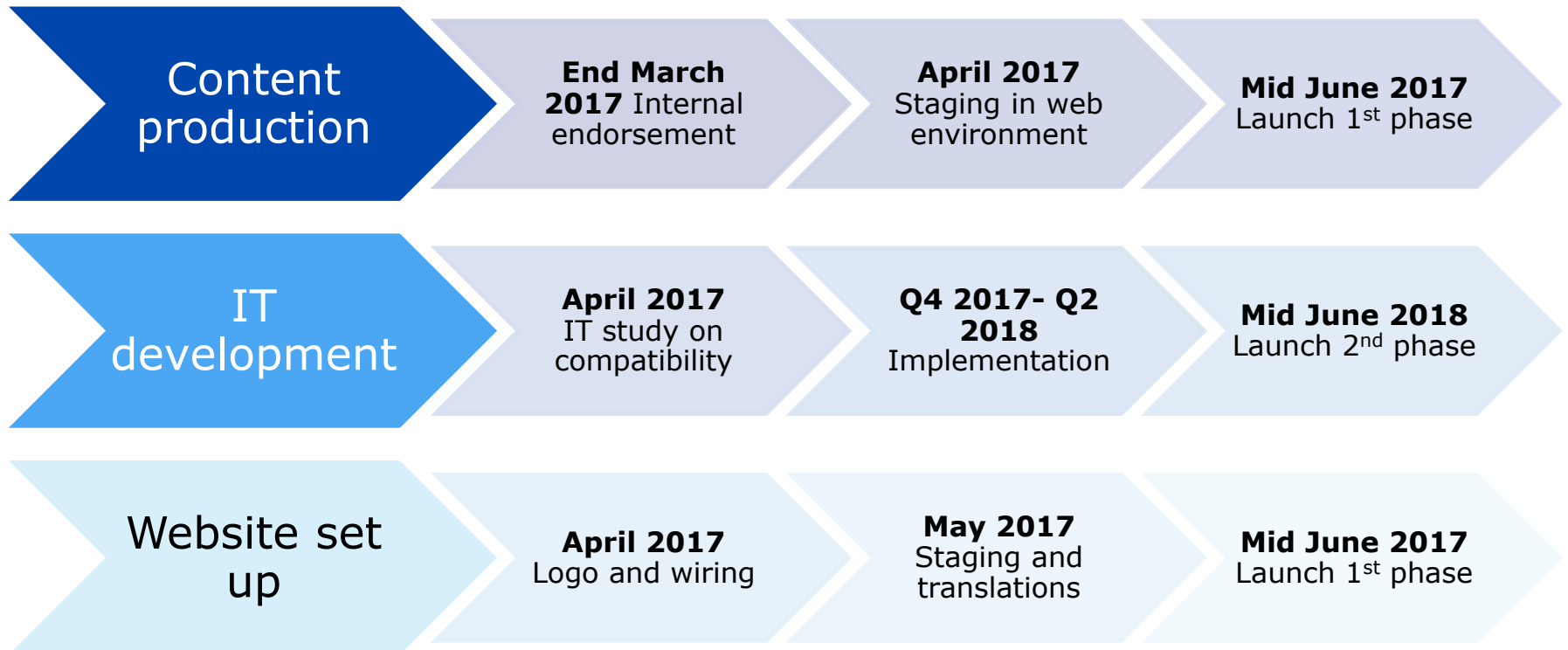
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## **Additional studies initiated this year**

- Literature study of risks of the use of well known pigments in consumer products and for workers
- Parameters and data sources used to produce market studies and their relevance and reliability

# Timelines of work streams





## Welcome to the European Union Observatory for Nanomaterials



<https://euon.echa.europa.eu>

## Food for thought...

- Transparency is a core value for ECHA and the EUON is a tool to achieve this strategic objective
- Our aspiration: EUON will be trustworthy source of information which will contribute to the public debate by raising awareness on these materials
- Success of the observatory is also dependent on the buy in from our partners and stakeholders



## In summary

- The **three ongoing policy discussions are linked**: REACH annexes, review of the definition and EUON
- **Lack of progress** on revising REACH annexes severely **hampers the implementation**
- ECHA has **continued to implement REACH for nanomaterials** (conducting compliance checks and by clarifying existing guidance)
- ECHA is trying to speed up revision of existing **OECD Test Guidelines and alternative methods** (Chairing the relevant Steering Group at OECD)
- Establishing **EUON offers a vehicle to increase transparency** around nanomaterials on the EU market

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