

11 sectors working together for key products in society

DUCC is a joint platform of 11 European associations whose member companies use chemicals to formulate mixtures (as finished or intermediary products) for professional and industrial users as well as for consumers.

DUCC's membership represents several critical sectors for the lives of European citizens ranging from detergents, disinfectants, paints, printing ink and artists' colours, cosmetics and fragrances, aerosols, inks, toners, adhesives and sealants, pressroom chemicals, construction chemicals, lubricants, crop protection and chemical distributors industries.

Totalling more than 9000 companies in Europe, the vast majority being SMEs, the calculated turnover of these "downstream users of chemicals" is more than 215 billion euros.



Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-ordination group

Committed to safe and sustainable chemical mixtures

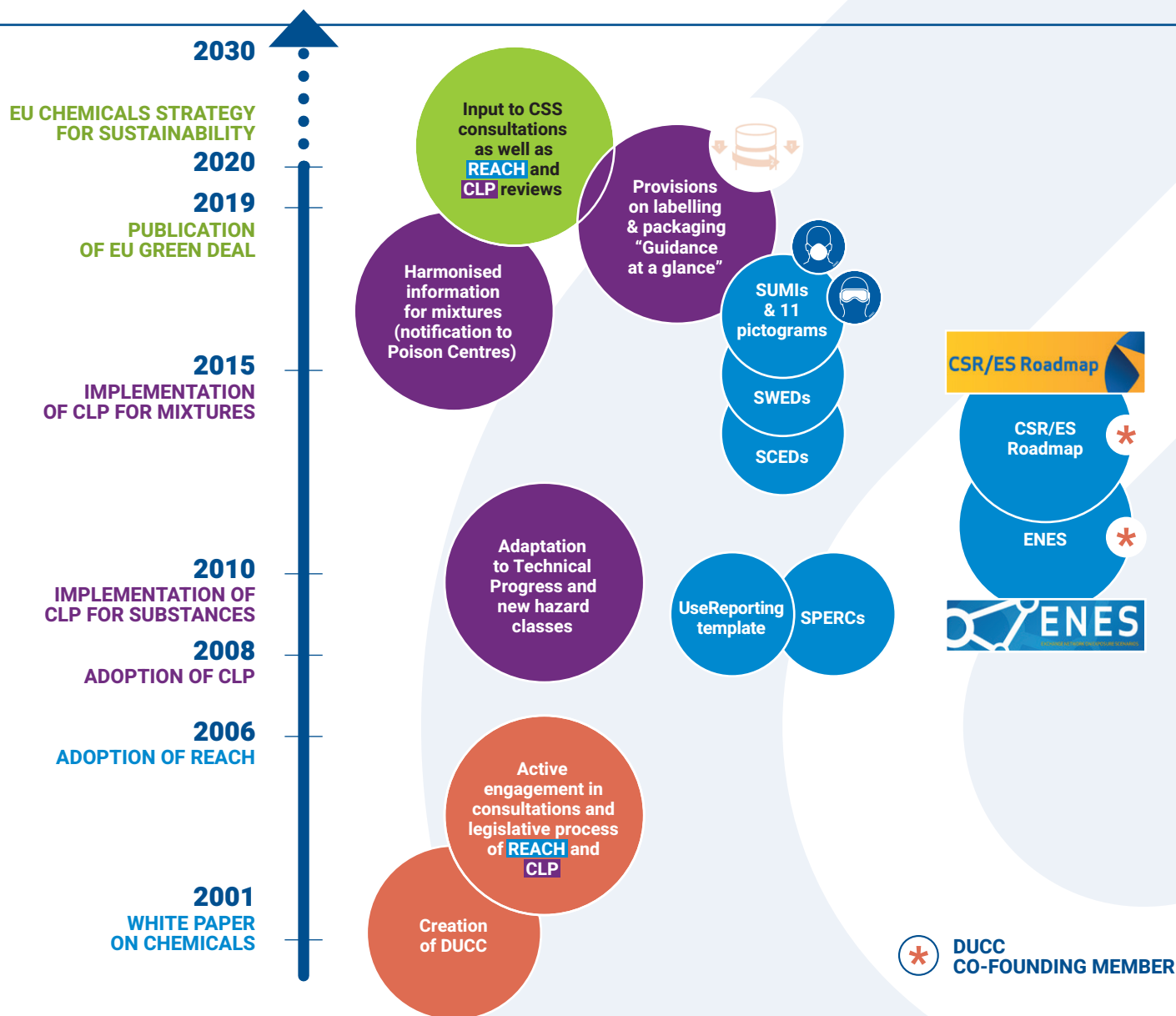
20 years of active engagement for a successful Chemicals Policy in Europe

DUCC was founded in 2001 following the publication of the European Commission's White Paper "Strategy for a Future Chemicals Policy". Since then, being at a critical place in the chemicals value chain, DUCC has focused its work on the downstream users' needs, rights, duties and specificities under REACH and CLP, thus enabling the successful implementation of these legal requirements.

More particularly DUCC:

- is recognised by EU authorities and other stakeholders as the common voice for many users of chemicals, operating in an open, engaging, constructive and science-based way
- has provided expert advice, guidance documents and practical tools to key members of the value chain with the aim to secure safe use of chemicals
- was a co-founding member of two important ECHA multistakeholder initiatives on the topic of supply chain communication (ENES and CSR/ES Roadmap).

Achievements, in a nutshell



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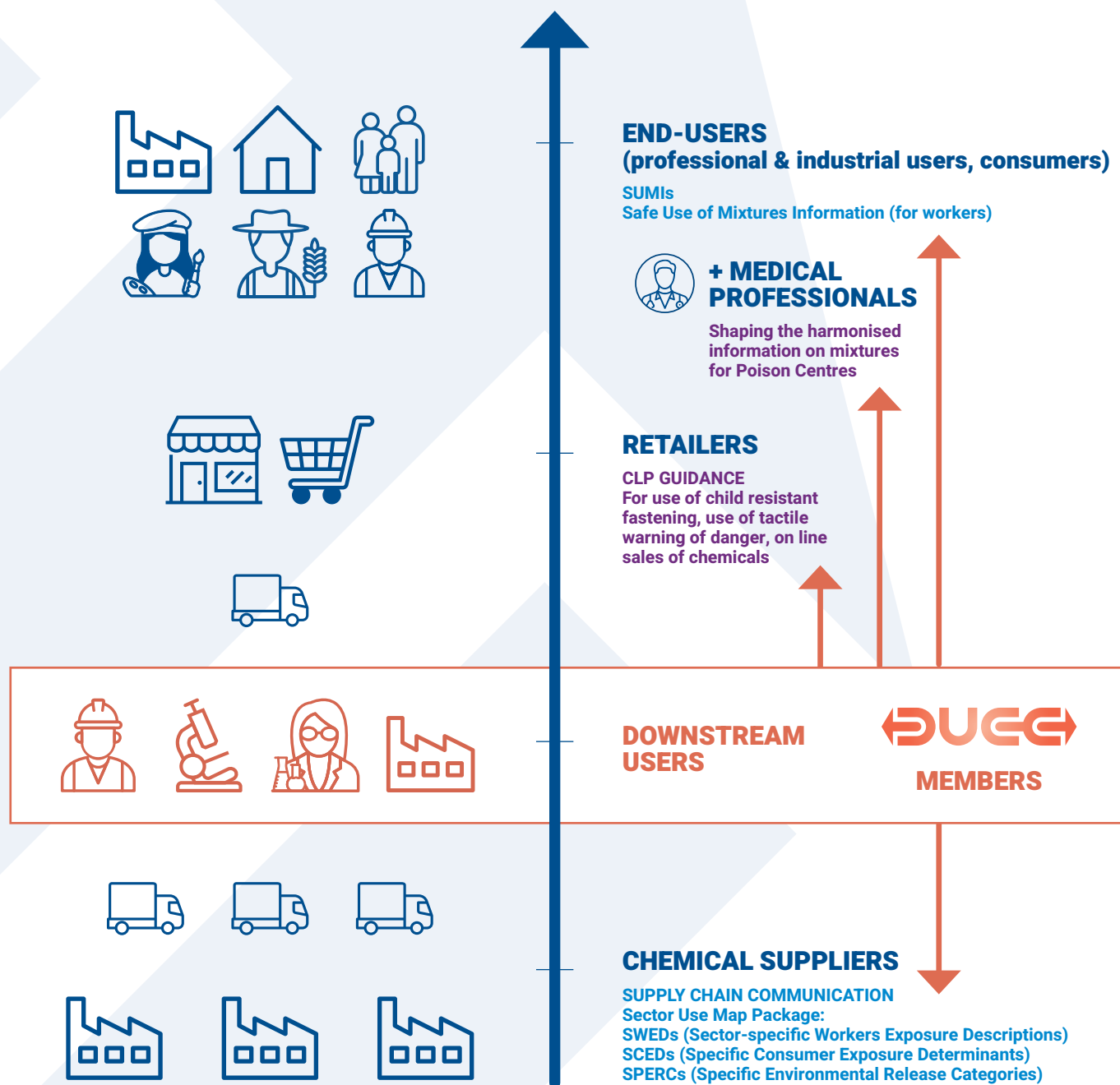
ANNE-MARIE RODEYNS
2001, First Chair of DUCC

"DUCC has been instrumental to inform EU institutions of downstream users of chemicals specificities in risk management throughout the REACH process and implementation."

GWENOLE COZIGOU
2003, Deputy Head of Cabinet Commissioner Liikanen

"The constructive and competent approach shown by DUCC members was a substantial contribution in view of the finalisation of the REACH proposal."

Providing guidance along the chemicals value chain



DUCG 20TH ANNIVERSARY TESTIMONIALS

BJORN HANSEN
2012- 2017, Head of Unit DG Environment
Since 2017, Executive Director of ECHA

"DUCG has played an important role in developing guidance and tools to help downstream users, thus making sure chemicals are used safely in the EU."



MARCO MENSINK
Since 2016, Cefic, Director General

"We look forward to continue the work we started more than 10 years ago to create effective communication exchange between supply chain actors to use chemicals safely."

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Your partner for the perspective of downstream users on the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

The **Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability** (CSS), published in October 2020, aims to better protect citizens and the environment as well as boost innovation for safe and sustainable chemicals. It is also a key component of the European Green Deal which aims at transforming the EU into carbon neutrality by 2050, turning the fight against climate change into an opportunity for jobs and growth. The downstream users of chemicals recognise the key role that they have to contribute to these ambitious goals. They will do so in close dialogue with all parties to deliver on these objectives, which will only be possible if innovative and systemic change solutions are found between all relevant actors, keeping in mind EU citizens' health, environmental protection and industry's competitiveness.

JAN ROBINSON,
DUCC Chair since 2016

"I look forward to DUCC playing a valuable part in making the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability a success, and to engaging in a positive dialogue on our priorities."

Our Key Principles for the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability:

- Keep safe use and science at the heart of any legislative decision
- Enable innovation and competitiveness
- Align with global standards such as UN GHS
- Secure a smart transition to digitalisation of the information

DUCC members



A.I.S.E.: International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products
ATIEL: The Technical Association of the European Lubricants Industry
CEPE: The European Council of the Paint, Printing Ink and Artists' Colours Industry
Cosmetics Europe: The Personal Care Association
CropLife Europe: The European Crop Protection Association
EFCC: The European Federation for Construction Chemicals

FEA: The European Aerosol Federation
FECC: The European Association of Chemical Distributors
FEICA: The Association of the European Adhesive and Sealant Industry
I&P Europe: Imaging and Printing Association
IFRA: The International Fragrance Association

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