

# The REACH campaign

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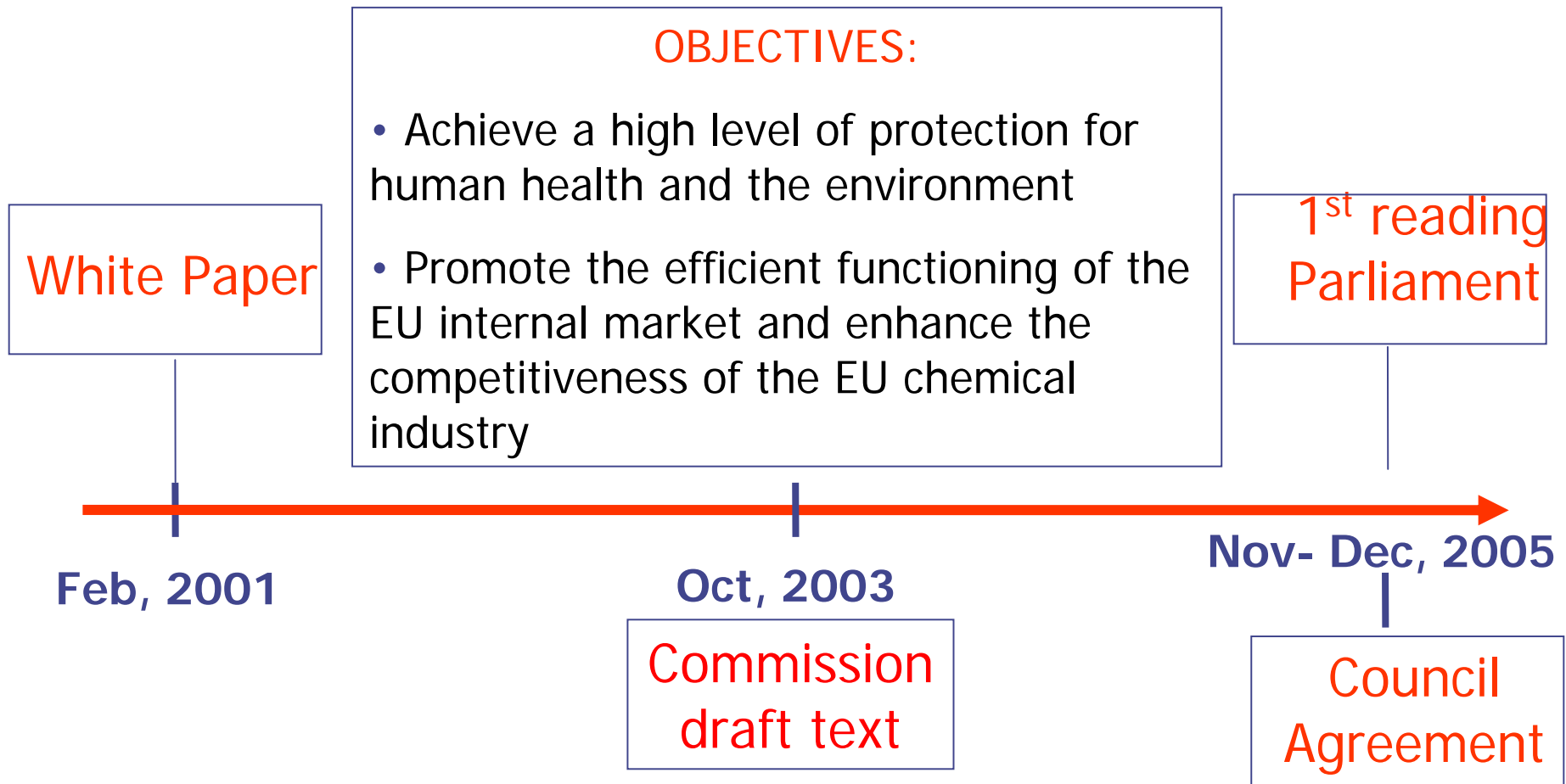
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# REACH? = **R**egistration, **E**valuation & **A**uthorisation of **C**hemicals



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# Why REACH? How will it work ?

- **Registration**: Manufacturers of chemicals > 1 tpa will be required to register their substances to demonstrate they can be used safely
- **Evaluation** of some substances by Member States / Chemical Agency
- **Authorisation** only for substances of very high concern

# What is ETUC doing?

## Campaign on REACH

- ETUC working group on REACH: prepare the trade union position on the REACH reform
- Booklet « REACHing the workplace »
- Worker representatives involved in the European Commission impact assessment
- ETUC impact study on the REACH benefits for workers health (Sheffield University)

## Conference on REACH

- 2 days event in March 2005
- ~ 200 participants (TUs, COM, MEPs, MS, Industry, NGOs)

### Objectives:

- Clarify the positions of the many players involved in the REACH debate
- Present and discuss the trade union proposals for improving REACH

# When?

## Results:

Workers appear as major actors in the REACH debate

Text approved by the European Parliament on November 2005 at first reading meets some of the ETUC key expectations

## Conclusions & Future:

- The European union movement has spoken with a single voice and that has got it listened to
- ETUC will continue to monitor the REACH process and will do its utmost to ensure that REACH contributes to the protection of worker's health and to the sustainable management of chemicals.

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## Further info on:

[www.etuc.org](http://www.etuc.org) > our activities > REACH

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