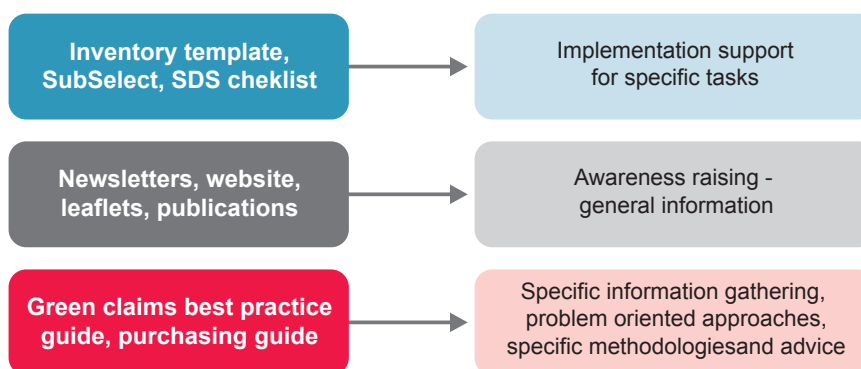


FitforREACH in Brief – Publications and tools

1 Aim of the work

- Make existing knowledge accessible in a format useful for Baltic companies.
- To disseminate best practice examples and learnings from the project to a wider audience.
- Develop guidance tools for companies in the project, and related stakeholders, to address relevant challenges.



The figure illustrates the different types of products created to provide support for various issues.

2 What was done and how?

This briefing introduces our most relevant publications, such as case study reports, brochures, guidance documents, and guidance tools. All publications and tools are available for download from the project website <https://www.fitreach.eu/>.

In most cases, publications and tools are available in English, Estonian, Latvian and Litanian. If this is not the case, it is indicated in the descriptions.

Best practice examples: Substitution and use reduction of hazardous substances

About: Some of the implemented substitution cases from the LIFE FitforREACH project are published as practical examples covering several industrial branches – e.g. construction and household chemicals, metal processing, and electronics.

Target group: Companies seeking for good examples, and relevant authorities

Where to find: To be published on the project website and SUBSPORT+ database (pending approval).

Guidance: Beginners guide to green procurement for enterprises – a tool for the better management of hazardous substances

About: Guidelines for companies on green procurement. It focuses on how to avoid purchasing input materials containing hazardous substances that may be used either as ingredients of the products the company produces or as a processing auxiliary.

Target group: Companies.

Where to find: Find it here: [Procurement guidelines](#)

Best practice guide: Use of environmental claims

About: Translation of ECHA's CLP guidelines "Implementation of the criteria of the CLP Regulation".

Target group: Enterprises, persons who classify mixtures.

Where to find: Project website and the websites of national REACH-helpdesks. Only in national languages:

[CLP guidelines in EST](#)

[CLP guidelines in LV](#)

[CLP guidelines in LT](#)

CLP guidelines in national languages

About: Simple guide for companies on designing honest labels for their products, with suggestions on how to avoid greenwashing, and an overview of labels.

Target group: Product producers, marketing experts, etc.

Where to find: Find it here: [Environmental claims](#)

Guidance: FAQs about substitution and chemicals management

About: Concise and understandable answers to the most frequently asked questions on substitution, and chemicals management from enterprises.

Target group: Industry associations, as well as companies who want to improve their chemicals management and are interested in substitution.

Where to find: Project website.

Best practice fact sheets: summary of substitution experience from external resources

About: Substitution experiences for several hazardous substances were collected, condensed into core information, and adapted for use by Baltic companies and their industrial context.

Target group: Companies, industry associations, and NGOs.

Where to find: Available on the project website under the case stories chapter – [The Experience of Others](#)

Report: Policy recommendations by LIFE Fit for REACH

About: The document lists the findings from the project work with companies on substitution and improvements in chemicals management. From the findings, recommendations are derived relating to different topics (inventory, awareness, compliance, substitution, support tools for companies etc.).

Target group: EU and national policymakers, national competent authorities, enforcement authorities, companies, industry associations, science and research institutions, educational institutions, and NGOs.

Where to find: Project website.

Electronic tools for companies

Alternatives Screening Tool: SubSelect

About: SubSelect is an MS Access-based free tool developed by the German Environment Agency that supports screening and comparing hazardous substances and mixtures with regard to their (eco-) toxicity, but also their sustainability.

Target group: Companies, consultants, and training institutions.

Where to find: SubSelect is available in five languages: EN, DE, EE, LV and LT. Available here: [SubSelect tool](#)

Template: Chemicals inventory

About: Excel template that can be used as inventory by filling in the indicated information types for all chemicals used in the company. It helps to create an overview of used chemicals, ensure safe use, and prioritise needed action. It also supports legal compliance with restrictions and other requirements.

Target group: Companies.

Where to find: <https://www.fitreach.eu/content/tools>

Excel-Tool: Checklist to assess the quality of the safety data sheets

About: Simple checklist to verify if a safety data sheet contains all the necessary information.

Target group: Companies, consultants, and controlling institutions.

Where to find: <https://www.fitreach.eu/content/tools>