

How to find out if there is an existing consortium for your products

1. Contact any national or international Industry Associations that you are a member of or consider joining an association if it covers your area. ACC panels exist for some industry segments. SOCMA manages several industry sector-specific and chemical-specific cost-sharing consortia and coalitions. Industry Associations are natural organizations to communicate the existence of Consortia and many offer other advice on REACH.
2. Contact the regulatory department of any larger competitors who may well be natural organizers of consortia. International or European competitors are more likely to be leaders in setting up Consortia.
3. If you have large European based customers or distributors they may also know of Consortia in your segment.
4. Contact contract testing laboratories and consulting firms who have likely done work in support of various chemical-based consortia.

Who should represent you in a consortium?

- There are no restrictions on who can represent you in a consortium – unless the consortium has itself defined some rules. It does not have to be the same person or organization filing your pre-registration.
- You can be present at meetings as can your Only Representative or Distributor.
- Remember that Consortia will be handling sensitive data and potentially negotiating arrangements that could cost large sums of money so be sure you are represented by someone you can trust and can instruct.
- If you use a distributor or other importer to Register your chemicals in REACH they will own that registration, if you use an Only Representative to register your chemicals then you own the registration and can ensure continuity through the whole process.

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