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### ATIEL at the European Parliament on "Shaping the Future of EU Chemicals Legislation". 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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ATIEL together with the other members of the Downstream Users of Chemicals Coordination Group (DUCC) participated in an important policy discussion at the European Parliament on the 24th of February titled "Shaping the Future Chemicals Legislation: The Perspective of Downstream Users of Chemicals in the Evolving EU Chemicals Framework." The event focused on the future direction of EU chemicals legislation and highlighted the need for greater efficiency, consistency and clarity to support downstream users — including the lubricants industry.

EU chemicals legislation has direct and significant implications for the lubricants value chain. Key instruments such as the CLP Regulation (Classification, Labelling and Packaging) determine how substances and mixtures are classified, labelled and communicated throughout the supply chain. Similarly, the forthcoming Chemicals Omnibus initiative is expected to streamline and align various pieces of EU chemicals legislation. For lubricant manufacturers and downstream users, it will be essential that this process enhances coherence across the various pieces of legislation such as REACH, CLP and other sector-specific , while avoiding duplication and inconsistencies.

DUCC stakeholders emphasised that a simplified, coherent, proportionate and science-based regulatory framework is critical for downstream industries.

An effective and streamlined chemicals framework strengthens innovation capacity, reinforces supply chain resilience and ensures that downstream users can continue contributing to Europe's competitiveness and sustainability objectives.

The importance of establishing a priority roadmap for chemicals legislation to improve long-term predictability and address regulatory complexity was also underlined. A workable and forward-looking framework is necessary to support investment, innovation and the energy transition.

ATIEL extends its sincere thanks to Rapporteur MEP Dimitrios Tsiodras for hosting this timely and constructive discussion, and to DUCC for coordinating the valuable input of downstream users across Europe.

#### About ATIEL

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