



The capitalisation of the innovative and economic potential of nanotechnology is hampered by the uncertainty regarding the EHS aspects of nanomaterials and –linked to that- the regulation of these aspects.

A number of nanosafety projects try to limit these uncertainties by developing methods for testing and assessing the effects and risks of nanomaterials in a regulatory context. In addition to this several projects try to develop the concept of Safe by Design as a way to incorporate the EHS aspects in an early stage of the innovation process.

The **H2020 Coordination and Support Action ProSafe** that was launched on 1 February 2015 evaluates and integrated the results of these projects among which the FP7 NANoREG project and the OECD Sponsor Programme. The results of the evaluation and integration will be laid down in a Joint Document that will be discussed during a three days scientific conference that will be co-organised with the OECD in November 2016. The results of the conference will be input for a more policy oriented White Paper. This White Paper will provide building blocks for regulators and industry to cover EHS aspects of MNMs including evaluated methods for testing and assessing risks of nanomaterials. It will also addresses the innovation policy in relation to nanosafety. To this end the results of the NANoREG and ProSafe project regarding SbD, a study on novel risks, a standardised way of data management as well as the preliminary results of the H2020 project NANoREG II will be combined with the results of the Scientific Workshop and underlying Joint Document.

The creation of the White Paper and the preceding Joint Document with scientific information, will be an interactive process in which Member States, associated States and Industry representatives will be strongly involved.

In the ProSafe project 11 partners from 9 countries cooperate; the project is coordinated by the Dutch ministry of infrastructure and the environment.

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