



Session 4: Break Out Group

2 Industry

“Identifying interests, concerns, and priorities to map the way ahead”



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- Objectives of Voluntary / Regulatory Activities
 - Ensure consumer confidence in products; In principle no more regulation needed, changes in production processes implying changes in safety aspects might require adaptation of risk assessment; guidance & toolbox needed, clarity about what is considered novel
 - Development of standards and definitions



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- Ways to reach those objectives
 - Develop interpretative guidance
 - Industry to be proactive, need for openness without comprising confidentiality
 - Flexibility needed in exchange of information since cases are different
 - Development toolbox jointly between industry and regulators
 - Active participation in Framework 7 projects

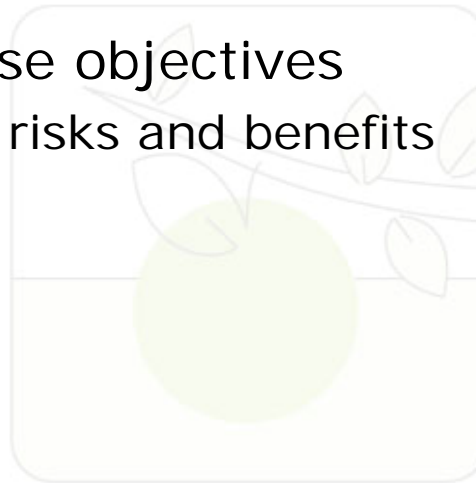


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- Contributions from the industry stakeholder group
 - Need production of safe, acceptable products to consumers, that are useful and bring benefits
 - Working together with regulators, including helping them to “understand” the issues

Health Applications

- Ways to reach those objectives
 - Look carefully at risks and benefits





Conclusion

- Establish regular, transparent, ongoing dialogue
- Make sure to have the right participants, depending on the topic to be discussed

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