



Food Breakout Group

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Crucial Point

■ EU Involvement

- Strong involvement is required, great expectation
- Must be open to the rest of the world, not only US and UE



Crucial Point

■ Line that divides

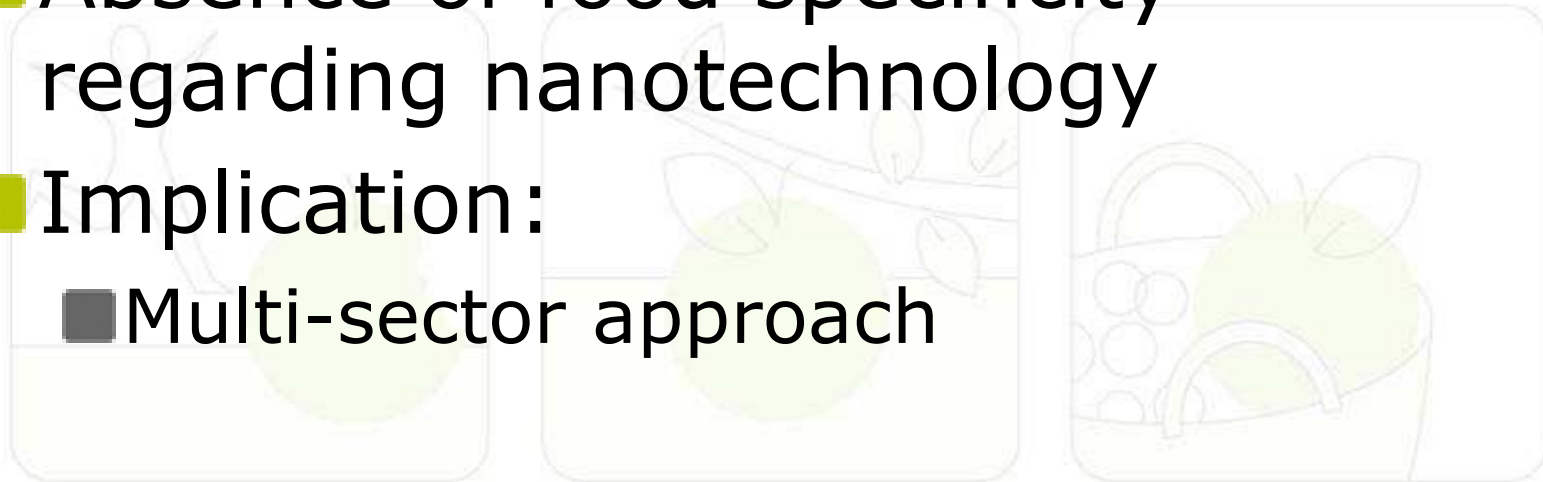
- Everything is “nano-ready: generic legislation”
- This does not take sufficiently into account the failure of the past

→ Complex issue in the context of invisible risk



Crucial Point

- Absence of food specificity regarding nanotechnology
- Implication:
 - Multi-sector approach





Means to improve communication

- **Transparency**
 - Must be for better understanding
 - Openness
- **Honesty about uncertainty**
- **Communication needs to reach appropriate audience**
 - Best level of communication will vary between audiences
 - Multi-national approach including non-EU countries
 - EU bodies should assist local authorities with framework for communication
- **Common understanding of definition for issue framing**
 - Regulators should elaborate consistent definitions



Who should do what, where, and when to improve communication

- **Wider dissemination of communication tools**
 - Local agencies, national bodies, and multi-national organizations all must work in concert
 - Different perspectives
 - The key role of the national agencies at the consumer level
 - Role of the EU agencies to support national efforts
 - Link with WHO and FAO at the international level
- **Nature of communicated messages**
 - Not enough to communicate about risk
 - Need to communicate what action is taken regarding risk
- **Include nanotechnologies in the Euro-barometer**
 - Must be carefully prepared at the EU level



Means to improve the implementation of the existing legislation

- Define common language
 - Necessary for all stakeholders
- Inventory of nanomaterials
 - World wide inventory would allow for greater transparency and predictability
 - Different perspectives
 - Allowed material (positive list) vs mandatory registration
- Classification of supplements
 - Food supplements represents a unique challenge



Who should do what, where, and when means to improve impl. of existing reg

- Defining a common language
 - Different perspectives
 - Scientific community
 - Safety agencies
 - Consensus approach
- Enforcement of regulation on online sales
 - Great concern
 - Different perspectives
 - Difficult to currently measure compliance
 - Personal use vs commercial use

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