

2nd Commission Conference on the Roadmap to phase out animal testing for chemical safety assessments

DRAFT programme

25 October 2024

Session 1 State of play of roadmap development (chairing: Katrin Schutte)			
9:00	5 min	Welcome and housekeeping	Katrin Schutte
9:05	10 min	Opening address	Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Dir DG ENV
9:15	45 min	Progress made to-date on the development of the Roadmap and status report from the 3 Working Groups on - Human Health - Environmental Safety Assessment - Change Management	Katrin Schutte (DG ENV) Georg Streck (DG GROW) Elisabet Berggren (DG JRC)
10:00	30 min	Q&A (panel of the WG presenters to answer and discuss questions from the audience, also online)	Katrin Schutte Georg Streck Elisabet Berggren
10:30	20 min	<i>Coffee break</i>	

Session 2 Contributions to Roadmap from stakeholders (chairing: Denis Mottet)			
10:50	15 min	PARC – Progress with NGRARoute Roadmap	Matthias Herzler (BfR, DE)
11:05	15 min	NGOs Animal welfare – Recommendations from June '24 roundtable	Julia Pochat (Eurogroup for animals)
11:20	10 min	Update on EPAA activities (overview ppt)	Gavin Maxwell (Unilever)

Poster Session and Lunchbreak			
11:30 – 13:00	1.5 hr	Poster viewing and Lunch, Lunch served at 12:00	all

Session 2 Contributions to Roadmap from stakeholders - ctd			
13:00	15 min	Update from ASPIS* on ASPA workflow with case example	Sylvia Escher (Fraunhofer, DE)
13:15	15 min	Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) VICT3R - virtual control groups to reduce animal use in toxicology research	Ferran Sanz (Pompeu Fabra University, ES) Thomas Steger-Hartmann (Bayer)
13:30	30 min	Q&A (to answer and discuss questions from the audience)	Julia Pochat Matthias Herzler Gavin Maxwell Sylvia Escher Ferran Sanz

Session 3 International Test Guidelines, Validation, Qualification and Standardisation (chairing: Georg Streck)			
14:00	60 min	Interactive panel discussion – (reference to pre-reading with more specific questions) - How can we accelerate the development of international guidelines to replace animal tests - How can validation, qualification and standardisation be steered and improved to accelerate phasing out animal testing	Jelle Vriend (RIVM, NL) Maurice Whelan (DG JRC) Katrin Schutte (DG ENV) Mounir Bouhifd (ECHA) Chantra Eskes (EFSA) Orla Moriarty (EMA) Kirsty Reid (EFPIA) Jay Ingram (HSI)
15:00	15 min	<i>Coffee break</i>	

Session 4 Transitional Initiatives Concept – potential examples (chairing: Elisabet Berggren)			
15:15	15 min	Introduction to the concept of transitional initiatives – an action under the roadmap	Andrew Worth (DG JRC, virtually)
15:30	10 min	EFPIA	Kerstin Kleinschmidt-Doerr (Merck)
15:40	10 min	Cosmetics transition experience	John Chave (Cosmetics Europe)

15:50	10 min	CEFIC-LRI	Petra Kern (Procter & Gamble)
16:00	20 min	Q&A (to answer and discuss questions from the audience)	Elisabet Berggren Kerstin Kleinschmidt-Doerr Arianna Giusti Petra Kern

Session 5 Stakeholder input on actions and milestones for the Roadmap (chairing: Katrin Schutte / Georg Streck)

16:20	5 min	Brief introduction with reference to pre-read and questions	Georg Streck (DG GROW)
16:25	50 min	Discussion on key actions and milestones for the Roadmap with audience and panel What actions/milestones should be added in the RM?	Sonja Beken (MS, BE) Katia Lacasse (CEFIC) Gavin Maxwell (EPAA) Marco Corvaro (CropLife Europe) Caroline Bassoni (SME, Cosmed) Emma Grange (Cruelty Free Europe) Ninja Reineke (Chemtrust)

Session 6 Closing remarks (chairing: Georg Streck)

17:15	10 min	Closing remark – HoU/Director	Kristin Schreiber Dir DG GROW
17:25	5 min	Wrap up – announcements - closing of WS	Georg Streck (DG GROW)
17:30		End of the conference	

*Please note that the ASPIS consortium is offering the following in-person satellite meeting on Thursday 24 Oct 2024 16:00 – 19:00: **“ASPA, making next-generation risk assessment happen”**

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