

Introduction

4th EU-Asia Dialogue on Nanosafety

Asia Nano Forum and EU NanoSafety Cluster Event

7th of October 2020, 10:00 – 18:00

Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation
and Technology (Radetzkystraße 2, 1030 Vienna, room EA08, ground floor)

“From discussions to implementation”

This workshop is focused towards more synergy between Asian and European countries with respect to safe nanomaterials including standardization and test guideline development. Two major themes will be addressed.

A) The Malta Initiative, activities to speed up the process of updated or developing OECD test guidelines and guidance documents by gathering and developing the essential information that is needed for this process¹.

B) In addition, this workshop will be on developing a call-for-proposals in which collaboration between EU and Asian countries is enabled. The aim of the meeting is to publish a report (joint paper) about the needs & missing points & common interests EU-US / EU-Asia and which research needs shall be addressed.

This follows the three previous EU-Asia Dialogue Events and a successful meeting last year in Boston, USA: “EU-US PRIORITIES IN NANOSAFETY IDENTIFIED DURING THE BILAT US 4.0 EVENT “FOSTERING EU-US COOPERATION IN NANOSAFETY”. The report will be sent to the EC and MS (e.g. via the EU-NSC and the program committee) as well as to the Asian countries (via ANF), OECD and to the EU-US BILAT colleagues. This shall enable the mentioned stakeholders to step forward towards joint funding of the areas of interest (e.g. joint calls, bilateral agreements on research collaboration, etc.). The format of the meeting is a mix of introduction, overview presentations and breakout sessions.

Registration is mandatory before September 21st 2020: [Register here](#)

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¹ *The Malta Initiative brings together a group of EU member states, the European Commission (notably the DG RTD, DG ENV, DG GROW and JRC), ECHA, industry and other institutions committed to this aim and welcomes additional international collaborators. In line also with existing procedures at the OECD, any country or organisation with expertise interested in working on adapting existing OECD TGs or developing new OECD TGs and/or GDs is welcome to become an active contributor to the “Malta Initiative”. See <https://www.nanosafetycluster.eu/international-cooperation/the-malta-initiative/>*

AGENDA

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09:30 – 10:00 **Welcome & Arrival**

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome addresses**

Alexander Pogàny (Republic of Austria, Federal Ministry for Climate
Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology)

Soren Bowadt (European Commission)

Ting-Kuo Lee (Asia Nano Forum - President)

10:30 – 12:15 **Key Note Lectures**

Ramjitti Indaraprasirt or Aungkavattana Pavadee (Nanotec Thailand;
ANF): „Management & Policy on Nanosafety in Thailand”

Eugenia Valsami-Jones (University of Birmingham; EU NSC): “Major
scientific achievements of the EU-NSC in past five years”

N.N. (ANF): “N.N.” (tbc)

Flemming Cassee (RIVM, Netherlands; EU NSC): “From Science to
Regulations and Standards”

Ali Beitollahi (Iran Nanotechnology Initiative Council): “A Platform
Towards Enhanced Synergy” (tbc)

Risk Governance council (NMBP-13°3) [Monique Groenewold/Maria
Dusinska/Janeck Scott-Fordsmand]

12:15 – 12:30 **Group photo of 4th EU-Asia Dialogue on NanoSafety**

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 13:45 **Introduction to the Breakout sessions:** **Andreas Falk** (BNN, Austria;
EU NSC)

13:45 – 15:30 **Breakout sessions** *co-chaired by EU and Asian colleagues*

The chairs duties are to moderate and summarize for each of the sessions the outputs.

- i) **Break out session 1: How/what to contribute to the Malta Initiative?** Chair Thomas Kuhlbusch/Flemming Cassee/Anne Gourmelon(tbc)] what has been done, what needs to be done; what could be contributed from Asian side. Pework: Thomas/Flemming

prepares overview – Asian colleagues are kindly asked to select 5-6 topics which they are interested/can contribute to; during the Breakout-session, the contributions to specific projects shall be collected.

- ii) **Break out session 2: Similarities in research, data and information needs between Europe and Asia – opportunities for joined funding** Chair: Steffi Friedrichs (ACumeniST, Belgium) [participants: EC-representative(s); Asian countries representatives; BILAT-colleague(s); national representatives/funding/program committee] participation of funding-representatives in this session; ideas on joint calls shall be collected [presentation on BILAT report/Gov4Nano-SAFERA: Steffi Friedrichs]
- iii) **Break out session 3: Risk governance – where do we stand, where do we go** [Monique Groenewold/Maria Dusinska/Janeck Scott-Fordsmand; EU and ANF-colleagues with governance background] Aim: common understanding about the term risk governance in the group; output: identification of best practices (building on the discussions of previous EU-Asia-Dialogue events).

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 16:40 **Short speeches of young scientists** [10 minutes each; selection: 2 speeches selected by ANF; 2 speeches selected by ESG Nano]

16:40 – 17:55 **Presentations of breakout session results and action plan towards the 5th EU-Asia Dialogue on Nanosafety** (session chairs present)
Action plan development → towards joined funding

Reflections about the break out sessions:

Soren Bowadt (European Commission);

Ting-Kuo Lee (Asia Nano Forum - President)

Alexander Pogàny (Republic of Austria, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology)

17:55 – 18:00 **Announcement 5th EU-Asia Dialogue**

Prof. Madya Dr. Ruslinda A. Rahim (Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change. Malaysia)

18:00 – 20:00 **Networking cocktail sponsored by bmK** (Republic of Austria, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology)

All parts of the agenda are preliminary and could possibly be changed.