

EU NanoSafety Cluster Meeting

Task Force Meeting for establishment of an EC Risk Governance of Nanotechnologies

1st March 2017

Ca'Foscari University of Venice, Italy

You are hereby invited to join the Nano Risk Governance task force, which is an action under the European NanoSafety Cluster, and attend the operational kick of meeting in Venice (Italy) on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. The meeting is conveniently organized as a side-arrangement to the Society for Risk Analysis Policy Forum Meeting on the Risk Governance for Key Enabling Technologies, which also takes place in Venice during this week.

Background

The EC wishes the nanosafety community to develop from focusing primarily on the issues around nanomaterials risk assessment to focus on the entire risk governance aspect for nanomaterials and nano-enabled products.

Nanotechnologies innovation can only succeed if all true and perceived risks are convincingly managed. The new technology must deliver higher benefits and, at the same time, lower risks than the technologies it replaces. The nanotechnologies research community must be ready today to respond to societal expectations of tomorrow regarding management of those risks.

Therefore, the EC has asked the nanosafety cluster to establish a document to define how we can operationalize nano-risk governance including the different topics and requirements and methods to establish and support an EC nano-risk governance body.

The EC action called “The EC Risk Governance Action” was launched on November 9, 2016 at the Nanosafety Cluster meeting in Grenoble in connection with the NANOSAFE 2016 conference and is coordinated by Keld Alstrup Jensen at the National Research Centre for the Working Environment (NRCWE), Denmark.

The deadline for the draft nanorisk governance document is December 20, 2017.

Workshop aims

- Aligning the nanosafety cluster participants on the topic of nanorisk governance

- Definition of the key elements / steps in risk governance, with initial discussions on their state-of-art in regards to content and future requirements
- Assign task leaders and teams to draft the descriptions of the key elements / steps in the nano-risk governance document
- Draft a work-plan towards completion of the risk governance document by December 20, 2017.

Registration

The Workshop is free of registration fees, but only available for the NanoSafety Cluster partners or upon invitation.

To register please fill in the [registration form](#). Due to space limitations, pre-registration for the workshop is required. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

A coffee break and a light lunch will be available for participants during the workshop. Travel, accommodation and other food expenses are to be covered by each participant.

Deadlines

- **3 February 2017:** Registration Deadline
- **10 February 2017:** Cancellation Deadline

Cancellation policy

The cancellation deadline is **10 February 2017**. In case of cancellation, please contact the Local Organization by e-mail.

Workshop agenda

10:30 – 10:45 Welcome and introduction to the NSC workshop

Keld Alstrup Jensen, National Research Centre for the Working Environment

Session 1: Thought starters

10.45 – 11.00 Explanation of the needs of the EC action on nano-risk governance

Georgios Katalagarianakis, Directorate General for Research & Innovation, European Commission (EU)

11.20 – 11.40 The Society for Risk Analysis – NanoSafety Cluster Roundtable initiative on Risk Governance of Nanotechnologies

Danail Hristozov, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy)

11.40 – 12.00 The Society for Risk Analysis – NanoSafety Cluster white paper: Understanding tools to drive prevention-based risk governance of nanotechnologies

Benjamin Trump, University of Michigan (USA) and Igor Linkov, US Army Corps of Engineers (USA)

11:40 – 12:00 Risk transfer for nanotechnology risk governance

Martin Mullins, University of Limerick (IR)

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

Session 2 Nanosafety Cluster Task Force on Risk Governance of Nanotechnologies

Chaired by Keld Alstrup Jensen (NRCWE)

13:00 – 13:10 Welcome and short round table presentation

13:10 – 14:40 Defining the EC-request considering also the thought-starters in Session 1

13:40 – 14:40 Defining the key elements / steps in risk governance, their state-of-art and future requirements

14:40 – 15:00 Assign teams to draft the descriptions of the key elements / steps in the nano-risk governance document

15:00 – 15:20 Presentation and discussion of the draft work-plan

15:20 – 15:30 AOB

15:30 End of meeting

Workshop venue

The workshop will be held in the XVI century palace [Ca' Dolfin Saoneria](#), in Aula Magna Silvio Trentin. The room is equipped with Wi-Fi.



How to reach and leave Venice & the workshop venue

Travel information coming soon.

Hotel Accommodation

Workshop participants can use the special conference rates arranged by the SRA Risk Forum conference. Accommodation at special rates has been blocked by the conference organizers in recommended hotels near the conference venue. Special conference rates are available for bookings in a variety of hotels within different deadlines. Rates are in Euros, per room/night and include 10% VAT and buffet breakfast. City tax is not included and its amount may vary according to the hotel category, from about 2 to 5 Euros per day.

Click [here](#) for accommodation options.

*We would like to inform you that 28 February 2017 is the last day of the [Venice Carnival](#) and the hotels round these dates get easily fully booked. Therefore, we would like to advise you to book your hotel accommodation as soon as possible. **Kindly note some deadlines are soon about to expire and bookings after the stated deadlines will be subject to availability upon request to the chosen hotel.***

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