



A vision for the NSC – governance and strategy

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Current meeting format is “Cluster business” for the projects rather than stakeholder engagement

- Series of presentations to “update” the research community on ongoing activities
- Commission update on their needs and plans
- Not always clear to projects / individuals how they can contribute / get involved

Currently “talking to ourselves”

Of course I talk to myself.
Sometimes I need expert advice.

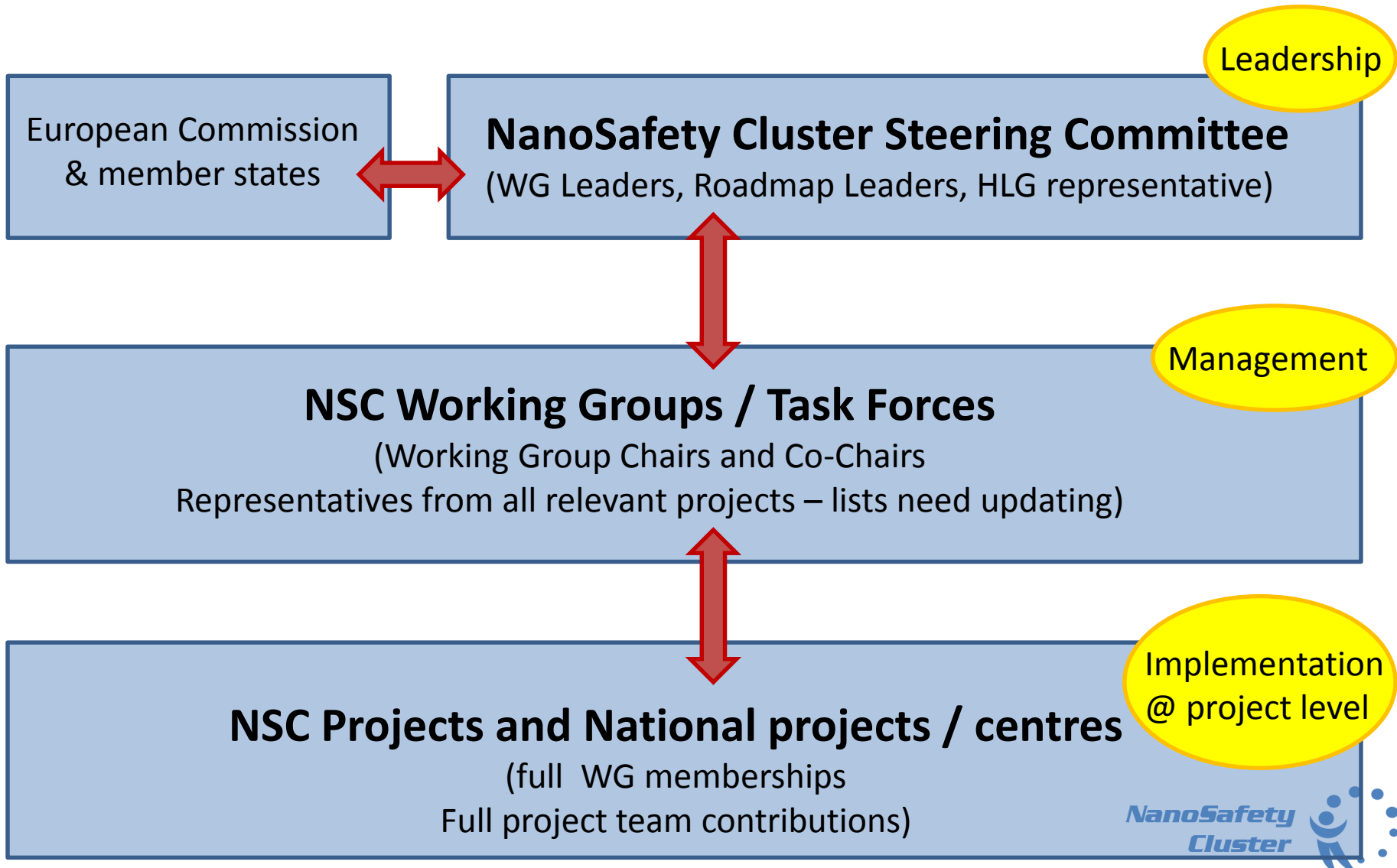


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What could we do differently?

- Do the “business” end via virtual meetings? Monthly with updates via email? Stronger integration & utilisation of SG and WG Leaders
- Scrimmage model successful used by some CORs? – takes a lot of preparation
- Brainstorming with disparate datasets to draw conclusions and recommendations on protocols, assays, specific materials classes, grouping, tools, etc. - again takes pre-meeting preparation and follow-up to deliver outcomes?
- WGs to have hands-on time to work on specific tasks face to face
- Targeted NSC events for stakeholders – e.g. nanosafety considerations for pilot projects or NSC events with specific ETPs to identify needs and pull together specific responses from across NSC projects.

NSC Structure & function



WG structural challenges

- Currently rely on essentially voluntary contributions & individual enthusiasm

Need more transparency and oversight

Steering Committee / WG Chairs need some carrots / sticks

Project Coordinators need greater engagement in decision making and stronger role in verification of project contributions to NSC

WG / TF Chairs also need to verify contributions for them to “count” towards 2%

Increase transparency of contributions

- Website to have page for ongoing cross-WG activities (Roadmaps, expert responses etc.) with leads and contributors visible
- Projects to confirm roles in these and delivery to be verified by Task leader / project coordinator
- Delays to be highlighted quickly and supports identified where needed.

UoB positioning and roles

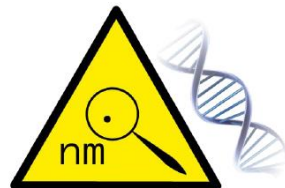
Coordinator:



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Partner:



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WG and HLG Leadership:



EVJ Chair of WG9 (SbD / Industry innovation)

EVJ Chairing HLG report on nanosafety needs

IL Co-Chair of WG4 (databases)

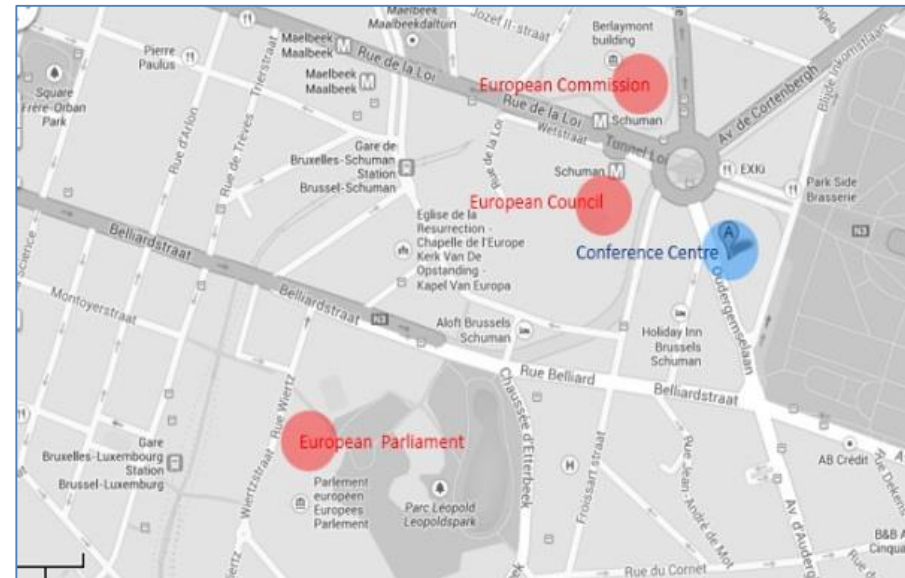
IL former chair WG7 and current SC representative



UoB Team and supports

- Eva , Iseult, Tom Carney (EU Project Manager) for day-to-day implementation
- Xavier Rodde, Sally Wiley and Caroline Marshall (UoB EU Office) for strategic / *ad hoc* aspects
- UoB Brussels office
- Strong links with NCPs
- UoB support (50% FTE)

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Key initiatives going forward

- **Active & responsive Steering Committee** who work with Commission to establish Task Forces to address specific issues (roadmaps, guidance documents, OECD representation etc.) and **provide strategic guidance to WG Chairs and Project Coordinators**
- Close integration with HLG activities
- Platform for **development of integrated response** to ECHA / SCENIHR calls for evidence (*cf. TiO₂ genotoxicity classification case recently where EU-funded Nanosafety projects /expert were not consulted*)
- Clear guidance for projects on how to contribute / get involved
- Greater transparency regarding the 2% contributions from all NSC projects
- Up to date web platform indicating ongoing activities, their timelines, current drafts for commenting etc., and for evaluating / confirming project contributions

NSC F2F Meetings - participatory

Typically have 70 – 150 people in the room, many of whom travelled especially!
Assuming cost of €200 /person, that equates to €14,000 – €30,000 per meeting!!!!

Currently not getting anywhere near that in terms of return on investment / time.

If the 2% of project budgets goes on sitting passively in meetings to hear the same thing as last meeting, that is NOT good use of tax-payers money!

Ideally, would have 2-3 themes being progressed in parallel at F2F meetings, that participants could sign-up to in advance and organisers could get them thinking about the topic in advance!

- But needs leadership and advance preparation (beyond just setting agenda)

Flagship EU NSC events annually

- Annual conference in February each year
 - with dedicated slots for WG / TF activities
- Stakeholder-specific events – cross-WG with key theme / target group (implemented via WG7 but developed across WGs / SC)
- Plan for Access / student exchange
 - and for enhanced awareness by younger researchers of regulatory issues and code of practices etc.
- Greater alignment of NSC WGs and EU-US CoRs

Updated / streamlined goals....

The objectives of the NanoSafety Cluster are:

- To promote synergies and collaboration;
- To provide cluster members and the Commission with up-to-date information on the activities of cluster members and projects;
- To provide a forum for discussion of future activities;
- To facilitate the formation of a consensus on nanotoxicology in Europe;
- To provide a single voice for discussions with external bodies;
- To avoid duplicating work (e.g. nanoparticle synthesis and characterisation) and to improve efficiency;
- To improve the coherence of nanotoxicology studies and harmonize methods;
- To provide a forum for discussion, problem solving and planning R&D activities in Europe;
- To provide industrial stakeholders and the general public with appropriate knowledge on the risks of nanoparticles and nanomaterials for human health and the environment.

Are these still relevant? Or should we Update?



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Feedback and discussion?

