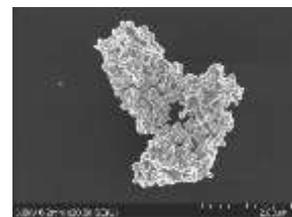




Building global standards for development of safe and successful nanomaterials

Nanomaterials are becoming more integral in today's products, delivering faster, lighter and more energy-efficient products and processes. To facilitate globally safe development and use of these materials, existing safety assessment methods need to be adapted, and new methods developed where required. Using agreed methods worldwide for assessment of chemicals enhances trust, improves consumer safety and facilitates world trade.

NanoHarmony, an EU project which started in April, has this as a mission. NanoHarmony is led by the Federal Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA, Germany) with 14 European partners from research, industry, regulation and public bodies.



NanoHarmony focus is on OECD Test Guidelines and Guidance Documents, as they are accepted by the 37 OECD Member countries. Through the OECD, NanoHarmony will extend its work to at least 25 additional associated partners including the US, Canada, South Korea, Australia and South Africa to achieve worldwide acceptance.



NanoHarmony officially started on April 1st with a virtual kick-off meeting on 20 April and, after it's web-based start, it will expand to engage all interested stakeholders with workshops, webinars, publications, newsletters and project actions and results.

The NanoHarmony consortium invites all interested stakeholders to take part – visit the project website at www.nanoharmony.eu for full details on target tests, the partners involved, and to become involved.

INIA is proud to be part of the NanoHarmony project, working on the scientific basis to develop guidance documents on how to conduct short-term toxicity studies with nanomaterials in algae, *Daphnia* sp. and fish, following the OECD TGs201, 202, and 203, respectively.

Join us on July 7, when NanoHarmony will host 'An Introduction to NanoHarmony' webinar - sign up directly [here](#).

