

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Nanomaterials on the market:

What regulators need to know

Brussels, 9th October 2009

Residence Palace, Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

Rapporteur: David Gee, European Environment Agency (confirmed)

Session 1: Introduction to the issues

Chair: Swedish Presidency

09:05 Opening remarks: Swedish Presidency (tbc)

09:15 Keynote Address: Commissioner Stavros Dimas (confirmed)

09:30 Opportunities of nanomaterials and current state of knowledge about potential health & environmental risks from nanomaterials - what regulators need to know: Rob Visser, OECD (confirmed)

10:00 Discussion

Session 2: Which information do we have?

Chair: European Commission

10:20 Introduction to the project and its findings, i.e., what we know and do not know about what is on the market today: Pete Floyd, RPA

10:35 Response from Lena Perenius, CEFIC (confirmed)
Response from Chiara Giovannini, ANEC (confirmed)

10:45 Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

Session 3: Is REACH sufficient?

Chair: Member of European Parliament (tbc)

11:40 Does REACH provide the necessary answers? What is and is not covered by REACH: Martin Führ, University of Applied Sciences, Darmstadt (confirmed)

11:55 Response from Carl Schlyter, MEP (confirmed)

12:05 Response from Steffi Friedrichs, Nanotechnologies Industry Association (confirmed)

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch break

Session 4: Need for strengthening information reporting?

Chair: Anthony Wilson, European Chemicals Agency

13:45 Experiences to date with voluntary & mandatory reporting

The US experience: Kristan Markey, USEPA (confirmed)

The UK experience: Steve Morgan, DEFRA (confirmed)

The French Approach: Catherine Mir, Ministère de l'Ecologie, (confirmed)

14:15 Discussion

14:45 Do we need an additional reporting scheme and what might it look like?
Catherine Ganzleben, Milieu

14:55 Responses from panel:

Andreas Hermann, Ökoinstitut for the German Ministry of the Environment (confirmed)

Wouter Ghyoot, Umicore, on behalf of Eurometaux (confirmed)

David Azoulay, CIEL (confirmed)

Steffen Foss Hansen, Danish Technical University (confirmed)

15:15 Discussion

- 15:45 Coffee break
- 16:00 Should any possible future additional EU information reporting be voluntary or mandatory? If voluntary, how could participation be encouraged?
- Introduction by Gretta Goldenman, Milieu
Comments by Gerhard Schmid, Munich Re (confirmed)
- 16:20 Discussion

Session 5: Closure and next steps

- 16:45 Report back from David Gee, Rapporteur
- 17:00 Closing statements:
- Swedish Presidency
Gustaaf Borchardt, DG Environment (confirmed)
- 17:30 Close of conference