



Commission Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing for chemical safety assessment

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Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing for chemical safety assessments

- **Comprehensive plan** for moving towards non-animal approaches for chemical safety assessments
- Based on the EU **long-term policy goal to phase out animal testing**, if scientifically possible
- Following up to commitment in Commission Communication C(2023) 5041 responding to **European Citizens' Initiative**
- Roadmap applicable to all **relevant pieces of EU chemical legislation** that might lead to animal testing for chemical safety assessments – 15 legislative areas identified
- Adoption and publication: Q2 2026



Roadmap building blocks for making change to non-animal chemical safety assessments happen – comprehensive set of actions

22 actions – milestones - indicators



Identifying regulatory needs – supporting validation, standardization, qualification

Organizational structures for the roadmap implementation

- Roadmap Steering Team
- Collab. Platforms (EU Agencies)
- Interagency working group / EUAN

Short- to long-term replacement (reduction, refinement) on human health and env. assessment

- > 30 sub-actions

International collaboration

- Workshop on long-term change
- Exchange with international partners

Research / supporting innovation
+ link to other policies

Roadmap to address test method development and validation/standardization

→ Importance of having the right methods (accepted by regulators; standardised to facilitate testing for industry and assessment by regulators; mutually (globally accepted))

	Test Method Development	Validation/standardisation
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulatory needs often not considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding for validation/standardization identified as gap
Roadmap	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Propose organizational structure and path to consider early on regulatory needs (involvement of MS + agencies)→ Regular report on Key Areas of Regulatory Needs for alternatives to animal testing (KARN-AAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Analysis of funding options→ Prioritization via KARN-AAT→ Linking to Test Method Development and Validation Strategy

Thank you

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