

Painting the future animal-free safety assessment of chemical substances: Achievements of SEURAT-1

4 December 2015, Brussels, Belgium

Take part of a unique event presenting the scientific achievements of the largest ever EU research initiative on non-animal methods for the safety assessment of chemicals.

Launched in January 2011, SEURAT-1 is a 50 million Euro 5-year research programme, co-funded equally by the European Commission's Directorate General for Research and Innovation and Cosmetics Europe, the industry personal care association. Forming a cluster of six research projects and one coordination group, SEURAT-1 represents a community of over 70 research partners from 16 EU Member States including the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. It aims to make a decisive step forward towards the ultimate replacement of *in vivo* repeated dose systemic toxicity testing with animal-free solutions, the a major challenge in modern safety assessment of chemicals.



Objective of the event

The SEURAT-1 symposium will be of highest interest for policy makers, regulators, industry, the scientific community, and animal welfare groups, but also for the general public and the press. The objective is three-fold:

1. Present achievements of SEURAT-1 and create awareness about the impact of the latest progress made internationally in the field of animal-free testing strategies.
2. Discuss with key stakeholders the regulatory readiness of the novel test methods and consider further developments required.
3. Contribute to the promotion of scientific excellence and encourage networking in this research field.

Why should I attend?

The symposium is a great opportunity to learn about **the recent achievements in the field of alternative testing strategies**, network with renowned experts and get acquainted with the activities of other on-going and future initiatives.

High-level presentations will first showcase the SEURAT-1 success stories in a practical and accessible manner, an open Exhibition with demonstrations organised at dedicated information booths will then allow for deeper discussions. The attendees will learn how the extensive research efforts during the last 5 years can be translated into solutions for safety assessment ultimately replacing animal testing. Other related on-going and future initiatives from the EU and US will be invited to showcase their progress in the field of alternative testing strategies and thus stimulate exchange and networking.

Draft programme

9.00 – 9.45 Press Conference (are you a journalist and wish to attend? Contact us)

9.30 – 10.00 Registration & Coffee

10.00 – 10.30 **Opening Address** from the European Commission and Cosmetics Europe

10.30 – 12.30 **High-level presentations** on major achievements in SEURAT-1

12.30 – 16.00 Finger food lunch followed by an open **Exhibition** presenting SEURAT-1 results and other EU and US initiatives

16.00 Coffee & networking

*On behalf of the SEURAT-1 Symposium
Organising Committee, we look forward to
meeting you in Brussels!*