

RISK-HUNT3R

Name of activity	European partnership for the assessment of risks from chemicals
Reference framework	Horizon Europe
Lead DG/Organisation	DG for Research and Innovation
Link(s) to website(s)	Link
Programme Period	To be launched early 2022 for seven years, expected 28/01/22, call closed 21/09/2021
Contact	Not yet available

Objectives

Chemicals risk assessors and managers are faced with data and knowledge gaps and lack of tools and methods, to speed up and prioritise risk assessments and capture risks from existing and emerging substances across regulatory domains. The lack of available or accessible information increases the risk of 'regrettable' substitutions and slows down the design of safer chemicals. A diverse landscape of regulatory frameworks and actors carrying out risk assessment of chemicals for their specific purpose has resulted in a fragmented approach. Risks to human and environmental health are still in certain cases considered separately, while in most cases they are inherently interrelated.

The Partnership should stimulate research and innovation in chemicals risk assessment by developing a collaborative network with public research entities. A common research and innovation programme should be established by national and EU risk assessors and risk managers in consultation with relevant stakeholders (academia, industry, associations and others).

Main blocks of activity are:

1. Set-up and operate an EU-wide cross-disciplinary network to identify and agree on research and innovation needs and support research uptake into regulatory chemical risk assessment.
2. Carry out joint EU research and innovation activities on identified priorities to support the current regulatory risk assessment processes and respond to emerging challenges.
3. Strengthen existing capacities and build EU-wide, transdisciplinary research and innovation platforms to support chemical risk assessment

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RoC Challenge(s)	challenge 1.1, challenge 2.2, challenge 4.1
Participants	not yet determined
Further info	Synergies with HBM4U (PARC will build on the results of HBM4EU)
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