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Consortium awarded crucial advisory contracts on the regulation of nanomaterials under REACH

A consortium led by SAFENANO from the Institute of Occupational Medicine has been awarded two major contracts to develop specific advice on the assessment of nanomaterials under REACH.

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(SAFENANO, January 28th 2010) A consortium led by SAFENANO from the Institute of Occupational Medicine has been awarded two contracts by the Institute for Health and Consumer Protection of the European Commission's Directorate General Joint Research Centre (JRC) concerning the development of specific advice on the assessment of nanomaterials under REACH.

The first project, REACH-NanoInfo (also known as RIP-oN2), addresses the REACH information requirements on intrinsic properties of nanomaterials. The second project, REACH-NanoHazEx (RIP-oN3), addresses undertaking exposure assessments and conducting hazard and risk characterisation for nanomaterials within the REACH context.

The consortium is a partnership between [SAFENANO](#), the [Nanotechnology Industries Association](#), [Cefic](#), and [Soluzioni Informatiche](#), and brings together internationally renowned experts from disciplines including physical sciences, life sciences, occupational hygiene, and risk assessment.

The output from the projects will be developed over a period of 12-16 months in consultation with a range of stakeholders and will be used by the European Commission to support further developments in REACH Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment. Both projects start in January 2010.

Speaking at the project's inception meeting in Ispra, SAFENANO Director and project leader Dr Rob Aitken said "we are delighted the European Commission has chosen our consortium to deliver these two important and challenging projects".

To learn more about REACH-NanoInfo and REACH-NanoHazEx, please [click here](#).

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About SAFENANO

The SAFENANO initiative is one of the UK Technology Strategy Board's Micro and Nanotechnology Network's Nanotechnology Centres of Excellence. Phase 1 of this initiative was officially launched in August 2007.

SAFENANO Scientific Services represents the latest stage in IOM and SAFENANO's nanotechnology programme which aims to understand, quantify and control risks posed by nanomaterials to the workforce, consumers, the general population and the environment through research, consultancy and service work for industry and government. Access SAFENANO at www.safenano.org

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