

NanoMILE: Engineered nanomaterial mechanisms of interactions with living systems and the environment: a universal framework for safe nanotechnology



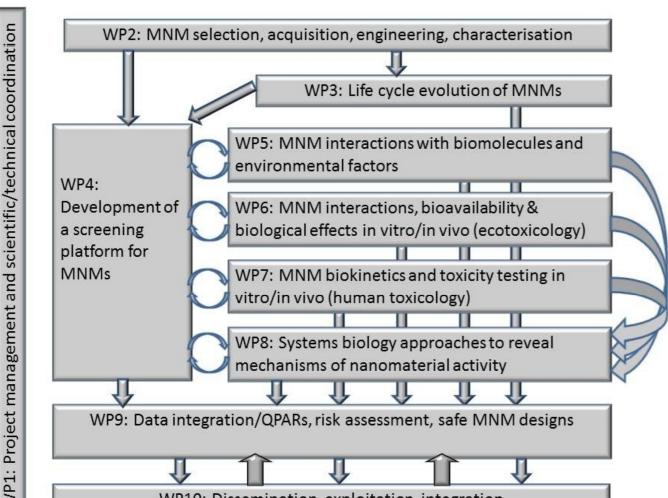
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Objectives

To formulate an intelligent and powerful paradigm for the mode(s) of interaction between manufactured Nanomaterials (MNMs) and organisms or the environment;

- \Rightarrow development of a single framework for the classification of MNMs safety, and
- ⇒ the creation of a universally applicable framework to enable informed consent/decisions concerning nanosafety.

Project Structure



NanoMILE quick facts

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Project start date: 1st March 2013

Project duration: 48 months

Project budget: 13M€; EC contrib. 9.6M€

Project Website: <u>www.nanomile.eu-vri.eu/</u>

Project Consortium

16 EU academic / research partners, 2 US partners (Duke and UCLA)
8 SME partners (2 NM manufacturers, 2 data management / dissemination, 1 cell culture models, 3 instrument manufacturers)
2 large industry – Eurofins and BASF



A wide range of manufactured nanomaterials (metal and carbon based) will be characterized throughout their life cycle (WP2, WP3). Using a high throughput screening process, a streamlined testing and selection platform will be developed and applied to refine the MNMs selection (WP4). The selected MNMs will undergo focused testing relative to their mechanism(s) of effects on living systems and the environment (WP5-8). An iterative experimental / modeling process will integrate the data into quantitative structure or properties / effects relationships (WP9).

Key features of NanoMILE

Focus on high through-put methods / screening approaches linked to detailed mechanistic studies and systems biology

Development of systematic libraries of MNMs varying by one property at a time (insofar as possibly at present)

Assessment of Fresh and "aged" MNMs – towards realistic exposure scenarios

Iterative process towards safer by design MNMs

Building on efforts from NanoReTox and other FP7 projects



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Expected Impacts

- ✓ A set of documented protocols for nanomaterials synthesis, characterization & safety assessment, feeding into ongoing standardization activities and building on previous projects;
- ✓ MNMs libraries gathering data on structure and transformation in contact with living systems and their connection to toxicity, ecotoxicity, and fate and behavior;
- ✓ Mechanistic and quantitative (QSAR/QPAR) descriptions of MNMs properties, and of effects of life-cycle MNMs modifications (aging, interactions with the environment);
- ✓ A source for MNMs risk-assessment (dose-response relationships for various dose metrics, target body tissues, biomarkers, biodistribution/ biopersistence);
- ✓ A framework for MNMs classification according to their biological or environmental impacts;
- ✓ A handbook of best practice (in coordination with the NanoSafety cluster).