European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to animal testing (EPAA)

Launched on 7 November 2005 at Conference “Europe Goes Alternative” by Commissioners Verheugen, Potocnik and Industry representatives

Principles: laid down in the Brussels 3Rs Declaration

- DG Enterprise
- DG Research
- DG Health & Consumer Protection
- DG Environment
- DG JRC
- ECVAM
- CEFIC
- EFPIA
- COLIPA
- AISE
- EuropaBio
- IFAH-Europe
- ECPA
- BASF
- Bayer
- Henkel Phenion
- Johnson&Johnson
- L'Oréal
- Pfizer
- P&G
- Unilever
The structure of the EPAA

Stakeholders
Mirror group
Patients, Regulators
Animal welfare groups, etc

Partnership Steering committee

Working groups

Annual Conference

Reporting to
Providing input to

Large conference open to the partners and all other stakeholders, to report on actions, results and plans

The “Executive” European Commission services, Industry associations and Industry

Working Groups:
Small groups on specific topics, members from EC services and Industry, supported by appropriate experts

Partners: Industry and Commission
The Partnership will encourage

• The promotion of industry activities and investments in 3R research
• A more rationalized implementation of regulatory testing requirements
• A more streamlined process for the acceptance of scientifically validated alternative testing approaches
• The identification of needs for research in alternative safety testing methods and facilitation of relevant multi-stakeholder research projects
• The sharing of knowledge and best practice between sectors in implementing the 3Rs Declaration
• The consistent communication on research and implementation of the 3Rs in relation to safety assessment
Action programme of the EPAA

• The partners have committed to pooling knowledge, research and resources to accelerate the development, validation and acceptance of alternative approaches over an initial five-year period

• An Action Programme was agreed in May 2006. Its objectives are addressed by the EPAA Working groups:
  • WG1: Mapping & evaluating past and current 3R activities
  • WG2: Prioritising & implementing research based on 3Rs
  • WG3: Disseminating and implementing 3Rs best practice
  • WG4: Implementation of the 3Rs in Regulation & Decision-Making
  • WG5: Validation & acceptance of new and alternative test methods and strategies
How to participate?

Companies and stakeholders can participate by:

• Providing expertise
• Joining research programmes
• Becoming involved in pilot programmes
• Providing project and/or financial support, where necessary and possible