# NETWORK ON NANOTECHNOLOGIES IN FOOD AND FEED (NANONETWORK)
## 16th meeting

25-26 November 2026
09:00-18:30 / 09:00-16:00
AGENDA

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

**Location**: Madrid, Spain - AESAN headquarters, 56 Alcalá Street in Madrid

**Chair and Network coordinator**: Maria Chiara Astuto (EFSA)

**Technical assistance:** Vanessa Descy and Chiara Biggi (EFSA)

| Time | No. | Item | Presenter |
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| **09:00** | * | **Visit of Nanotechnology Laboratory organised by the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN)**<br><br>Programme:<br>• 9:00: Bus from AESAN to ICMM<br>• 9:30 - 10:45: Visit ICMM<br>• 10:45: Bus from ICMM to CIAL<br>• 11:15 - 12:30: Visit CIAL<br>• 12:30: Bus from CIAL to AESAN | José Barat (Spain)<br><br>***Session for in person participants only. Online attendees are invited to connect for the afternoon session.** |
| 13:00 | | *Lunch break* | |
| **14:00** | 1 | **Welcome to the 16th NanoNetwork meeting & AESAN 25th anniversary** | Chair, Ana López-Santacruz (Executive Director of AESAN), Bénédicte Vagenende (Head of Risk Assessment Services Department of EFSA) |
| 14:10 | 2 | **Adoption of agenda** | Chair |
| 14:15 | 3 | **Terms of Reference (ToR) of the NanoNetwork: specific objectives and recent revision to foster stakeholders' engagement** | Chair |
| 14:30 | 4 | **Update on ongoing revision of EFSA's Nano Guidance documents** | Chair |
| 14:35 | 4.1 | Update on recent activities related to the revision of EFSA's 2021 Nano Guidance documents | Qasim Chaudhry (Chair of EFSA Working Group on Particle Risk Assessment) |
| 15:00 | 4.2 | Systematic Reviews in support of Guidance update | Mina Ristovska (Contractor) |
| 15:30 | 4.3 | Input from the NanoNetwork | NanoNetwork Members & Observers |
| 15:45 | | *Coffee break* | |
| 16:15 | 5 | **Update on examples of EFSA Nano Guidance implementation and other activities in the field of nanotechnologies** | |
| 16:20 | 5.1 | Recent assessments by EFSA Food Additives and Favourings (FAF) Panel | Ana Rincon (EFSA) |
| 16:50 | 5.2 | Recent assessments by EFSA Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies | Marcello Laganaro (EFSA) |

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| | | (NDA): example on the use of lipid solubility as exemption route | |
| 17:20 | 5.3 | Updates from ongoing mandate on micro/nanoplastics by EFSA Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM) | Elena Rovesti (EFSA) |
| 17:40 | 5.4 | Ongoing activities by EFSA Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP) to develop provisions for the risk assessment of feed additives containing nanoparticles | Orsolya Holczknecht (EFSA) |
| 18:00 | 7 | **Updates from EU agencies/ International organisations** | |
| | 7.5 | Update on US FDA's recent activities on nanomaterials and nanoparticles risk assessment | Ray Brinas and Ian Edhlund (US FDA) |
| 18:30 | | *End of the first day* | |

**Day 2 – 26 November 2026**

| Time | No. | Item | Presenter |
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| 09:00 | 1 | **Welcome back and Apologies for absence** | Chair |
| 09:05 | 6 | **Input from the NanoNetwork on new scientific developments, ongoing activities and/or emerging issues of concern** | |
| 09:10 | 6.1 | A qualification system to accelerate the development and regulatory implementation of NAMs | Andrea Haase (Germany) |
| 09:40 | 6.2 | The physicochemical characterization and analytical platform underpinning NAMs4NANO | Francesco Cubadda (Italy) |
| 10.10 | 6.3 | Project update on the 90-days oral study to evaluate the impact of agglomeration for nanoparticles risk assessment | Agnes Oomen (The Netherlands) |
| 10:30 | | *Coffee break* | |
| 11:00 | 6.4 | Defining sets of similar nanoforms under REACH: progress from the NanoSET project | Tomasz Puzyn (Poland) |
| 11:30 | 6.5 | EM4definingNM project: development of optimised and validated EM-based methods to support the implementation of the nanomaterial definition for (novel) foods and to facilitate control | Jan Mast (Belgium) |
| 12:00 | 6.6 | Nanosafety Snapshot: update from the Network | Irene Cattaneo (EFSA), Tour de Table |
| 12:30 | | *Lunch break* | |

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| 13:30 | 7 | **Updates from EU agencies/ International organisations** | |
| 13:35 | 7.1 | Update on EC JRC activities on Nano and Advanced Materials | Josefa Barrero, Agnieszka Mech (EC JRC) |
| 14:05 | 7.2 | Update on ECHA activities on Nano | Camelia Constantin (ECHA) |
| 14:35 | | *Coffee break* | |
| 15:00 | 7.3 | Update on SCCS activities on Nano | Qasim Chaudhry (Chair of SCCS) |
| 15:25 | 7.4 | Update on OECD activities on Nano | Mar Gonzales (OECD) |
| 15:50 | 8 | **Any Other Business and Conclusion** | All |
| 15:55 | 9 | **Conclusions** | Chair |
| 16:00 | | *Closure of the meeting* | |