EFSA-ECHA Workshop on phasing out animal testing in pesticides and biocides

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The EU Roadmap sets the route, implementation must connect the tools

Agree on priorities	Identify pesticide and biocide regulatory needs and the best opportunities to avoid animal testing.
Enable use	Connect funding, early dialogue and training so suitable non-animal methods become part of real assessments.
Keep the goal clear	Phase out animal testing, maintaining strong protection for people, animals and the environment.

Priorities, resources and confidence must work together to deliver phase-out.

Early priorities: avoid studies with no added value and advance alternatives

Use existing knowledge	Review historical evidence to identify studies with no added value. Example: EFSA's tiered approach to 90-day dog-study waivers for pesticides.
Progress in tiers	Use suitable non-animal methods and justified waivers now. Pilot approaches close to use. Research remaining gaps in parallel.
Define sector needs	Perform regulatory-needs assessment to select pesticide and biocide priorities based on scientific readiness and share lessons between the sectors.

Build on existing work and make shared learning easier

Coordinate efforts	Build on EFSA's NAM coordination group and links with CP-AAT. Explore stakeholder exchange and inclusion.
Early dialogue	Explore safe spaces suited to EFSA and ECHA's rules. Clarify evidence needs through non-binding exchanges.
Build confidence	Joint pilots, worked examples and training help assessors and regulators use evidence consistently.

Consider a ECHA CP-AAT-like forum; connect lessons with EU Roadmap governance.

Sustained funding should follow agreed regulatory needs

Beyond single calls	Support research, validation, pilots, guidance, training and use in real assessments.
Follow priorities	Match funding to regulatory needs and scientific readiness, including longer-term gaps.
Share responsibility	The Commission, Member States, industry and research funders should contribute to sustained support.
Check results	Report routine use, animal studies waived or replaced, and why testing continues.

Agree the needs, build on current work and sustain delivery towards phase-out.

Thank you!

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