

TACD and BEUC Conference

Regulating Nanotechnologies in Food and Consumer Products: Developing A Consumer-focused Transatlantic Approach

10 June, Brussels

Venue: NH Hotel du Grand Sablon,
2-4, Rue Bodenbroekstraat,
1000, Brussels

08.30 – 08.50 **Registration**

08.55 – 09.00 **Welcome and opening remarks**

Monique Goyens – Director General, BEUC

09.00 – 10.30 **Panel 1 – Nanomaterials in Consumer Products: Status of Developments**

What is the current situation in the EU and US?

Chair: Rasmus Kjeldahl - Executive Director, Danish Consumer Council

- Dr Andrew Maynard - Chief Science Advisor, Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies, Woodrow Wilson Center
- Sue Davies - Chief Policy Adviser, Which?
- Carolyn Cairns - Program Leader, Product Safety, Consumers Union
- Dr Steffi Freidrichs – Director, Nanotechnologies Industries Association

10.30 – 10.45 **Coffee Break**

10.45 – 12.15 **Panel 2 – Why nanoparticles are different: the potential for benefits and risks**

What type of applications are likely and what are the implications?

Chair: Jean Halloran - Director, Food Policy Initiatives, Consumers Union

- Dr Jennifer Sass – Senior Scientist, Natural Resources Defence Council
- Dr David Carlander - Scientific Officer, European Food Safety Authority
- Prof James Bridges - Chair of EU Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks
- Thomas Epprecht – Director, Underwriting Products, Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd

12.15 – 13.00

keynote speech:

- Robert Madelin – Director General, DG SANCO, European Commission

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Panel 3 – EU and US regulatory responses: What is being done?

What specific actions have the US government and the EU taken to protect consumers?

Chair: Axel Singhofen - Adviser on Health and Environment Policy, Green/EFA political group European Parliament

- Jean-François Roche/Juergen Vogelgesang – DG SANCO, European Commission
- Laurent Sellès – Deputy Head of Unit, Cosmetics and Medical Devices, DG Enterprise, European Commission
- Henrik Laursen – DG Environment, European Commission
- Linda Tollefson – Director, Europe Regional Office, US Food and Drug Administration
- Dr Robert Falkner – Senior Lecturer, London School of Economics

15.30 – 15.45

Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.15

Panel 4 – Next steps: What action is needed?

How best can we get ahead of problems with a new technology, avoid divergent approaches to maximize benefits while preventing potential harm?

Chair: Chiara Giovannini – Programme Manager, ANEC

- Dr Gerald Renner – Director of Science and Research, COLIPA
- Dr Carolin Kranz, Corporate and Governmental Relations, BASF
- Ruth Veale – Head of Food Department, BEUC
- Jaydee Hanson – Policy Analyst, Centre for Food Safety

17.15 – 17.30

Closing remarks