

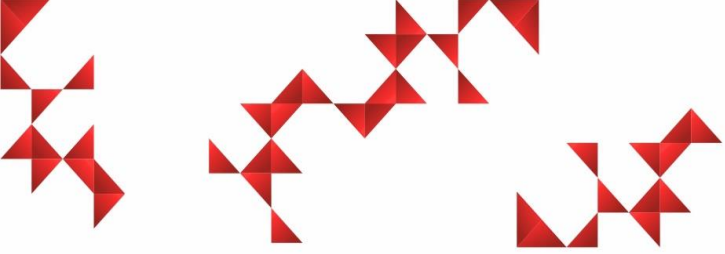


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# Risk assessment in additive manufacturing: From materials design to Industrial Innovation

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## Presentation Outline

1. ISQ – Introduction of the company
2. Nanomaterials in Additive Manufacturing
3. Evaluation of risk in Nanotechnology
4. Risk management: Approach, Tools & Monitoring
5. Case study: H2020 Project | **Multi-Fun**
6. Conclusions

# 1. ISQ Introduction

headquarters  
in **Portugal**

Founded  
in **1965**

**30 +**  
AFFILIATES

**250 SPECIALIZED SERVICES**

**ENGINEERING & CONSULTANCY**

**VERIFICATION & REGULATORY**

**METROLOGY**

**TESTING**

**TRAINING**

**INSPECTION**

**R&D + I**



**CUSTOMIZED  
SOLUTIONS**



**16**  
accredited  
laboratories

**145 000 +**  
trainees

**13 500 +**  
training  
courses

**Promote R&D**

**400 +  
R&D  
international  
projects**  
**1.200 +  
partners**

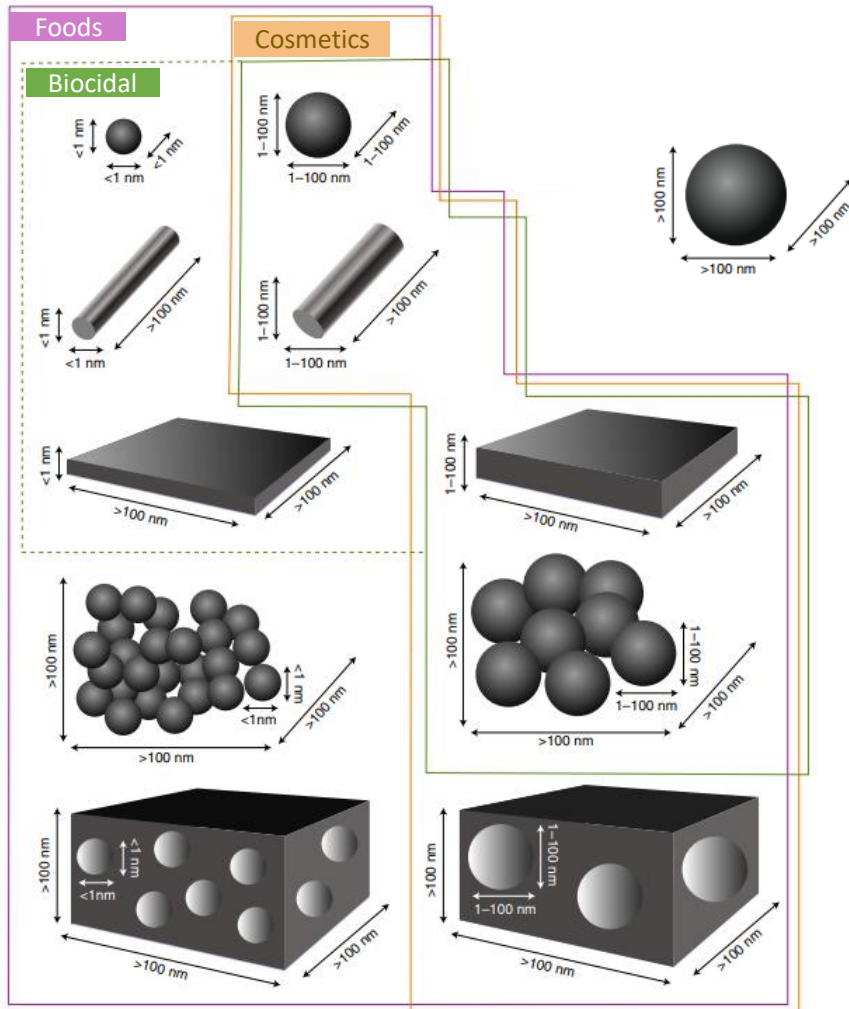
**1.600  
employees**  
**800 in  
Portugal**  
**55% +  
with  
degrees**

**CLIENT ORIENTED**  
**10 000 + clients  
worldwide**

**Build  
long lasting  
partnerships**

## 2. Nanomaterials in Additive Manufacturing

### What is a nanomaterial?



Martin Miernickiet al, *Legal and practical challenges in classifying nanomaterials according to regulatory definitions*, Nature Nanotechnology, Vol.14, 2019, 208-2016

#### EU Recommendation 2011/696/EU

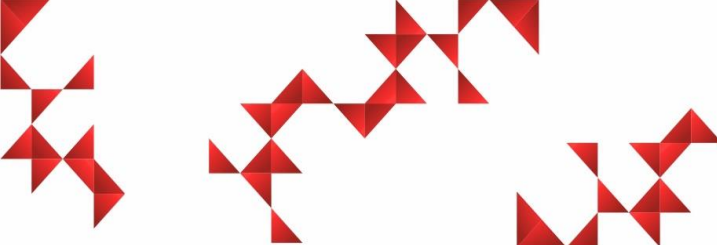
*A natural, incidental or manufactured material containing particles, in an unbound state or as an aggregate or as an agglomerate and where, for 50 % or more of the particles in the number size distribution, one or more external dimensions is in the size range 1 nm - 100 nm.*

- ❑ Cosmetics, Novel Foods and Biocidal Regulations have their own nanomaterial definition

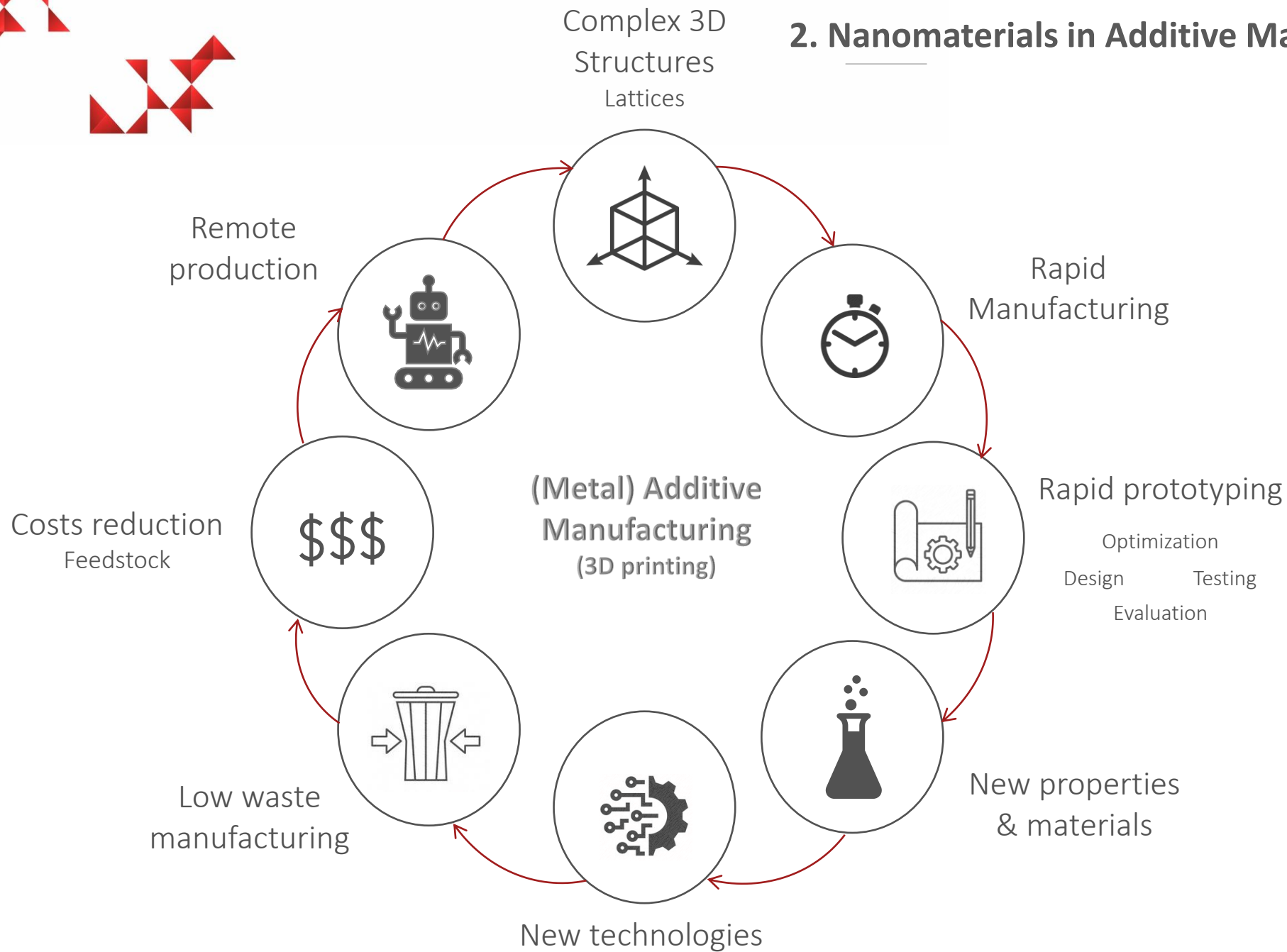
#### Other definition

*Material with any external dimension in the nanoscale (length range approximately from 1 nm to 100 nm) or having internal structure or surface structure in the nanoscale.*

- ❑ ISO – International Organization for Standardization ISO/TS 80004-1:2015
- ❑ CEN – European Committee for Standardization DNP CEN ISO/TS 80004-1:2016



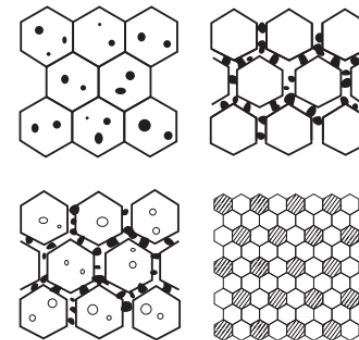
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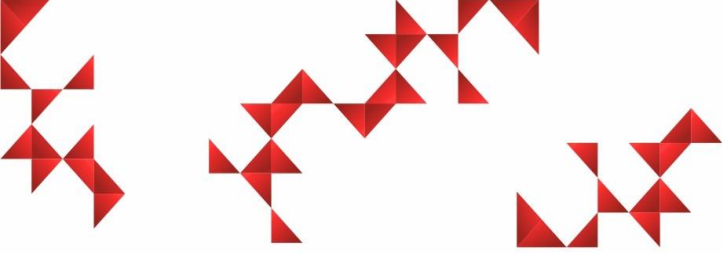
## 2. Nanomaterials in (Metal) Additive Manufacturing

Integration of multi-materials - inclusion of nanoparticles (NPs)

- ✓ Increase **mechanical properties** (strength, elasticity)
- ✓ Improved **electric and thermal conductivities**
- ✓ **Thermodynamic stability**
- ✓ Reinforcement of light metals, structures
- ✓ Preventing of solidification cracking
- ✓ Strong **interfacial bonding** in metallic matrices
- ✓ Lower sintering temperatures of printed parts, improving the quality of the final product



The introduction of NPs break property limits for new application fields and new developments



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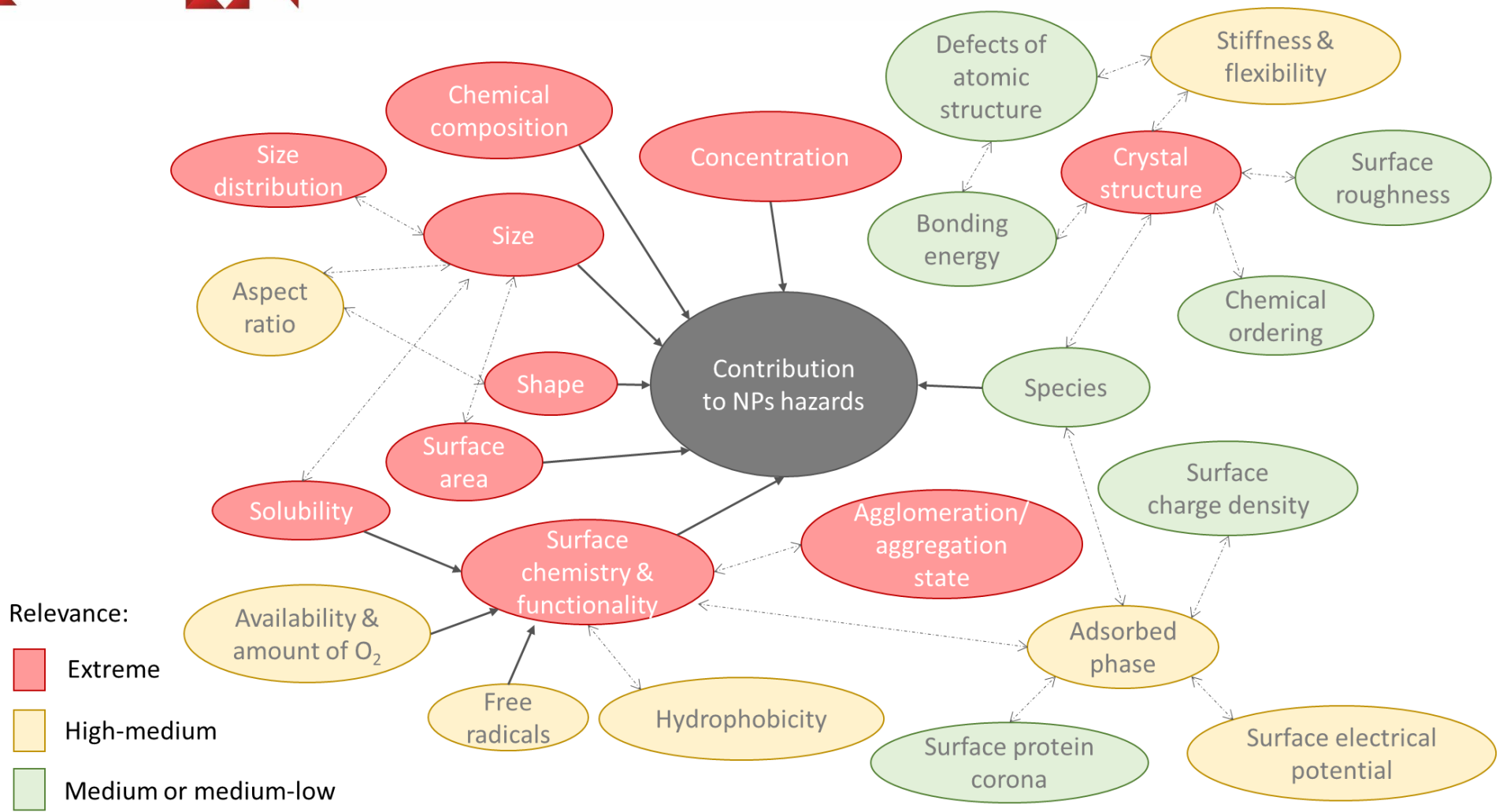
“Studies thus far show that **during 3D printing processes nanomaterials are emitted**, with diverse emission rates, depending on the experimental design, modelling, temperature applied, and materials used. Judging from studies carried out previously, **concerning possible impacts of human exposure to metal nanomaterials**, for example during welding, it becomes clear that it is of extreme relevance to **study deeply the risk of occupational exposure to nanomaterials** during metal 3D printing, including both incidental and engineered nanomaterials.”

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**Nanomaterials exposure as an occupational risk in metal additive manufacturing**

To cite this article: M Sousa *et al* 2019 *J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.* **1323** 012013

### 3. Evaluation of Risk in Nanotechnology



Adapted from: Guilherme Lenz e Silva and Camila Viana and Danieli Domingues and Fernanda Vieira, *Risk Assessment and Health, Safety, and Environmental Management of Carbon Nanomaterials*, Nanomaterials, 2020



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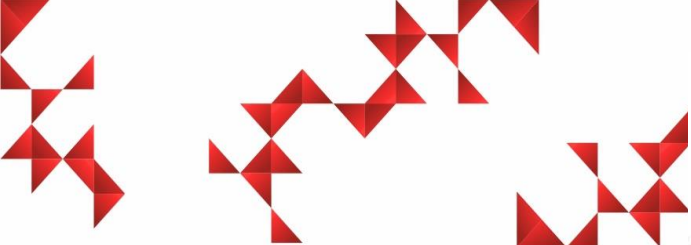
## Exposure to NPs

- Occupational exposure - workers can be exposed to NPs in:
  - NPs manufacturing
  - Formulation
  - Additive manufacturing
  - Transport, packaging, storage
  - Cleaning procedures
  - Recycling
  - Etc.
- The NPs can be absorbed *via* inhalation, skin contact and ingestion
  - Associated to pulmonary, cardiovascular and nervous system issues
  - Low solubility or insoluble NPs, possess higher probability to deposit in the human body, leading to increased health risks



Inhalation

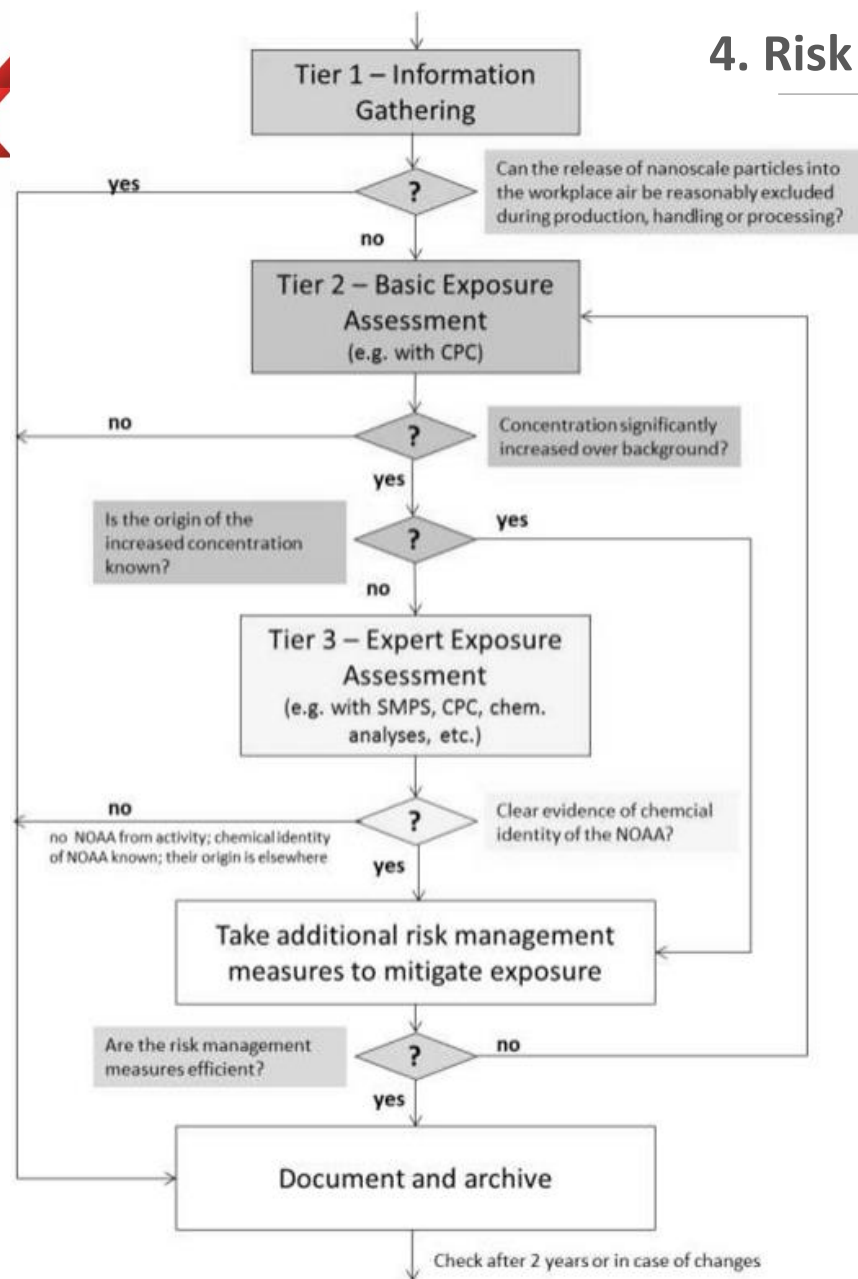




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### The framework

Tiered approach



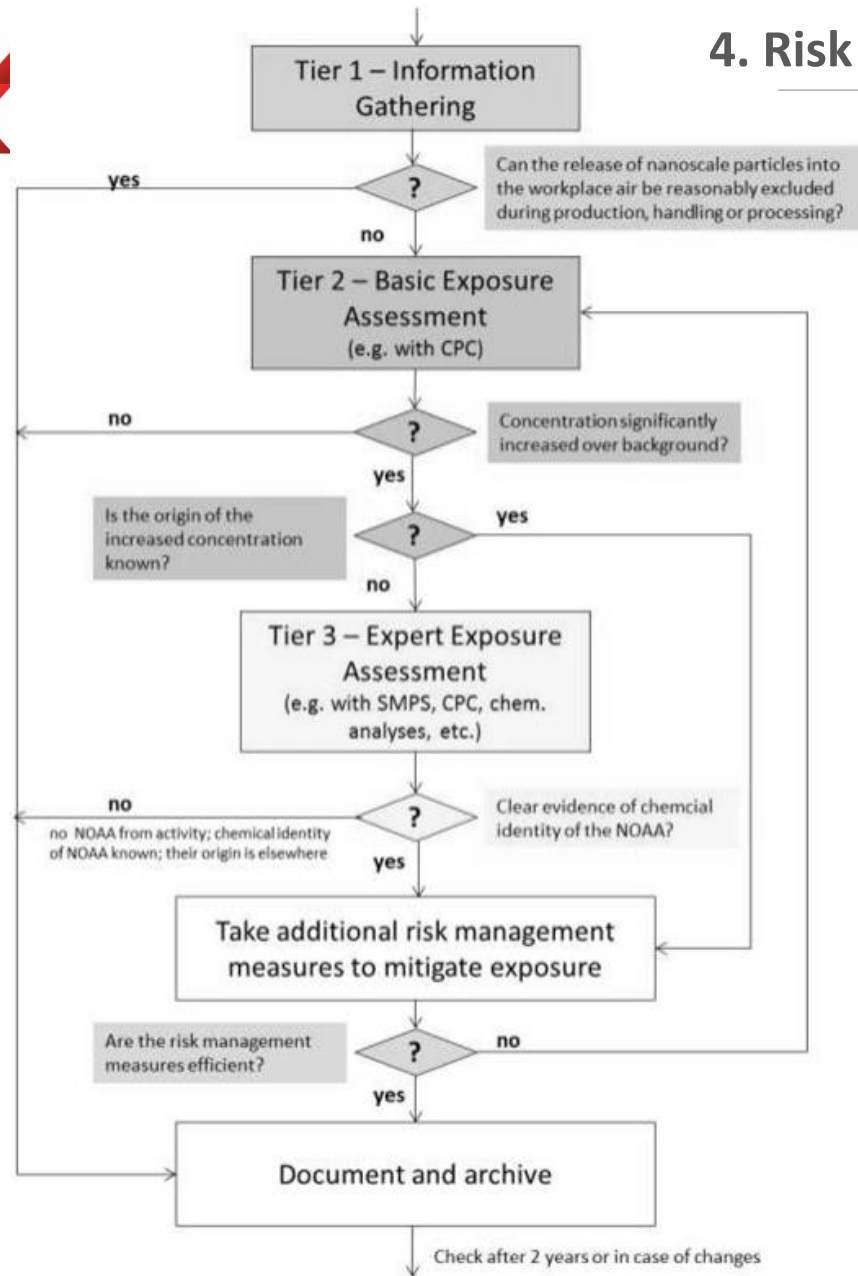
### Key elements

- Workplace conditions
- Activities/Sources – production, handling, processing, quantity, duration, frequency
- Number of workers exposed
- NPs characterization – powder, liquid, gel, vapor, dust, fume, shape, free or embedded
- Confirmation of NPs exposure

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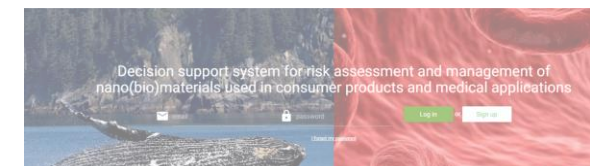
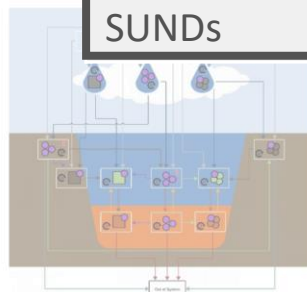
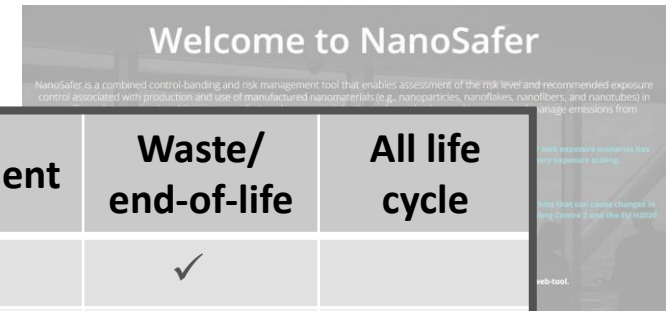
Exposure concentration is significantly above background if:

$$WA - BG > 3\sigma_{BG}$$

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## Control Banding Tools

Models and application domains	Workers (labs)	Workers (all)	Users & Consumers	Environment	Waste/end-of-life	All life cycle
Swiss Precautionary Matrix		✓	✓	✓	✓	
GUIDEnano		✓	✓	✓		✓
Nanosafes CB		✓				
Control banding nanotool	✓	✓				
Stoffenmanager nano		✓				
LICARA nanoscan		✓	✓	✓		✓
SimpleBox4Nano				✓	✓	✓
SUNDS		✓	✓	✓		✓



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## Control Banding Tools



**The Stoffenmanager Nano Module**

Welcome to the Stoffenmanager Nano Module

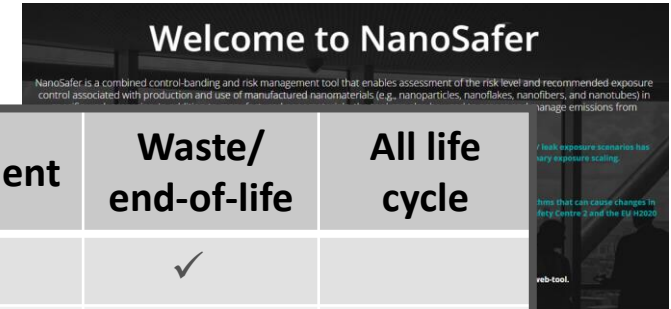
This module allows you to qualitatively assess occupational health exposure to Manufactured Nano Objects (MNO). Risk Management selected or included in the Action Plan.

For more information on exposure to nanoparticles or control measures, see:

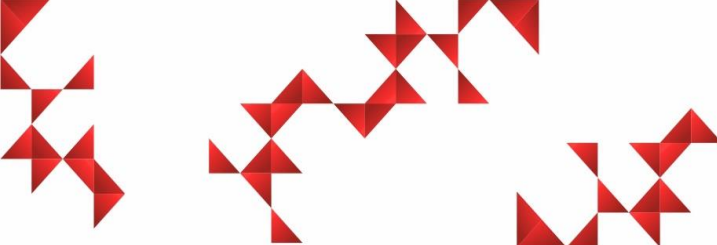
- [Factsheets good practices](#);
- [PIMEX-movies exposure to nanoparticles](#)

You can use the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and / or product information sheets to determine whether your company is working with MNOs. For an overview of common work situations in which MNOs are likely, see the [background page](#).

If after consulting the data/information sheets, there is no clear



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Nanosafes CB		✓				
Control banding nanotool	✓	✓				
Stoffenmanager nano		✓				
LICARA nanoscan		✓	✓	✓		✓
SimpleBox4Nano				✓	✓	✓
SUNDS		✓	✓	✓		✓



# Monitoring

## 4. Risk management: Approach, Tools & Monitoring

### Online

	Metric	Size range
<i>Diffusion Charger (DISCmini)</i>	PN, LDSA or Dp	10-700 nm
<i>Handheld CPC (TSI, model 3007)</i>	PN	10 - 1000 nm
<i>CPC (TSI)</i>	PN	2.5 - 3000 nm
<i>SMPS (TSI) - NanoScan</i>	PN, PSD	5 - 1000 nm
<i>Aerosol photometers</i>		100 - 15000 nm
	PM	0.001 - 150 mg.m <sup>-3</sup>

PN – particle number (#.cm<sup>-3</sup>); LDSA – Lung deposited surface area concentration (μm<sup>2</sup>.cm<sup>-3</sup>); Dp – particle size diameter (nm); PSD – Particle size distribution (cm<sup>-3</sup>); PM – particle mass concentration (μg.m<sup>-3</sup>)



### Offline

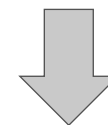
To characterize chemical and physical properties of particles



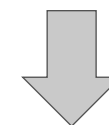
Personal sampling cyclones



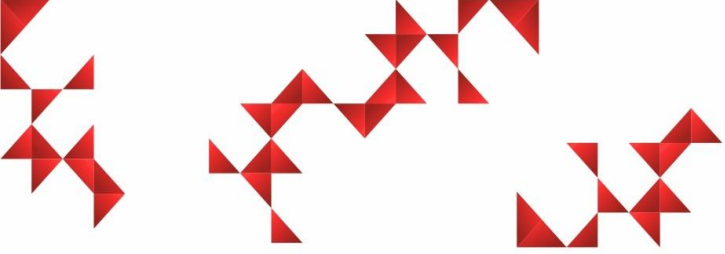
Aerosol sampler (NAS, TSI) or Micro Inertial Impactor



ICP-AES or ICP-MS



Microscope  
SEM or TEM-EDX



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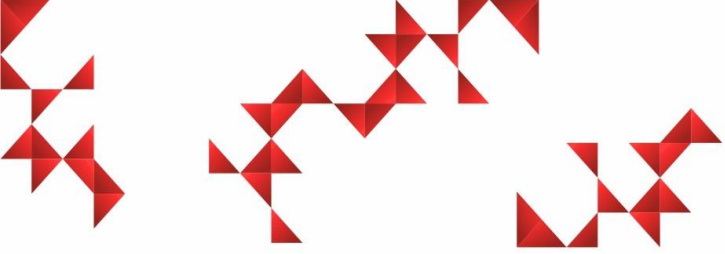
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*Which exposure metrics to use?*

Mass concentration ( $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ )

Particle number concentration ( $\#\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ )

Surface area ( $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ )



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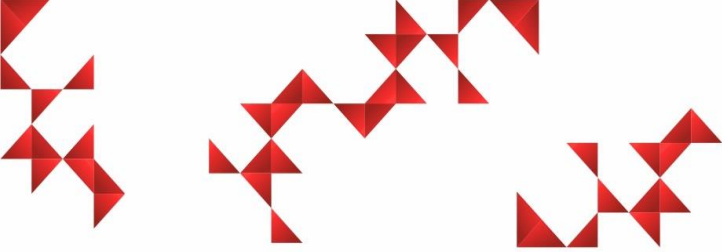
Surface area ( $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ )

Inhalation exposure is usually expressed based on the inhaled mass  
that are believed not to lead to adverse health effects

“For nanomaterials, it has been shown that similar mass doses of particles with different geometry may induce very different levels of effect in test animals. Therefore, mass does not seem to be an appropriate metric to base the risk characterization on.”

Source: The Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment <https://www.rivm.nl/en/dose-metrics>





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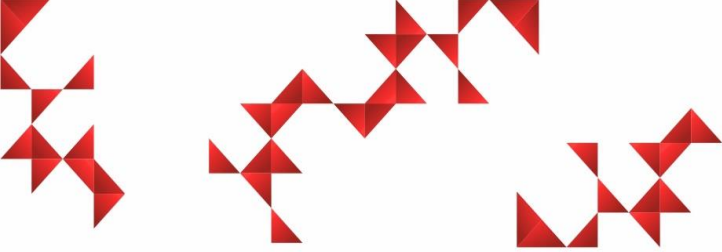
Particle number concentration ( $\#\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ )

Surface area ( $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ )

“Agglomeration can influence the deposited dose since the particle size determines the deposition efficiency in the respiratory tract.”

Source: Kuempel et al, *Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Nanomaterials in the Workplace: Translating Research to Practice*, The Annals of Occupational Hygiene, Volume 56, Issue 5, July 2012, Pages 491–505

**Consensus on a common metric was not achieved yet!**  
A combination of metrics must be used.



## A lot of research in the last years!

Total n° of papers published (2003 – 2021)

Exposure – 5793

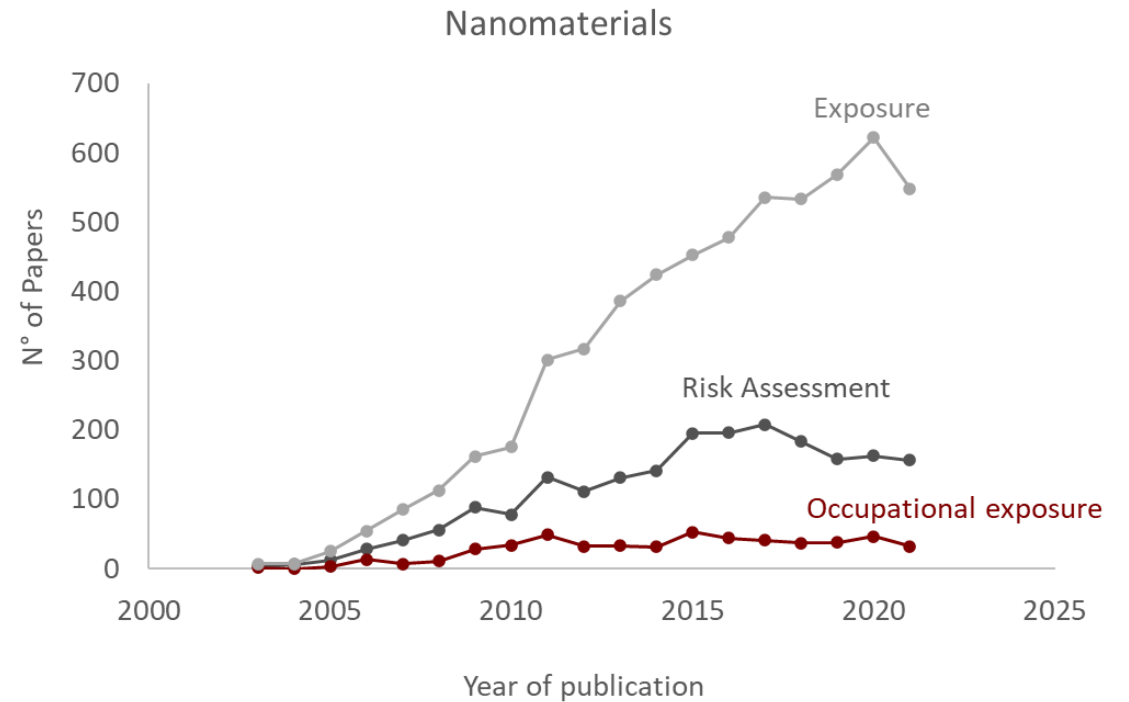
Risk Assessment – 2086

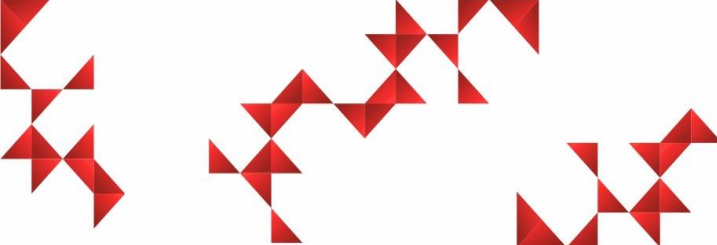
Occupational exposure - 533

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Scopus® results

Exposure AND Nanomaterials  
“Risk Assessment” AND Nanomaterials  
“Occupational Exposure” AND Nanomaterials





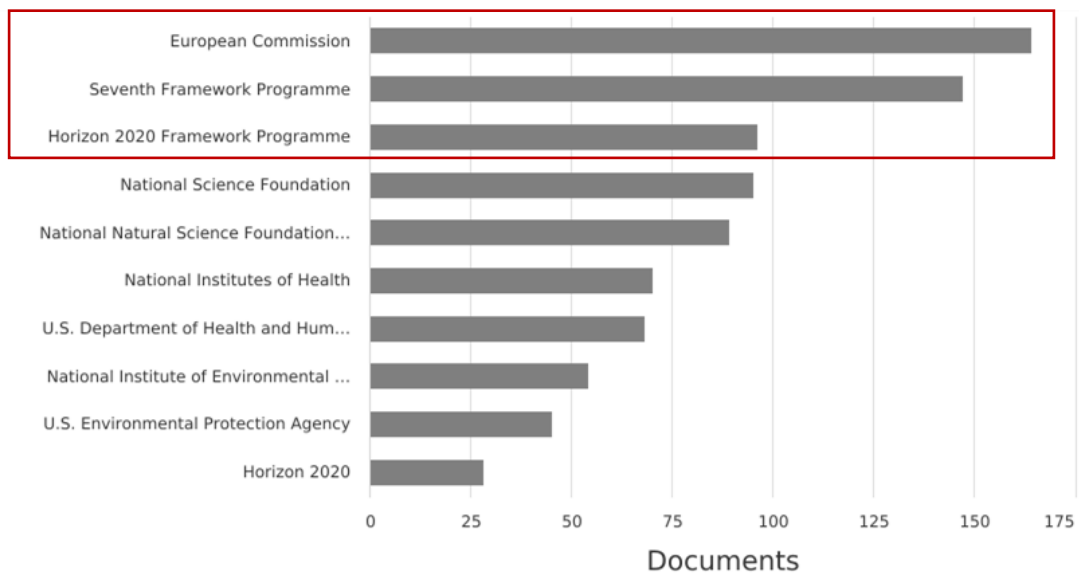
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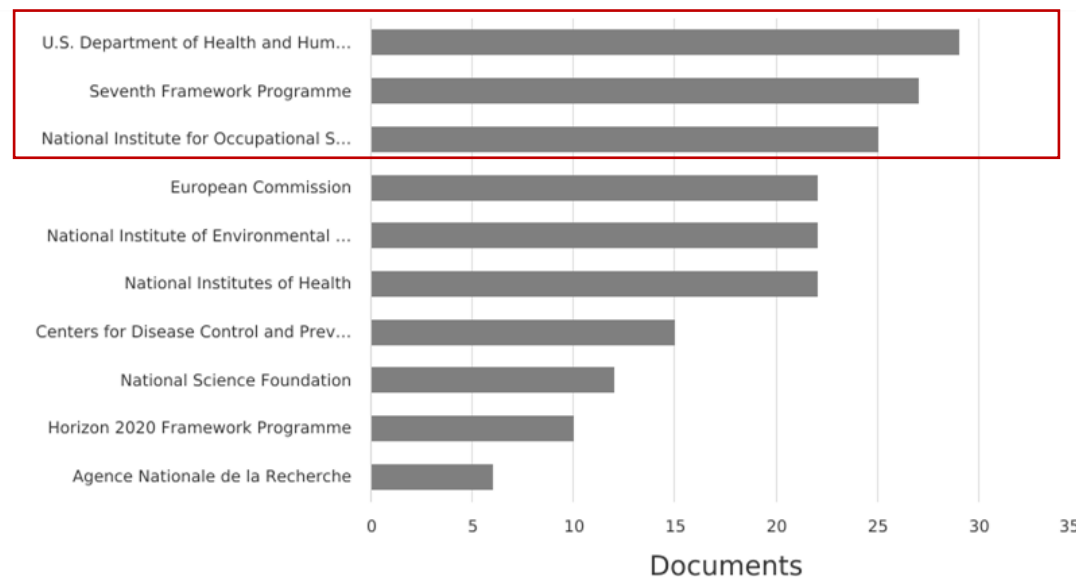
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Funding sponsors – “Risk Assessment”

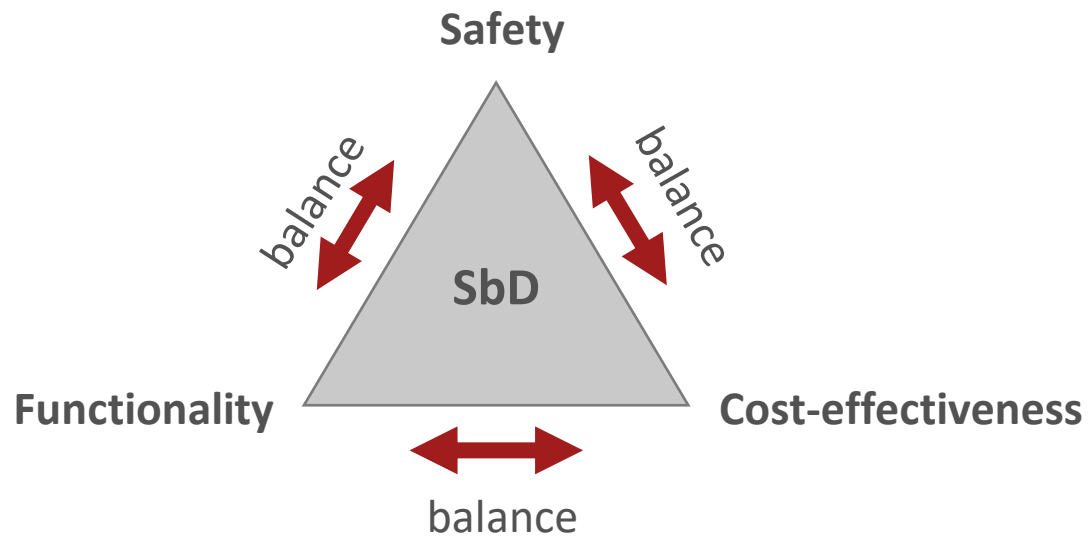


Funding sponsors – “Occupational exposure”

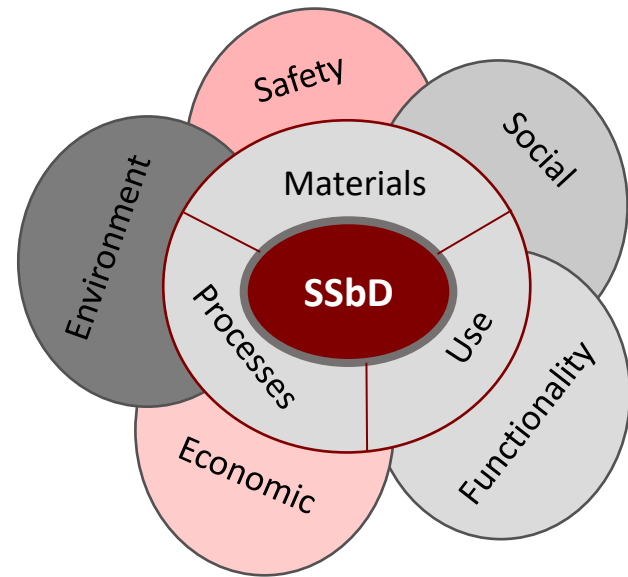


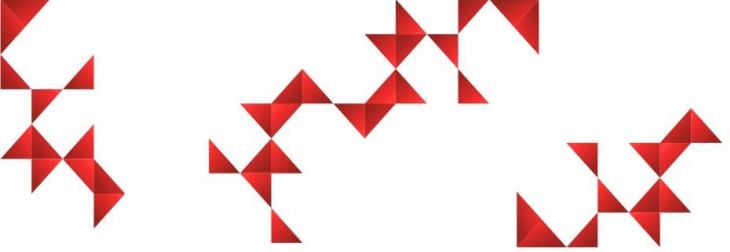
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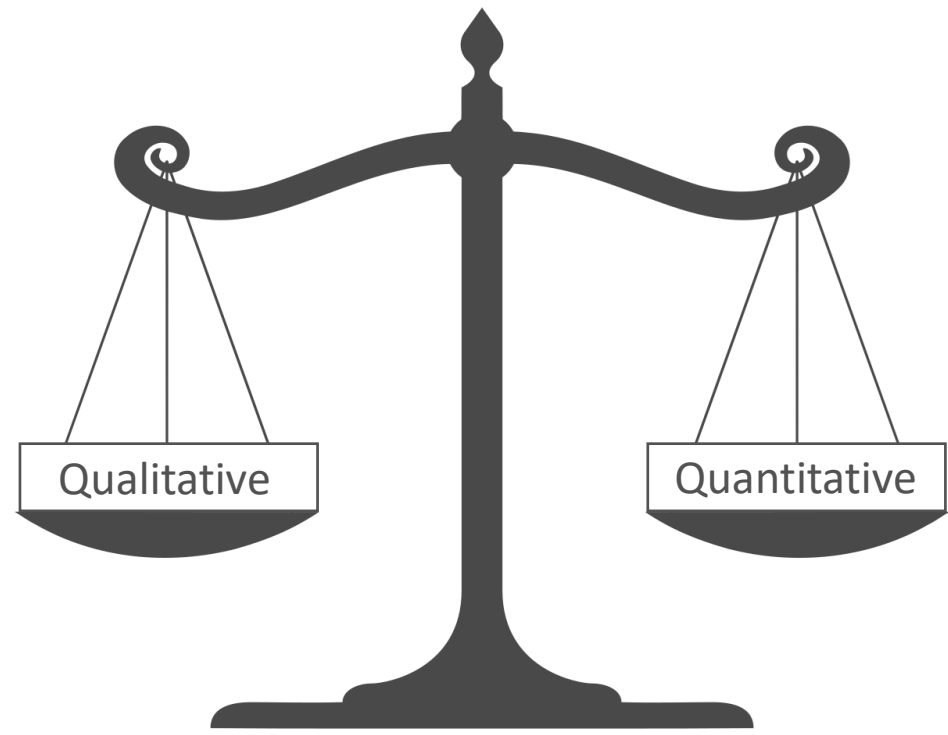
### Safe- and Sustainable-by-Design (SSbD)





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### Risk Assessment



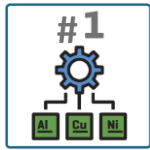
Control banding tools  
Questionnaires  
Tiered approach (Tier 1)  
Risk management strategies

Dose-response  
Monitoring  
Surface area  
Number concentration  
Toxicology  
Tiered approach (Tier 2 and 3)

### Multi-Fun | Enabling MULTI-FUNctional performance through multi-material additive manufacturing



#### Objectives



Development of 5 new materials customized for additive manufacturing, 3 of them using **nanotechnology**



Development of AM equipment and software to produce the requested material compositions during the layer build-up



Manufacture and evaluate 7 physical demonstrators with multi-material design and integrated multi-functionalities: 3 use cases (structural parts, molds, test equipment) and 4 different markets (automotive, aviation, space and production industry)



Supervising the significant reduction of environmental and economic impact by Life Cycle Assessment

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## FEATURES ALLOWED BY INCLUSION OF NANO-MATERIALS

**HEAT SINK MATERIALS**  
with the highest thermal conductivity

A **HIGH DEGREE OF INTEGRAL DESIGN**  
that makes possible to embed electrical conductors in complex shaped metal structures

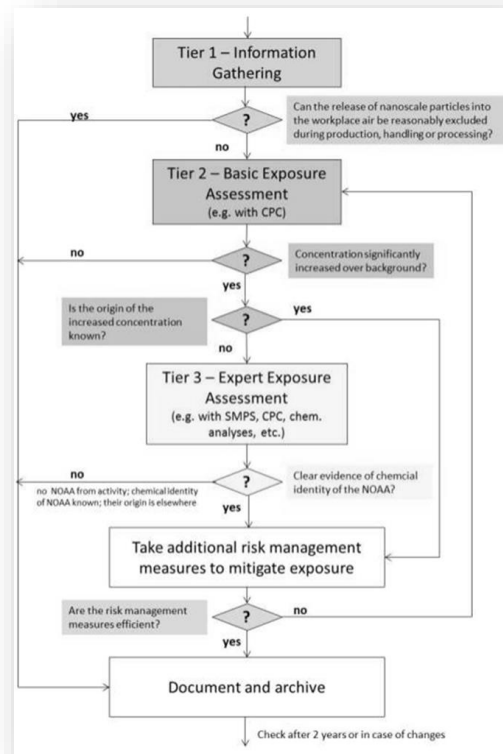
Addition of **SENSING AND DATA TRANSFER CAPABILITIES** to the equipment and software development

The integration of **TAILORED OPTICAL FIBRES** will enable bringing advanced thorough sensing capabilities to the manufactured parts to perform **STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING (SHM)**



- ✓ Multi-Fun will allow for the creation of new products by maximizing thermal conductivity, minimizing electrical conductivity and/or improving wear resistance of metals

### Multi-Fun | Enabling MULTI-FUNctional performance through multi-material additive manufacturing



- Identification of potential hazards – chemical hazard assessment and risks
- Exposure routes identification
- Particles' emission monitoring
- Risks mitigation/Control measures
  - Safety handling of nanomaterials
- Report



### Challenges

- High heterogeneity of nanomaterials
- Currently, mass concentration is the metric generally used in hazard reference values
- Exposure limits are being developed – dose response metrics need to be defined

### Resources

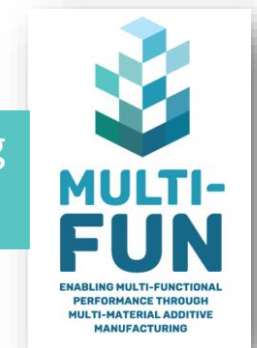
- Portable monitoring is an additional resource to complement risk assessment
- Conceptual approaches for qualitative risk assessment outweigh time- and resources-consuming characterization analysis



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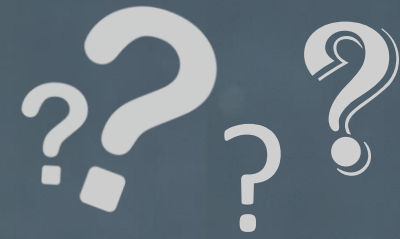
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