



The European Partnership  
for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing



# EPAA Annual Conference 2025 highlights

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# Paving the way for a Future without Animal Testing

EPAA 20th Anniversary



## EPAA 20th Anniversary Conference 2025

5 November 2025 – 16:10-18:00, European Parliament, Brussels

16:10	Welcome Address	Roberta Metsola	President of the European Parliament
16:15	EPAA 20 years later (10 min each)	Valère Moutarlier	Deputy-Director-General, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
		Sharon McGuinness	Executive Director, ECHA
		Julia Fentem	Executive Vice President Safety, Environment and Regulatory Science, Unilever
16:45	Way Forward Roundtables	<b>Policy panel</b>	<b>Moderator:</b> Sirpa Pietikäinen; Member of the European Parliament & Member of the EPAA Mirror Group
		Bas de Waard	Policy Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature, the Netherlands
		Kristin Schreiber	Director, DG GROW European Commission
		John Chave	Director-General, Cosmetics Europe
		Reineke Hameleers	CEO, Eurogroup For Animals
		<b>Regulatory acceptance panel</b>	<b>Moderator:</b> Tilly Metz, Member of the European Parliament & Honorary President of the Parliamentary Intergroup for Animal Welfare
		Nikolaus Kriz	Executive Director, European Food Safety Authority
		Ivo Claassen	Deputy Executive Director, European Medicine Agency
		Paul Speight	Head of Unit, DG ENV European Commission
		Matthias Herzler	Head of Unit Coordination and Assessment Strategies, BfR
		Katia Lacasse	Senior Advisor, Cefic
		Georg Streck	Policy Advisor, DG GROW European Commission
17:55		Conclusive Remarks	Tilly Metz, Member of the European Parliament

# European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA)



**Collaboration between European Commission and Industry stakeholders from 9 sectors (est. 2005)**

**Vision:** The replacement, reduction and refinement (3Rs) of animal use for meeting regulatory requirements through better & more predictive science (e.g. New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)).

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## 10 Sectoral Associations



## Mirror Group (Advisory body)

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# Transitioning Europe to Animal-free, Sustainable Innovation

## EU Parliament resolution

- In 2021, Parliament resolution ‘**Accelerate a Transition to Innovation without the use of Animals in Research, Regulatory Testing and Education**’ calling for an action plan with ambitious goals, reduction targets & replacement timelines was overwhelmingly adopted.
- In 2022, call was renewed by 1.2M people signing the **Save Cruelty Free Cosmetics European Citizens Initiative**



## EU Commission response

- In 2022, Commission response to EP resolution stated that ‘**ultimate goal of full replacement is enshrined in EU legislation**’ and the transition is ‘**best supported by focusing on & intensifying current efforts**’
- In 2023, **Commission Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing for chemical safety assessment** announced in response to Save Cruelty Free Cosmetics ECI.




**EPAA** is helping accelerate the transition through:

1. **Bridging the research to regulatory use gap** by identifying NAM-based frameworks that address regulatory needs
2. **Building confidence in non-animal approaches** by facilitating scientific dialogue between industry safety assessors & regulators
3. **Enabling transition to new global regulatory paradigm** through the EU roadmap to phase out animal testing for chemical safety assessment





# In 2025, EPAA focussed on providing input to Commission 'Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing for chemical safety assessment'

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**European Commission Roadmap towards Phasing out Animal Testing for Chemical Safety Assessment**





**Animal-Free Chemical Safety Assessment Conference**  
**4-6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



**2024 Partners Forum: NAMs for the assessment of endocrine disruption**

**2<sup>nd</sup> species in sub-chronic toxicity project**

**Carcinogenicity project**

**NAM user forum  
(Systemic Tox & Skin Sens.)**

**Acute toxicity project**

**Harmonisation of 3Rs in  
Biologicals project**

**NAM designathon  
(systemic toxicity classification)**

**Environmental safety  
assessment project**

# EPAA 2025: 5 highlights in this milestone year



1. **Animal-Free Chemical Safety Assessment Conference**  
*4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> March, European Commission, Brussels*



2. **Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations (FELASA)**  
*2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June, Athens*



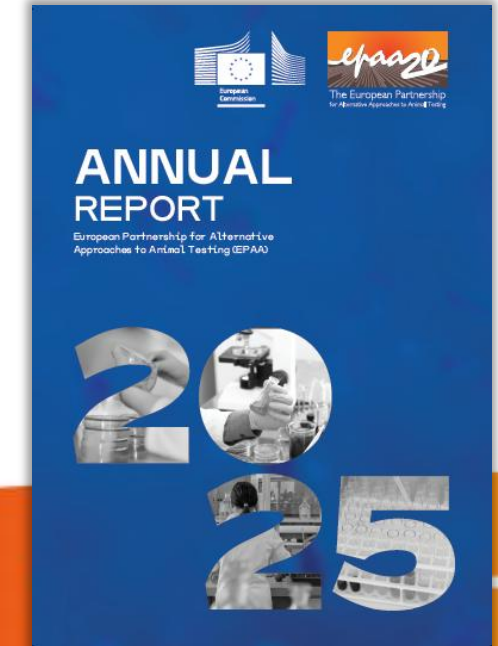
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> Commission Roadmap workshop**  
*16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June, ECHA, Helsinki*



4. **13<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences**  
*1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, Rio de Janeiro*



5. **European Parliament Lunch Debate**  
*7<sup>th</sup> Oct, Strasbourg*





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# Thank you for all your help this year and over the last 4 years!



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