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**COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION IN EUROPEAN RESEARCH
FOR SAFE NANOMATERIALS**

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Nanotechnology is becoming part of our daily life in a wide range of products such as computers, bicycles, sunscreens or nanomedicines. Even though these applications are already a reality, considerable work awaits scientists, engineers and policy makers aiming for nanotechnology products which yield maximum benefits against minimum social, environmental, economic and (occupational) health costs.

NanoImpactNet was started two years ago to promote scientific cross-talk and the engagement of stakeholders to help define research needs and approaches. On the scientific side, NanoImpactNet has been organizing discussions that help to find agreements on common metrics, has proposed elements needed for standardized approaches to hazard identification, and has supported the call for simple, easy and fast risk assessment tools. It has also discussed and described the most important challenges for assessing the occupational health effects of engineered nanomaterials.

NanoImpactNet not only promotes research collaboration, it also engages industries, NGOs and policy makers in the discussions on safety, health and the environment. These discussions started with setting a general frame for a dialogue on science, industrial needs and public perception. This frame was then used to address the issue on how to inform the public about nano-enhanced food contact materials.

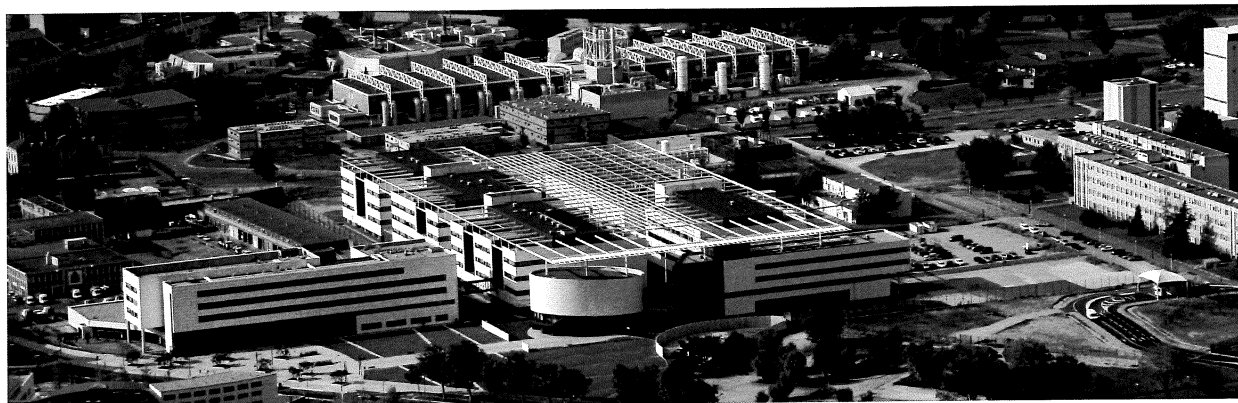
NanoImpactNet will continue to promote scientific exchange, collaboration and stakeholder dialogue at its upcoming Third NanoImpactNet Conference in Lausanne (14-17 February 2011) - "building a bridge from NanoImpactNet to nanomedical research".

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