NanoCare and nanoGEM – Large Integrated Projects within the German NanoEHS Initiative of the BMBF

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NanoNature NanoCare

Nanotechnology for Protection of the Environment Effects of Synthetic Nanomaterials on Humans

Topics

- Human- and eco-toxicology
- Exposure to nanomaterials
- Analytics
- Nano for environment

Funding

> 35 Mio € (> 47 Mio US-\$), 19 projects

Accompanying action: **DaNa** Information for citizens: www.nanoobjects.info



NanoCare - 2006-2009





nanoGEM - 2010-2013









nanoGEM – Challenges

- **AP 1: Production and characterization**
- Commercial and highly specific nanoparticles (e.g. luminescence)
- > Detailed and harmonised characterisation also in biological media

AP Q: Ageing of nanomaterials (NM)

- > Study of dynamic changes of NM e.g. protein particle interaction
- Changes of surface properties and state of agglomeration

AP 2: Exposure

- > New devices for nanoparticles in gas, liquids, cells and tissue
- Exposure measurements and monitoring strategies
- > Changes of NM properties during their lifecycle

AP 3: Uptake and dispersion

- Study of mobility and transport of NM to obtain biokinetic parameters
- > Non-radioactive-labelling for biokinetic studies in vitro and in vivo

AP 4: Toxicity

- Influence of surface modifications on exposure and toxicity
- Validation of existing tox-models for harmonisation (EU / OECD)

AP 5: Mechanisms of actions

- In vitro nanoparticulate mode of action in cell systems
- Identification of cell damage and pathways of signals
- > Study on the importance of surface property on the mode of toxic action

AP 6: Risk estimates

- Combined evaluation of all nanoGEM data
- Collection and evaluation of external information related to risk
- > Risk estimates in view of chemical, workplace and consumer safety

AP 7: Communication

Contribution and interaction with EU, FP7 – Projects and OECD



Thank you

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