

“Internationalisation of read across as validated new approach method for regulatory toxicology” think tank meeting, 16-18 July 2018, Ranco (Italy)

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## “Internationalisation of read across as validated new approach method (NAM) for regulatory toxicology “

Think tank meeting co-organized by the  
Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing-Europe and EU-ToxRisk

**Dates:** July 16th (14:00) to July 18th (12:00) 2018, followed by CAAT-Europe board meeting and dinner

**Venue:** Hotel Belvedere, Ranco (Lago Maggiore), Italy

### Background

1. Read-across is a data gap filling technique used commonly as alternative to animal testing.
2. New approaches to improve the process and its regulatory acceptance are in high demand.
3. Important areas to be explored are the coupling of read-across to information from in vitro molecular screening, “-omics” assays and computational models.
4. Read-across is mainly used in Europe in the context of the REACH legislation, but further internationalization is urgently required to make the approach attractive for multi-national companies

### Format

Attendance is by invitation only (closed session face-to-face meeting), focusing on extensive exchange of knowledge. Participants are expected to prepare a short statement (1-2 pages) on the topics to be discussed or the questions raised ahead of the meeting. Starting in the early afternoon on day 1 and close with a wrap up in the morning of day 3 (2 overnight stays). The location (Ranco, Italy) is close (3 km) to European Commission's Joint research Centre (JRC) which operates the EU Reference Laboratory for alternatives to animal testing (EURL ECVAM). Break-out sessions are used to focus on specific topics. The CAAT think tank workshops are usually summarized in a position paper published in ALTEX (IF: 3.8).

### Aims

1. Assembly of international experts to define the steps necessary to make read-across more consistent and standardized
2. Expanding the use and acceptance of the read-across to international regulatory agencies

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## **Program**

- **Monday (16/07/2018)**

*13:00* Welcome lunch (finger-food)

*14:00 – 18:30* Session 1

Discussion of pre-conference working questions by all participants  
Establishment of preliminary roadmap to approach main problems

*19:30* Dinner (Hotel Belvedere)

- **Tuesday (17/07/2018)**

*9:00 – 12:00* Session 2

Summary of roadmap and working strategy. Appointment of group secretariat and rapporteurs (all participants)  
Break-out work groups to discuss on roadmap stations

*12:30 – 14:00* Lunch (Hotel Belvedere)

*14:00 – 18:30* Session 3

Reporting from break-out groups  
Integration of results in the roadmap

*19:30* Dinner (Hotel Belvedere)

- **Wednesday (18/07/2018)**

*9:00 – 12:00* Session 4

Summary of roadmap  
Agreement of time lines, tasks, and responsibilities

*12:00 – 13:00* Lunch (Hotel Belvedere)

*13:00-17:00* CAAT-Europe board meeting and dinner