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Open Symposium 2-3 July 2026

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2 July 2026
14:00 - 20:30 EEST

3 July 2026
08:30 - 14:00 EEST



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Registration for the **Final ASPIS Open Symposium 2026** will be open until **1 June 2026**.

Participation is limited to a maximum of **150 attendees** and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Join the final **ASPIS Open Symposium** to learn about the achievements of the **ASPIS cluster** and enjoy the vibrant and historic city of **Maastricht** – one of the oldest cities in **the Netherlands**, beautifully situated along the river Meuse. Known for its rich history, charming streets, lively squares, and international atmosphere, Maastricht offers the perfect backdrop for this final cluster event.

This year's programme will also include a **poster contest** (ASPIS cluster only), where ASPIS researchers will showcase their work, offering participants an excellent opportunity to engage directly with the ASPIS community.

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AGENDA

Day 1 - 02 July 2026

Time	Session
14:00 - 14:30	Registration and welcome coffee
14:30 - 14:45	Introduction to day 1
14:45 - 16:00	Session 1: Research and innovation
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break and poster session
16:30 - 17:45	Session 2: NGRA and regulatory relevance
17:45 - 18:30	Plenary discussion
18:30 - 20:30	Poster session and wine reception

Day 2 - 03 July 2026

Time	Session
08:30 - 09:00	Welcome coffee
09:00 - 09:15	Introduction to day 2
09:15 - 11:00	Session 3: Impact and sustainability
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break and poster session
11:30 - 11:45	Session 4: ASPIS Academy
11:45 - 12:30	Plenary discussion and final remarks
	Poster contest Award
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch

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**Animal-Free Safety Assessment of Chemicals:
Project Cluster for Implementation of Novel Strategies**



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ASPIS brings together the **three consortia** funded under the European Commission's call for advancing the safety assessment of chemicals **without the use of animal testing**.

Collectively, ASPIS represents more than **70 institutions** across **16 European countries** and the U.S., delivering on a **€60 million investment** to provide timely and reliable insights into **chemicals' effects on human health**.

Together, they form the **largest public investment in Europe** dedicated to advancing chemical safety assessment **without animal testing**.

The cluster is composed of three major **EU Horizon 2020** research projects:

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The **ASPIS Academy** is a network under the auspices of **ASPIS** for **Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs)** who are into developing and using **New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)** in toxicology. The ASPIS Academy aims to boost ESRs' careers by offering specialized trainings, workshops and webinars.