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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 **15 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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DAY 1 - 02 July 2026

Time	Panel
14:00 - 14:30	Registration and welcome coffee
14:30 - 14:45	Introduction to day 1 – M. Vinken (<i>Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i>)
14:45 - 16:00	Session 1: NGRA and regulatory relevance
14:45 - 15:05	ASPA: an NGRA workflow for NAM-based safety assessment – M. Luijten (<i>National Institute for Public Health and the Environment RIVM</i>)
15:05 - 15:25	Comparative Toxicology as the Basis for an Integrated Human Health-Environmental Next-Generation Risk Assessment Framework – J. Colbourne (<i>University of Birmingham</i>)
15:25 - 15:40	OECD IATA and ASPA Case Studies: lessons and takehome messages – P. Browne (<i>OECD</i>)
15:40 - 16:00	Panel discussion on regulatory perspective
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break and poster session
16:30 - 17:30	Session 2: Research and innovation
16:30 - 16:50	ONTOX Probabilistic Risk Assessment (OPRA): An AI-enabled framework – K. Kopanska (<i>Centre of Alternatives to Animal Testing</i>)
16:50 - 17:10	The TXG MAPr toolbox: qualitative and quantitative interpretation of toxicogenomics data – G. Callegaro (<i>Leiden University</i>)
17:10 - 17:30	Quantitative assessments of population-level susceptibility to toxicity: relevance to humans and wildlife – V. Hongisto (<i>Misvik Biology</i>)
17:30 - 18:30	Flash presentations
18:30 - 19:30	Poster session and wine reception

DAY 2 - 03 July 2026

Time	Panel
08:30 - 09:00	Welcome coffee
09:00 - 09:15	Introduction to day 2 – M. Vinken (<i>Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i>)
09:15 - 12:30	Session 3: Impact and sustainability
09:15 - 09:35	The ASPIS Academy: Empowering the next generation of toxicologists – R. O. Vallbona (<i>ProtoQSAR</i>)
09:35 - 09:55	ONTOX: Innovative Services for Chemical Safety – Ch. H. Schwab (<i>MN-AM</i>)
09:55 - 10:15	RISK-HUNT3R: Innovations and test methods for IATA-based NGRA – B. Van de Water (<i>Leiden University</i>)
10:15 - 10:35	PrecisionTox data: sustainable by design for enduring impact – P. Rocca-Serra (<i>Oxford University</i>)
10:35 - 11:05	Coffee break and poster session
11:05 - 11:25	EU-funded NAM research: future perspectives – M. Vinken (<i>Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i>)
11:25 - 11:45	Securing ASPIS sustainability through collaboration – M. Vinken (<i>Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i>)
11:45 - 12:05	Panel discussion on industrial perspective
12:05 - 12:20	Plenary discussion and final remarks – M. Vinken (<i>Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i>)
12:20 - 12:30	Poster contest award
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:30	ASPIS Academy workshop on GIVIMP



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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.

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