



ASPIS COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION: BUILDING A UNIFIED EUROPEAN VOICE FOR ANIMAL-FREE SAFETY ASSESSMENT

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INTRODUCTION

ASPIS brings together three Horizon 2020 projects:



€60 million EU investment supporting:

- New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)
- Next-Generation Risk Assessment (NGRA)
- Transition towards animal-free safety assessment

The ASPIS communication and dissemination working group collaborates to build a coherent and **stronger voice in communication** with:

- Regulators
- Stakeholders
- Policy makers
- Industry
- Academia
- NGOs
- General public

ASPIS at Major Scientific Events

ASPIS cluster participates at **international conferences** to present its vision. During years 2021 – 2025 members of each project attended and presented their work or showcased ASPIS in booth at:

- US SOT
- ESTIV
- EUROTOX
- WC13
- EPAA Events
- EC Roadmap Workshops



ASPIS Open Symposium

The ASPIS Cluster organises the ASPIS Open Symposium, bringing together consortium members, stakeholders, and the SRAB to discuss achievements, challenges, and future perspectives for the implementation of NAMs in chemical risk assessment in Europe. The final symposium took place in July 2026 in Maastricht, the Netherlands.



ASPIS Communication and Dissemination

The cluster **communicates online** via the aspis-cluster.eu website and uses an established **social media**, such as [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [X \(Twitter\)](#) and [YouTube](#) to facilitate message amplification. The communication teams of three projects **share news and outcomes** of each other.



Annual report and dissemination into the EU science and policy networks

The ASPIS Cluster regularly publishes publicly accessible Annual Reports **summarising its progress, activities, and achievements**. In early 2025, ASPIS released its **3rd Annual Report**, highlighting key developments during the cluster's fourth year. All Annual Reports are available at: aspis-cluster.eu/annual-reports/.

ASPIS activities are highlighted on the Annual **EURL ECVAM Status Report 2025: Non-Animal Methods in Science and Regulation**.



ASPIS Academy



ASPIS communication and dissemination working group advises and promotes the activities of the ASPIS Academy, whose purpose is to build an international **network of early-stage researchers (ESRs)** focused on the **application of NAMs** in chemical risk assessment.

Through coordinated communication activities, the ASPIS Academy provides:

- **Training opportunities** – ASPIS Academy Workshop on Good In Vitro Method Practices (GIVIMP)
- **Scientific mobility** – ASPIS Academy Twinning Program
- **Educational initiatives** – Back to School

In collaboration with the [PARC Junior Community](#), ASPIS Academy organised the session “*Next-Gen Environmental Science: Collaborative Networks for a Sustainable Future*” at **SETAC 2025**. The ASPIS Academy actively encourages engagement among young researchers through community-building initiatives, including the **ASPIS Academy Photo Competition**. Together, these activities support knowledge exchange, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the development of the next generation of NAM and NGRA experts.



CONCLUSION

All communication and dissemination activities aim to **strengthen and promote the common goals and actions to implement NAMs in the EU** and to support the Green Deal's objectives, such as a toxic-free environment.

