Target audiences
Regulatory and industry risk assessors, including SMEs, safety and regulatory compliance consultants, academic scientists, students, NGOs and informed consumers.

Scope
Exposure-led assessment and decision-making approaches for consumer safety and regulatory compliance without using animals. Development of frameworks and case studies showing how new types of information are used, and how decisions are made. Collaboration between industry, consultants, CROs, regulators and other experts is needed.

Languages & regions
Our efforts will initially focus on the development and dissemination of a comprehensive set of educational resources in English. Additional languages and national outreach efforts will be added as the project develops.

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Overview

There has been significant progress over recent years in advancing the science underpinning non-animal safety assessment for cosmetics. This has evolved in parallel with legislative change in a number of beauty markets; however, if we are to achieve a true global end to the use of animals in cosmetic safety assessment by 2023, there is still more to do. This collaboration, part of the global #BeCrueltyFree effort led by Humane Society International, aims to help shape future cosmetics legislation and share the decision-making approaches which are being applied to assess safety without animals. The associated investment in education and training will ensure that there is the ongoing ability to satisfy regulations which require non-animal safety approaches.

Our Objectives

Globally harmonized legislative measures to end cosmetic animal testing & trade

Our aim is to secure EU-concordant prohibitions on cosmetic animal testing and marketing in at least 50 key beauty markets by 2023. Current priority regions include the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, South Africa, and the ASEAN region.

Sharing information on decision-making approaches without new animal testing

As non-animal testing methods and approaches develop, they can be used for many different purposes, including decision-making on the consumer safety of cosmetics. We will share information on these evolving risk assessment processes which are necessarily exposure-led, product and use-specific and iterative. The expertise of multiple stakeholders and relevant case studies will be used to provide clarity on how to make risk-based cosmetic safety decisions through the integration of scientific evidence from multiple sources.

Investment in education & training

Capacity building is necessary within both the regulated and regulatory cosmetic communities for the long-term acceptance and implementation of these new approaches. Many tools and information are currently available; this project involves developing curricula that are engaging and accessible with specific focus on the application of the data generated for safety decision making. Since this is a global effort, this will require translation and modification of the curricula to meet the needs of different countries.

Join us

Interested companies are invited to join the NACSA collaboration to achieve a global end to cosmetic animal testing by 2023 through harmonized national legislation, education & capacity building in next-generation safety assessment.