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## ***Stakeholder Workshop on the prioritisation of substances for research and analysis under HBM4EU***

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Brussels, Belgium**

### **Background**

On 20 November 2017, a workshop that provides a unique opportunity for participants to reflect and give further input on a short list of already nominated substances, will take place. The process of prioritising substances and substance groups under HBM4EU is underway, with members of the Stakeholder Forum and EU Policy Board, as well as National Hubs Contact points having submitted nominations for substances and substance groups for research in the project. The workshop will provide a forum for discussion on the priorities put forward by stakeholders and to discuss the evidence gaps identified in the mapping of knowledge needs.

### **The 1<sup>st</sup> list of HBM4EU priority substances**

In developing the project proposal, the first prioritisation exercise resulted in the nine substance groupings that are the focus of HBM4EU activities in 2017 and 2018.

- phthalates and Hexamoll® DINCH,
- bisphenols,
- per-/polyfluorinated compounds,
- flame retardants,
- cadmium and chromium VI,
- PAHs,
- aniline family,
- chemical mixtures, and
- emerging substances.

Policy questions related to these substances and substance groups will be presented, together with a brief overview on the research activities intended to answer the questions.

We will invite feedback from the participating stakeholders.



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## Prioritisation process for the 2<sup>nd</sup> list of HBM4EU priority substances

Within the workshop the process and the second round of prioritisation will be presented. Participants will be invited to identify their priorities from a short list of substances and substance groups that have been nominated by the EU Policy Board, the National Hubs and members of the Stakeholder Forum. Participants will then have an opportunity to comment on public concern regarding these substances and to reflect on the knowledge needs of the organisations that they represent.

## Relevant aspects to be considered for the selected substances

- What is the concern from a stakeholder perspective?
- How can HBM4EU address this concern? (E.g.: Biomonitoring? Research? Risk assessment?)
- What kind of output/results do you expect?
- How would you, as a stakeholder, use the results?
- Which knowledge gaps should be filled?

## Possibility to provide general feedback

Furthermore, the stakeholders are invited to post their general input to HBM4EU on a flip-chart.

## AGENDA

- 10:00** Welcome
- 10:15** Introduction of Participants
- 10:30** Presentation of HBM4EU (*Vito*)
- 11:00** Overview of the prioritisation strategy (*ANSES*)
- 11.30** Questions and Discussion
- 12:00** Lunch
- 12:45** Introduction to the shortlist of nominated substances (*EEA*)
- 13:15** Prioritising the shortlist to 10 substances to be focused on
- 13:30** Group work to discuss relevant aspects and research on selected substance/groups  
Including Coffee break
- 16:00** Feedback from the groups on each  
substance/substance group and discussion in plenary
- 17:00** End



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