



Socio-economic and environmental implications of nanotechnologies

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^{*} Only main implications (not considering legal, surveillance, capital concentration, S&T, etc.



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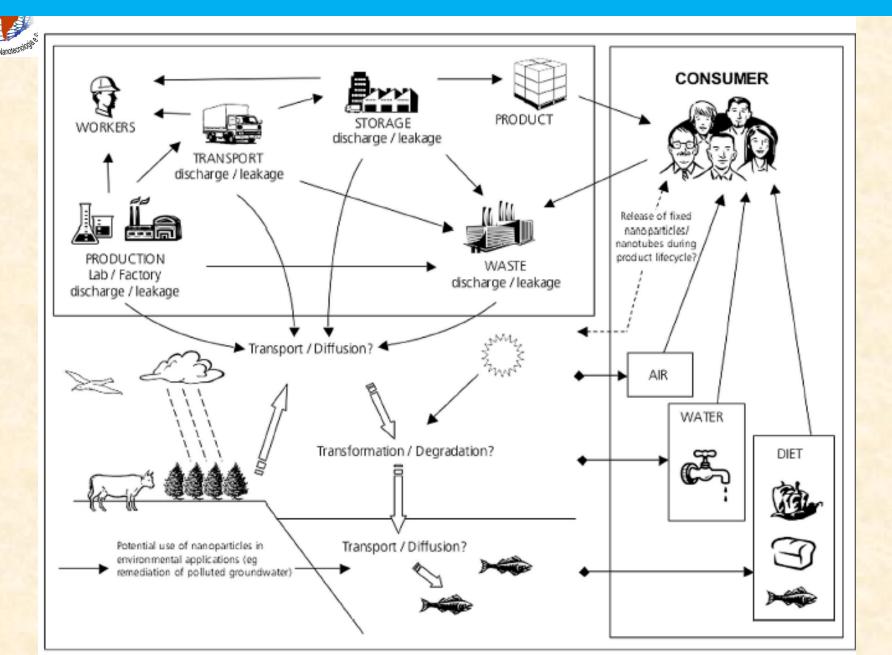


Human risks associated with nanoparticles

- Nanoparticles can reach, adhere and penetrate cells, organs, tissues, etc., with disease consequences (e.g. mitochondrial damage, DNA mutations and cell apoptosis/death; including heart diseases, cancers, and even death).
- Only few toxicity assays have been conducted on them
- Swedish non-profit organization ChemSec included Carbon Nano Tubes in the SIN list, believing they should be banned in the EU (https://chemsec.org/sin-list/) [S. F. Hansen and A. Lennquist, Nat. Nanotechnol. 15, 3–4; 2020)]

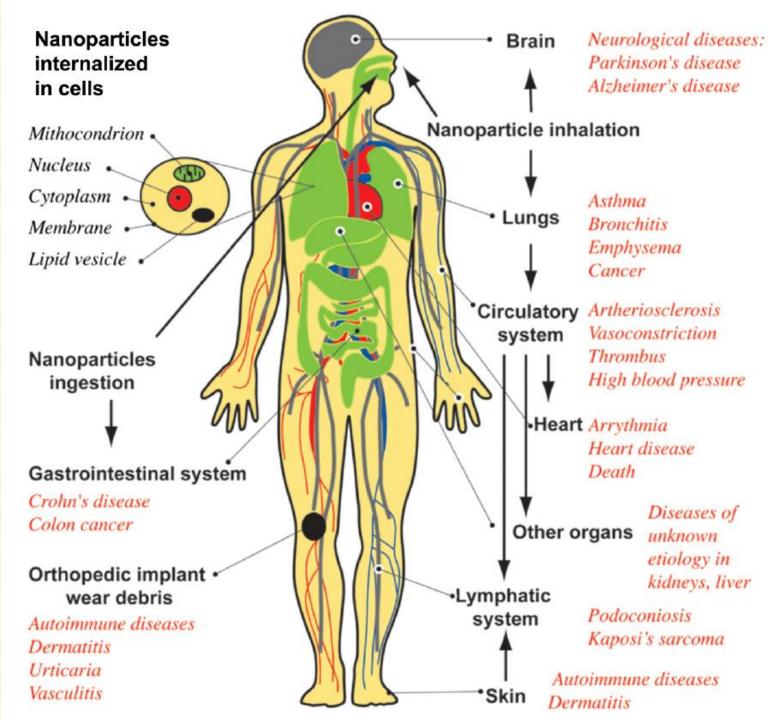
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Exposure of workers and consumers to engineered nanoparticles



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Diseases associated with nanoparticles exposure

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Table 5.1 Various Toxicity Assessments Conducted on Different Types of NPs

Type of NPs	Toxicity Assay	Cell Line/Species	Assessment Outcome	References
Zinc oxide	ELISA and flow cytometry	Human colon carcinoma cells	Reduced cell viability Induced oxidative stress Presence of inflammatory biomarkers	[13]
Zinc oxide	MTT and comet micronucleus test	Human hepatocytes cell line (HEK 293)	 Reduced cell viability Elevated oxidative stress DNA and mitochondrial damage 	[14]
Iron oxide	MTT	Human hepatocytes carcinoma cells	Reduced cell viability	[15]
Copper oxide	MTT and lactate dehydrogenase	Human lung epithelial cells	 Elevated lactate dehydrogenase Reduced cell viability Enhanced lipid peroxidation 	[16]
Aluminum oxide	MTT	Human mesenchymal stem cells (HMSC)	Reduced cell viability	[17]
Aluminum oxide	MTT and DHE	Human brain micro vascular endothelial cells (HBMVECs)	 Reduced cell viability Elevated oxidative stress Mitochondrial dysfunction Altered proteins expression of blood-brain barrier 	[18]
Silver	Lactate dehydrogenase and WST-1	Human leukemia cells	 Elevated lactate dehydrogenase Reduced cell viability 	[19]
Silver	MTT and DCFH-DA	Human alveolar cells	 Elevated reactive oxidative stress Reduced cell viability 	[20]
Single-walled carbon nanotube	Commercial kits	In vivo	Elevated lactate dehydrogenase, aspartate transaminase, and alanine transaminase	[21]



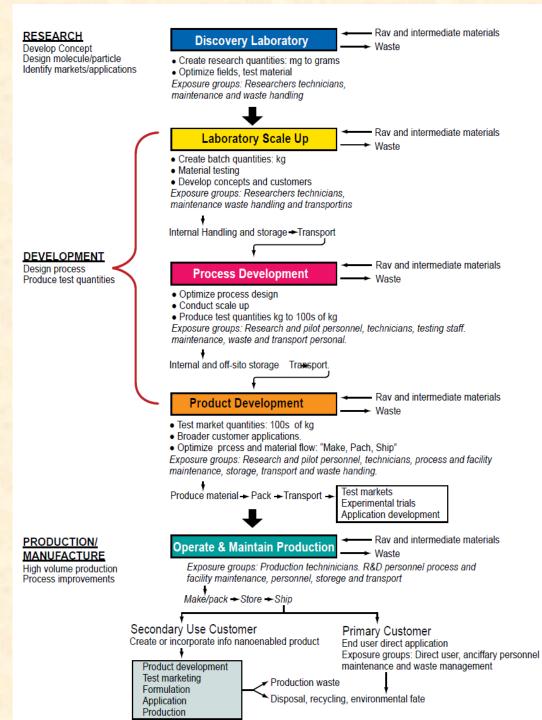
Table 5.1 Various Toxicity Assessments Conducted on Different Types of NPs (Cont.)

Type of NPs	Toxicity Assay	Cell Line/Species	Assessment Outcome	References
Single-walled carbon nanotube	Clonogenic	Human alveolar carcinoma epithelial cells (HACECs) and normal human bronchial epithelial cells (NHBECs)	Cell death	[22]
Silica	DCFH-DA and commercial kit	Human bronchoalveolar carcinoma cells	 Elevated reactive oxidative stress Increased lactate dehydrogenase Elevated malondialdehyde 	[23]

DCFH-DA, Dichloro-dihydro-flourescein diacetate; DHE, dihydroethidium; ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; MTT, 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide; WST-1, water soluble tetrazolium salt-1.

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Al phases of workplaces with potential for occupational exposure to NP

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Nanoparticles & the Environment

- 1. Impact of nanoparticles in the environment
 - ➤ How do they change?
 - ➤ Where do they go?

- 2. Impact of nanoparticles in the environment & human interface
 - ➤ How do changes in nanoparticles within the environment end up affecting human health?



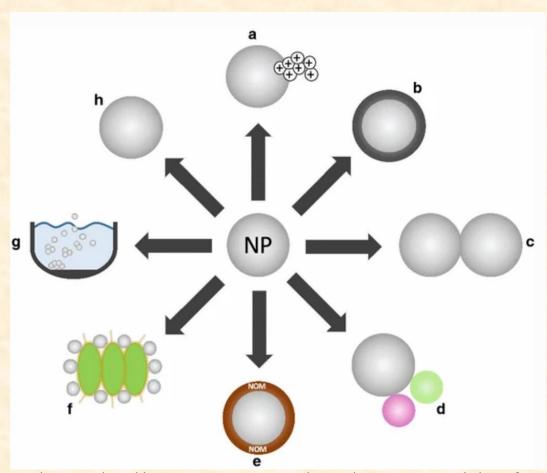
1. Impact of nanoparticles in the environment

Alterations in chemical speciation, dissolution, degradation, as well as alteration of the surface properties by precipitation and ad- or desorption are important chemical transformation processes of NP, which have frequently been investigated both in aquatic and soil ecosystems

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Chemical changes in NP in the environment



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Interactions and fate of NP in the environment considering

- (a) dissolution,
- (b) sulfidation,
- (c) homo-aggregation,
- (d) hetero-aggregation,
- (e) coating with NOM,
- (f) NP adsorption on bio. surfaces,
- (g) sedimentation/deposition,
- (h) persistence



2. Impact of NP in the environment & human interface: Example of nanosilver

"There is a significant difference between how cells react when exposed to nanosilver alone and when they are exposed to a cocktail of nanosilver and cadmium ions. Cadmium ions are naturally found everywhere on Earth.

The study was conducted on human liver cancer cells. In the study, 72 percent of the cells died when exposed to both nanosilver and cadmium ions. When exposed to nanosilver only, 25 percent died. When exposed to cadmium ions only, 12 percent died".

Miranda, R. R., Gorshkov, V., Korzeniowska, B., Kempf, S. J., Neto, F. F., & Kjeldsen, F. (2018). Co-exposure to silver nanoparticles and cadmium induce metabolic adaptation in HepG2 cells. *Nanotoxicology*, *12*(7), 781–795. https://doi.org/10.1080/17435390.2018.1489987

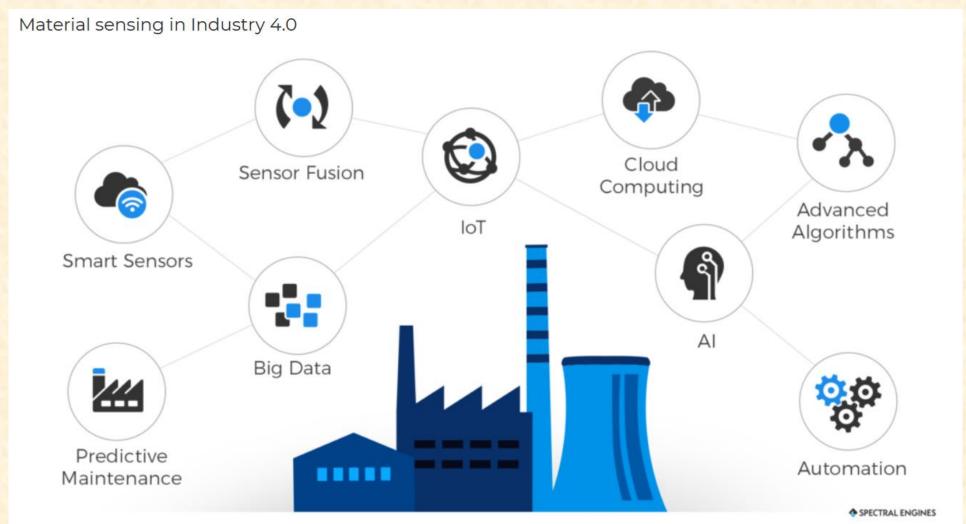


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Nano in all Industry 4.0 process (e.g. nano sensors, Nems)



Spectral. (2018, February 26). *Industry 4.0 and how smart sensors make the difference*. https://www.spectralengines.com/articles/industry-4-0-and-how-smart-sensors-make-the-difference



Consequences of nano in all economic sectors

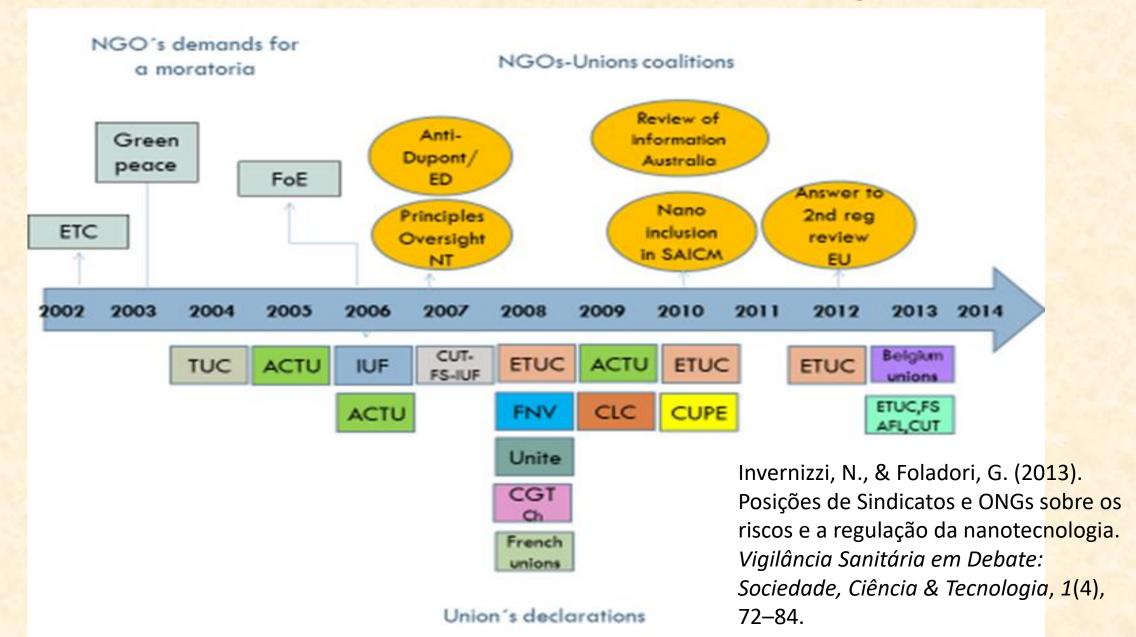
- Demand for new qualifications and skillsets for labour resources
- Increse in unemployment
- Increase in underemployment and precarious jobs
- Loose of labor power bargaining and legal protection due to nonstandard working forms

¡Although this always happens with new tech.; policy measures should reduce damages, and scientists must alert!

GÖRMÜŞ, A. (2020). Future of work in Industry 4.0. In *International Congress on Social Sciences* (INCSOS 2019) Proceeding Book (pp. 317–323). Sageya Yayincilik.



ONGs and Trade Unions demands for regulation





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Governance in nanotechnologies

- The concept of governance includes 2 different type of standards and regulations
 - > Juridic regulation -mandatory (hard law)
 - Non binding standards -voluntary (soft law)



Mandatory Regulation in Nanotechnologies

- Europe
- USA
- Others ...



EU Binding regulation

- Cosmetics. 2009 Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009
 - Registration 6 months in advance of marketing
 - List of ingredients and toxicological and exposition characteristics
 - Labelling (NANO + list of ingredients)
- Food. 2011 Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011
 - Idem cosmetics
- Biocides 2012. Regulation (EU)
 - Previous autorization
 - Major details of ingredients and toxic issues
 - Labelling



Some European Countries with mandatory registration of companies

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- National reporting schemes
- International activities
- ECHA's activities on nanomaterials under REACH and CLP
- The Biocidal Products
 Regulation (BPR) and
 nanomaterials
- Food

National reporting schemes

Several Member States have taken national initiatives to request more information on nanomaterials from industry.

These national regulations vary in scope, but also in terms of what information is actually requested from companies.

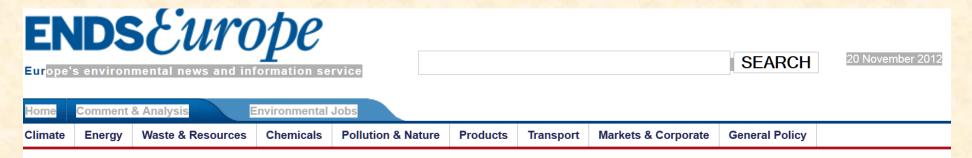
	National initiative	Registrants	Main exceptions	Information requirements	Reporting
(France: Notification Scheme - National Decree for Mandatory Reporting of	Manufacturers or importers of nanomaterials (on their own or included in a mixture or another material) in quantities of 100 g/year or above.	The amount manufactured, imported or distributed is less than 100 g/year;	Identity of the company, of the nanomaterial (including physico-chemical data) and available info on (eco)toxicological	1 May (from 2013 onwards)
	Nanomaterials			properties.	

Belgium: Registry - Royal Decree on the placing on the market of substances manufactured in the nanoparticle form	Manufacturer, importers and distributors that put nanomaterials on the Belgian market in quantities of > 100 g/year. It will be expanded to also include mixtures at a later state.	Volume trigger of 100 g/year. Nanomaterials used as pigments are exempted.	Company's identity; Physico-chemical properties; Quantity; Uses; Identity of professional purchasers and users.	1 January (from 2015 onwards)
Denmark: Product Registry - Order on the Register of Mixtures and Products Containing Nanomaterials	Manufacturers or importers of mixtures and articles containing nanomaterials intended to be put on the Danish market. The EU Recommendation for a	Food and food contacting materials, feed, medicines, cosmetic products, pesticides, waste, pigments and inks,	Company's identity; Product information (including name, quantity; professional uses, applications); Information on	30 August (from 2015 onwards)

Norway: Product Registry - Order on mandatory declaration of chemicals to the national product registry	General requirement to report on chemicals that are manufactured/imported which has introduced specific obligation for nanomaterials. The EU Recommendation for a nanomaterial is used.	Nanomaterials manufactured for export, welding powders, food, feed and pharma.	Information that is already known by the producer/manufacturer should be reported. In addition, the function fulfilled by the nanomaterial should be reported.	Obligatory from March 2013 onwards
Sweden: Product Registry	Manufacturers or importers of mixtures containing nanomaterials intended to be put on the Swedish market.			Entry into force on 1 January 2018. Ref: Kemikalieinspektionens foreskrifter (KIFS) 2017:7



Germany, on the way ...



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NEWS

German minister backs register

German minister backs register for nano-products

ENDS Europe

Thursday 3 February 2011

An advisory body to the German government has issued preliminary guidelines for assessing nano-products' risks and benefits. It is divided on the need for a register of such products but Norbert Roettgen backed the idea.

The environment minister was referring to the need for a registry at EU level, an idea championed by Belgium during its presidency of the union in the second half of 2010. Germany-based Oeko Institute welcomed Mr Roettgen's support for an EU register.

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Environment ministers meet in Luxembourg



The ministers discussed the draft EU ship recycling regulation on 25 October





Labelling of Cosmetics

Environmental Protection Authority Application to Amend the Cosmetic Products Group Standard 2006., ERMA200782 (2012). Retrieved from http://www.epa.govt.nz/search-

databases/HSNO%20Application%20Register%20Documents/ERMA200782 ERMA200782%20Decision%20(28.06 .2012).pdf

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Regulation U.S.

- Environmet Protection Agency (2 laws regarding nano)
 - TSCA Toxic Substance Control Act
 - Nano is "New Substance"
 - SNUR Significant new use rules. 90 days/pre-market registry
 - Only includes production/use of more than 10 tons/year
 - FIFRA Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Pre-market registration
- FDA. [Voluntary guides for industry]
- Department of Commerce [Voluntary guides for international agreements]
- Department of Labor. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
 [Volutary guides]



Voluntary standards and guides

- U.N. Organizations
- ISO
- SAICM (Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management)

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Governance in nanotechnology in Latin America

NO mandatory regulation in any Latin American country

Some attempts in Brazil, Argentina ...

• PL 880/2019—Senado Federal. (n.d.). Retrieved November 2, 2020, from https://www25.senado.leg.br/web/atividade/materias/-/materia/135353



ISO (voluntary guides) Nanotechnology in Latin America

- Brasil, ABNT (Associação Brasileira de Normas Técnicas)
- Argentina, IRAM (Instiuto Argentino de Normalización y Certificación
- Colombia, ICONTEC (Instituto Colombiano de Normas Técnicas y Certificación)
- México, CENAM (Centro Nacional de Metrología)
- Peru, INACAL (Instituto Nacional de Calidad)

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Principles for the Oversight of Nanotechnologies and Nanomaterials

- 1. A Precautionary Foundation
- 2. Mandatory Nano-specifi c Regulations
- 3. Health and Safety of the Public and Workers
- 4. Environmental Protection
- 5. Transparency
- 6. Public Participation
- 7. Inclusion of Broader Impacts
- 8. Manufacturer Liability

NanoAction. (2007). *Principles for the Oversight of Nanotechnologies and Nanomaterials*. International Center for Technology Assessment. www.icta.org/files/2012/04/080112 ICTA rev1.pdf

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