



# FRAMING NANO

Governance in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

## FRAMINGNANO GOVERNANCE PLATFORM

*A NEW INTEGRATED APPROACH TO THE RESPONSIBLE  
DEVELOPMENT OF NANOTECHNOLOGIES*

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

18. MARCH 2010

STADE DE SUISSE, BERN

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## PROGRAM

Date: 18. March 2010  
 Time: 0915 - 1630  
 Location: Stade de Suisse Wankdorf, Media Center  
 Papiermühlestr. 71 CH-3014 Bern  
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Time	Topic	Speaker
0830 - 0915	Registration / Coffee	
<b>Part 1: The FramingNano Governance Platform</b>		
0920 - 0930	Welcome & Introduction	Dr. Christoph Meili CEO The Innovation Society, St.Gallen
0930 - 0950	Challenges for the Governance of Nanotechnologies	Dr. René von Schomberg Policy and Project Officer, Unit Governance and Ethics, Directorate Science, Economy and Society, DG Research, EC, Brussels
0950 - 1010	The Framing Nano Project	Dr. Elvio Mantovani Managing Director of AIRI/Nanotec IT, Centro Italiano per le Nanotecnologie, Rome
1010 - 1040	The FramingNano Governance Platform	Dr. Christoph Meili
1040 - 1100	Discussion / Q & A	
1100 - 1120	Break	
<b>Part 2: The European Strategy in Nanotechnology Governance</b>		
1120 - 1145	The new N&N Action Plan for Europe	Dr. Christos Tokamanis Head of Unit "Nano and Converging Sciences and Technologies", Directorate Industrial Technologies, DG Research, EC, Brussels
1145 - 1200	Feedback from the Audience / Q & A	
1200 - 1225	The European Code of Conduct for Responsible N&N Research	Dr. René von Schomberg (EC)
1225 - 1245	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> The Future of European Nano-Governance	Moderation: Dr. Sergio Bellucci Director of the Swiss Centre for Technology Assessment (TA-SWISS), Bern
1245 - 1400	Lunch	
<b>Part 3: Aspects of Integrating the Governance Platform into National and Global Frameworks</b>		
1400 - 1425	Authorities Dialogue among German Speaking Countries and other International Activities (SAICM/ICCM)	Prof. Dr. Georg Karlaganis United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Geneva
1425 - 1450	National Activities and Implementation of the Governance Platform in Great Britain	Julian Oliver Secretary General at EurActiv, Brussels
1450 - 1520	National Activities and Implementation of the Governance Platform in Switzerland	Dr. Gérard Poffet Vice Director of the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), Bern
1520 - 1600	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> How to overcome the challenges in Nano Governance - and what the Platform can contribute	Moderation: Dr. Sergio Bellucci (TA-Swiss)
1610	Closing Remarks	Dr. Christoph Meili (IS)

## THE FRAMINGNANO GOVERNANCE PLATFORM

The expectations on nanotechnologies are high. It is widely shared that the promised benefits will fully materialise only if there is a governance system in place which addresses, in a timely manner, the potential risks and concerns associated with the development of nanosciences and nanotechnologies and the corresponding nanotechnology induced changes.

FramingNano, an FP7 funded project run by six international partners, started in May 2008 and aimed to address the challenges of nanotechnology governance at the European level. The main outcome of the FramingNano project is the proposal for a Governance Platform.

The FramingNano Governance Platform is to enable the responsible development of nanotechnologies, making possible the realisation of the benefits they promise, while limiting the risks and concerns associated with them and remaining sensitive to public concerns and changes induced by these technologies. The Governance Platform provides a framework of principles, procedures and responsibilities which indicate how to define and implement a model of responsible nanotechnology governance in Europe and beyond.

## BACKGROUND AND GOALS OF THE FRAMINGNANO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Innovation Society, St.Gallen, is the Swiss Partner in the FramingNano Project Consortium and in charge of organising the national conference for Switzerland. The FramingNano conference aims to:

- present the FramingNano Governance Platform to a broader audience
- present and discuss national and international activities in nanotechnology governance (EU-Action Plan, EU-Code of Conduct, etc.)
- discuss possible ways of implementing the Governance Platform in European countries
- discuss synergies and measures among international stakeholders.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The conference is addressing representatives from national and international regulatory bodies, politics, NGOs, any interested stakeholders and the broader public.

## REGISTRATION

Please register to the conference online at <http://www.innovationsgesellschaft.ch/index.php?section=calendar>. Alternatively, you may also register by mail with the form on the next page.

**We can only host a limited number of participants (first come, first served). The registration is open until 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2010.**

**Participation fee:** Adults: **100 CHF** (including lunch, documentation and refreshments). An invoice will be sent to attendees prior to the conference. Student discount: 50%.

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Adult (100 CHF) <input type="checkbox"/>	Student (50 CHF) <input type="checkbox"/> (please enclose a copy of your student card)
First Name	Family Name
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City	Country
Phone	E-Mail
Signature	

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**Terms of cancellation:** Cancellation must be made in written form. 100 % refunding will be granted until 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2010, 50% until 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2010. After 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2010, no refunding will be granted.

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