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PAGE 2: Section I - Identification

Q1: Please provide the following details (*compulsory):

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Q2: Please indicate if you are responding to this questionnaire on behalf of/as:

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think tank on different subject on European policy.

Q3: Received contributions may be published on the Commission's website, with the identity of the contributor. Please state your preference with regard to the publication of your contribution:

My contribution may be published but should be kept anonymous

Q4: We might need to contact you to clarify some of your answers. Please state your preference below:

I am available to be contacted

PAGE 3: Section III – Problem definition and objectives

Q5: Please rate the importance of the following objectives on a scale between 1 (not important at all) and 5 (very important).

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| a) Provide decision makers, regulatory authorities and professional users with information that allows for an appropriate response to health or environmental risks of nanomaterials | 5 |
| b) Provide consumers with relevant information on products containing nanomaterials on the market | 5 |
| c) Maintain competitiveness and innovation of businesses bringing nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials to the market (including SMEs) | 3 |
| d) Ensure consumer trust in products containing nanomaterials | 5 |
| e) Ensure the availability of relevant information on the presence of nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials on the market | 5 |
| f) Ensure the proportionality of the information requirements and the associated costs and administrative burden. | 4 |
| g) Protect confidential business information | 3 |

Please provide additional comments

I would like to see some example of the information provided. What kind of symbols will be used. What kind of warning will be on the packages. What preventive measures should be taken by consumers to lower the possible negative effects on their personal health?

Q6: To what degree (from 1 - not at all to 5 - fully) does the current legislative framework (including the REACH and CLP Regulations and product-specific legislation) and the currently available databases (including the JRC web platform, see http://ihcp.jrc.ec.europa.eu/our_databases/web-platform-on-nanomaterials) meet the following objectives?

a) Provide decision makers, regulatory authorities and professional users with information that allows for an appropriate response to health or environmental risks of nanomaterials	Do not know
b) Provide consumers with relevant information on products containing nanomaterials on the market	Do not know
c) Maintain competitiveness and innovation of businesses bringing nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials to the market (including SMEs)	Do not know
d) Ensure consumer trust in products containing nanomaterials	Do not know
e) Ensure the availability of relevant information on the presence of nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials on the market	Do not know
f) Ensure the proportionality of the information requirements and the associated costs and administrative burden.	Do not know
g) Protect confidential business information	Do not know
Please provide additional comments	I have to investigate this!!

Q7: To what extent do you agree with the following statements from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree):

a) The current level of available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is insufficient for an adequate response to health and environmental risks	3
b) The current level of available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is insufficient for informed consumer choice	3
c) The current level of available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is detrimental to consumer trust	3
d) The available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is presented in an incoherent or ineffective way	3
e) The establishment of national registries and notification schemes causes market fragmentation and hampers trade within the internal market	3
Please provide additional comments	Personally, I cannot answer this question!! Because I have not any clue.

Q8: With regard to health and environmental hazards and risks of specific nanomaterials/types of nanomaterials, please tick the relevant boxes:

I am not aware of any health and/or environmental hazards of specific nanomaterials/types of nanomaterials

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I am not aware of any classified nanomaterials,

I am not aware of any DNELs/PNECs/OELs set for specific nanomaterials/types of nanomaterials

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I am not aware of any significant exposure of workers/users/consumers to specific nanomaterials/types of nanomaterials

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Please explain your responses (if any, please report the nanomaterials, the health and/or environmental hazards, any relevant classification, any DNELs/PNECs/OELs, any exposure and in which condition):

I must do some research on this field and read some background material.

Q9: With regard to the past and current use of nanomaterials (tick the relevant box):

I am not aware of any health and/or environmental incidents which have occurred

Q10: The establishment of an EU nanomaterial registry (tick the relevant box):

I do not know,

If appropriate, please explain further:
I don't know because I am not familiar what would be registered. And who do look at it.

PAGE 5: Section V – Consumer trust

Q11: In case information on the presence of nanomaterials in specific products were made available, what impact do you think this would have on consumers? (Please tick all that would apply)

b) They would try to avoid those products,

d) They would search for more information,

Please explain:

I think some people would be worried. And would like to search for more information. Because nano-material could have a big impact on the human body and its health. In the first place they would avoid those products.

Q12: Do you believe that the public availability of information on the presence of nanomaterials in products would be likely to...(choose one of the following answers)

c) generate insecurity or stigmatise such products, and thus have a negative effect on the market for the concerned products

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Comments:

I think it is good to have a good warning system and what shall be done with those products and what absolutely not.

PAGE 6: Section VI - Innovation and competitiveness

Q13: With regard to innovation, do you believe that information on nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials that could be gathered in a nanomaterial registry would...(choose one of the following answers)

b) have no significant impact on innovation,

Comments:

I cannot answer this question properly.

Q14: With regard to competitiveness of EU companies manufacturing nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials, do you believe that information on nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials that could be gathered in a nanomaterial registry would...(tick all that apply)

a) stimulate intra-EU competitiveness,

b) enhance the competitiveness of European companies against extra-EU companies

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Please explain

With more information on it. the More people think it is in interesting market to invest in and provide some R & D money for it. The more companies know about research in a new economic field. The more companies are going to be interested. Some of those companies start their own research and development in the field of nano-materials.

PAGE 7: Section VIII – Possible options and exemptions

Q15: What would be the added value of a notification per use (i.e. for each mixture/article) compared to a notification per substance? – Please consider the usefulness of the information for public authorities, downstream user companies, workers and consumers.

for public authorities it would be >>

for downstream user companies >>

for workers >>

for consumers >>

Q16: Which actors along the supply chain should be subject to notification requirements? (tick all that apply):

a) Manufacturers of nanomaterials,

b) Importers of nanomaterials,

c) Downstream users (e.g. re-formulators, manufacturers of products containing nanomaterials)

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d) Distributors to professional users (e.g. wholesalers)

e) Distributors to consumers (e.g. retailers),

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Please explain:

The better everyone is informed the better everyone can handle the forthcoming problems.

Q17: The following should be subject to notification requirements (tick all that apply):

- a) Substances,
- b) Mixtures containing nanomaterials,
- c) Articles with intended release of nanomaterials
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- d) Articles containing nanomaterials without intended release
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Please explain: I think all of above is important!

Q18: Is there a need to exempt certain types of nanomaterials?

No, all kinds of nanomaterials should be subject to notification obligations

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If yes, which types should be exempted and why? (in terms of specific properties, available knowledge, absence of hazards, etc.)
I think in this stadium notification obligations are very useful. Because to do a proper research on the health impact of nano-material in the long run a good notification system is of utmost importance. With the long run I mean decades not years or months.

Q19: Is there a need to exempt certain uses of nanomaterials?

No, all uses of nanomaterials should be subject to notification obligations

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If yes, which uses should be exempted and why? (in terms of specific exposure scenarios, available knowledge, absence of hazards, etc.)
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PAGE 8: Section IX – Nanomaterials Observatory

Q20: If a Nanomaterials Observatory is established instead of an EU-wide registry, what type of information should be collected? (please tick all that apply)

- a) Information from existing notification systems,
- b) Information from market studies on nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials
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- c) Information on the use of nanomaterials across Europe
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- d) Information concerning products containing nanomaterials
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- e) Information on the hazards and risks of nanomaterials

Q21: How should the information in a Nanomaterials Observatory be presented in order to reach the consumers, workers and authorities?

It should be presented with symbols, uses, how to use, warning, with a good TV-spot and material in magazines and in newspapers. And for children should there be also different kind warning. So children and parents could understand the provided information easily.

PAGE 9: Section X - Potential use and benefits of a nanomaterial registry

Q22: In what ways could the information on nanomaterials from registries be potentially useful (tick all that apply):

- a) Risk assessment and/or risk management,
- b) Enforcement of worker protection,
- c) Promotion of safe use of nanomaterials in products
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- d) Development of strategies to ensure the safe use of nanomaterials
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- e) Informed purchasing decisions by consumers,
- f) General education of the public

Q23: Please give a justification for your views (presented in the previous question) and describe which data would be necessary to allow the desired use (e.g. would information on substances alone be enough for informed consumer purchase decisions, or would this require information for each concerned product):

My justification is I am not familiar with the risks of nano materials. The precautionary principle is very important.
Better safe than sorry.

Q24: What would be the added value of a European nanomaterial registry beyond the current framework of chemicals legislation, including REACH registration?

No comment on this.

Q25: Please provide any other comments that you would like to share regarding transparency measures for nanomaterials on the market.

When will there a kind of information meeting on nano-materials in Europe, especially the Netherlands in the south or in Belgium, Brussels or Antwerp.