

# Alternatives to Animal Testing Task Force

## ABOUT THE TASK FORCE

A lot of debate has surrounded the use of animal studies in nutrition and food safety, especially regarding identifying when they are mandatory and when they can be replaced by alternative methods. There is a global call from regulatory and governmental bodies and also from animal welfare stakeholders to ensure that animal testing is reduced and used only when necessary. The development of new alternative methods to animal testing offers new opportunities for food safety, nutrition and efficacy studies.



## WHAT'S NEW?

### NEW TASK FORCE

The task force has now support from 10 member companies and had its kick-off meeting in October 2016.

### TASK FORCE MEMBERS

- CAAT Europe
- Danone
- DSM
- European Commission
- Firmenich
- FRAME Alternatives Laboratory
- Free University of Berlin
- FrieslandCampina
- Monsanto Europe
- Roquette Group
- Südzucker Group
- TNO
- Unilever
- University of Utrecht
- WALA Heilmittel

## ACTIVITY

### Creation of a unique task force

This new task force is unique within ILSI Europe by its composition. It brings together key stakeholders from national and international organisations (FRAME, CAAT, European Commission), academia and

industry. All involved members will thus join forces to define the best strategy that will allow us to find alternatives to animal testing in food safety, nutrition and efficacy studies.

### First activity on 'Holistic Approaches to Develop Non-Animal Testing' has been defined during the kick-off meeting in October 2016

This first activity intends to cover food safety (toxicology), efficacy studies and nutrition. Through a holistic approach, it aims to summarise the existing regulations for various aims (e.g. genetically modified crops,

novel foods, claim approval) by addressing specifically the requirements (or not) for animal testing. It will take as concrete examples different cases studies in the aforementioned fields.

**All information on this task force are available on our website: [www.ils.eu](http://www.ils.eu).**

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