

### Strategic approach improves transparency

Whether it is cocktails, nano-materials or well-known and widely used substances, Cefic fully integrates science in all of its risk-management work.

Under the Global Product Strategy, Cefic continuously endeavours to better understand emerging scientific issues and how these can translate into useful policy. GPS, a voluntary initiative of the chemical industry to advance chemicals management worldwide, is part of Cefic's contribution to the UN Strategic Approach to Chemicals Management (SAICM).

GPS commits companies to promote the safe use of chemical products and enhance product stewardship throughout the value chain. It is a capacity-sharing effort aimed at:

- Increasing the knowledge of substance hazards;
- Identifying risks and proposing safe handling;
- Bridge gaps in the safe handling of chemical substances between developing, emerging and industrialized countries;
- Ensure the correct handling and use of chemicals throughout the value chain and across borders by providing relevant and reliable information;
- Greater transparency, by helping companies provide stakeholders with information about chemicals sold in an easily understandable format named the GPS Safety Summary.

GPS is fully aligned with REACH. The implementation in Europe will be based on the completed REACH dossiers. The increased transparency provided through GPS will leverage the benefits of the work accomplished under REACH and contribute to building confidence in chemicals worldwide.

### Worldwide voluntary initiatives

Cefic is also an active participant in a number of voluntary initiatives, in Europe and worldwide:

- Cefic is a partner in the Integrated Assessment of Health Risks of Environmental Stressors in Europe (INTARESE), a five-year EU-funded project that aims to provide methods and tools for the integrated risk assessment of health risks from environmental factors such as air quality, water pollution and climate change;
- Through research and workshops funded by its Long-range Research Initiative (LRI), Cefic is contributing to the development of new methods of integrated risk assessment and tools aimed at better understanding the concepts of dose, exposure and risk;
- Cefic supports research into animal welfare under its innovation strategy. As EU safety regulations (including REACH) require animal testing, Cefic subscribes to the “reduction, refinement and replacement” of animals in toxicity testing – the so-called “3-R principle.” LRI contributes to the European Platform for Alternatives to Animal Testing, a joint initiative of Cefic and of six other industry sectors and supported by the European Commission.