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Biodiversity, planetary boundaries and NAM-based repeat-dose toxicity testing strategy



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Advancing biodiversity protection

Unifying approaches to chemical risk assessment in the EU context

How can we better assess and manage the impact of chemicals on biodiversity? Join scientific, regulatory, and policy experts from across sectors - along with life cycle assessment (LCA) practitioners and green finance specialists - to explore tools, share insights, and identify practical actions towards aligning chemical management with European Union (EU) biodiversity goals.



Defining a safe operating space for chemicals with actionable targets to progress a transition to a sustainable future

Has the safe operating space for the planetary boundary of novel entities already been transgressed? What current policies exist for reducing chemical pollution and managing chemicals? Engage with experts to discuss the challenges with the current Planetary Boundary definition for novel entities and elaborate on the need to further develop this framework into well-defined and safe within Earth System Boundaries (ESBs) limits.

From concept to application

Practical implementation of a NAM-based tiered strategy for repeat-dose toxicity testing

How can a tiered testing framework advance chemical hazard assessment while supporting the phase-out of animal testing? Discuss and learn how integrating non-animal methods into repeat-dose toxicity testing under the European Union (EU) REACH regulation can reduce reliance on longer in vivo studies while maintaining Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) protection standards. The workshop will bring together scientific, regulatory, and industry experts to explore how this approach can act as a practical bridge toward future regulatory acceptance of new testing methodologies.