Why a CAAT Europe Policy Program?

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EU institutions are responsible for more than 80% national laws.
Who is Informing on Safety Testing at the EU level?

WHERE

IS

ACADEMIA???
Why Informing on Safety Testing at the EU level?

- MEPs, Staff & PO
- Education
- Political color
- Personal values
- Place of origin
Why do we need to communicate?

Policy makers are generalists!
What is the message of the CAAT EU Policy Program?

There is space for improvement on safety testing
What are the Benefits of a CAAT EU Policy Program?

- Europe has the laws but US has the tools
- Bridging transatlantic about Hazard/Risk assessment at the political levels = HARMONISATION
What is the context of the 3Rs at the EU level?
What is difficult in the message?

• Animal Alternative Testing is a NICHE
• Emotional topic to Rational topic
• ONE must go beyond the scope = reshaping Reg. Tox => prospective tools for the highest level of protection for consumer protection and the environment
• 28 regulatory agencies
Non-exhaustive overview of Partners in Crimes on the development of 3Rs
The EU Parliament (2009-2014)

- Lisbon Treaty
- BXL and STB
- 27 MS for 23 OL
- 754 MEPs - 502 Mio EU citizen
With Who Can You Have an Impact?

• 41–53 MEPs

“If you want something to be said, talk to an MEP, if you want something to be done, talk to an assistant…”
How Can You Have an Impact?
CAAT EU Policy Program 12-13

May 15th
June 22nd
Oct 10th
Mch 26th
How Do the MEPs Work?

• 6 political groups
• Work is dispatched in Committees
  • e.g. ENVI (69) or ITRE
  • H2020, Cosm. Reg., Reach, EDC
Decision Process – EU/MS

Annual or Operational Programme

Suggestions on the draft proposal

Rapporteurs, Shadows, assistants, policy advisers

EU Member States Perm. Rep., Ministries Presidency

CODECISION & CONSULTATION

European Commission

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Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – part I – point 2.1 – introductory paragraph

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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What are the Limitations of a Policy Program?

- Turn-Over MEPs & Assistants
- MEPs ‘availability can be driven by:
  - Actualities / Agenda
  - Visibility / Opportunism / Reelection
- Political Weight
- Specialists & Content Provider
CAAT Policy Program in a nutshell

• Promote continuous dialogue
• Transatlantic Dimension
• Facilitator
Future of Animal Testing?