

# **D4.3**

# Virtual NRGC workshop no.1 and proceedings









#### Introduction

D4.3. summarizes the results of virtual NRGC workshop no.1 which took place on 8 June 2020 with a group of 26 stakeholders and experts from regulation, industry, NGOs and science.

The workshop participants discussed four ideas regarding possible purposes of the Council, which could act as a platform to

- (a) share information on risks and benefits,
- (b) help stimulate safe and sustainable innovation,
- (c) serve to explore the future of engineered nanomaterials, and
- (d) help monitor, evaluate and communicate matters related to safety and sustainability.



# Summary of the discussion and results

Most participants in the workshop supported the

- idea of establishing the new initiative of NRGC.
- four presented ideas for various purposes of the Council.
- priority to work about the implementation of safety and sustainability in the innovation process.
- suggestions for a Council discussed should be connected to the actual needs so that they fill gaps or remedy and complement rather than compete and duplicate.



### Recommendations for a new NRGC Council

Most participants in the workshop recommended that the new Council should

- be designed in a way to have real impact and deliver useful services.
- be more than being simply a platform for provision and sharing of information.
- deal with advanced materials or converging technologies that include a nano component.
- be an independent body but could be financed under the roof of a larger institution or the EC.
- be representative of multiple stakeholders with competence in the technical, legal and social sciences.



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They recommended that the new Council should

- integrate the sectors of risk governance as well as more forwardlooking aspects of responsible research and innovation.
- have an official EU mandate to provide recommendations to the EC.
- act as an independent bottom-up group.

