



# Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods

## ICATM Activities

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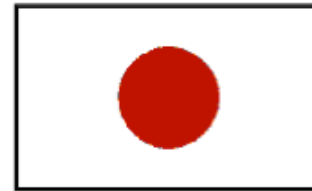
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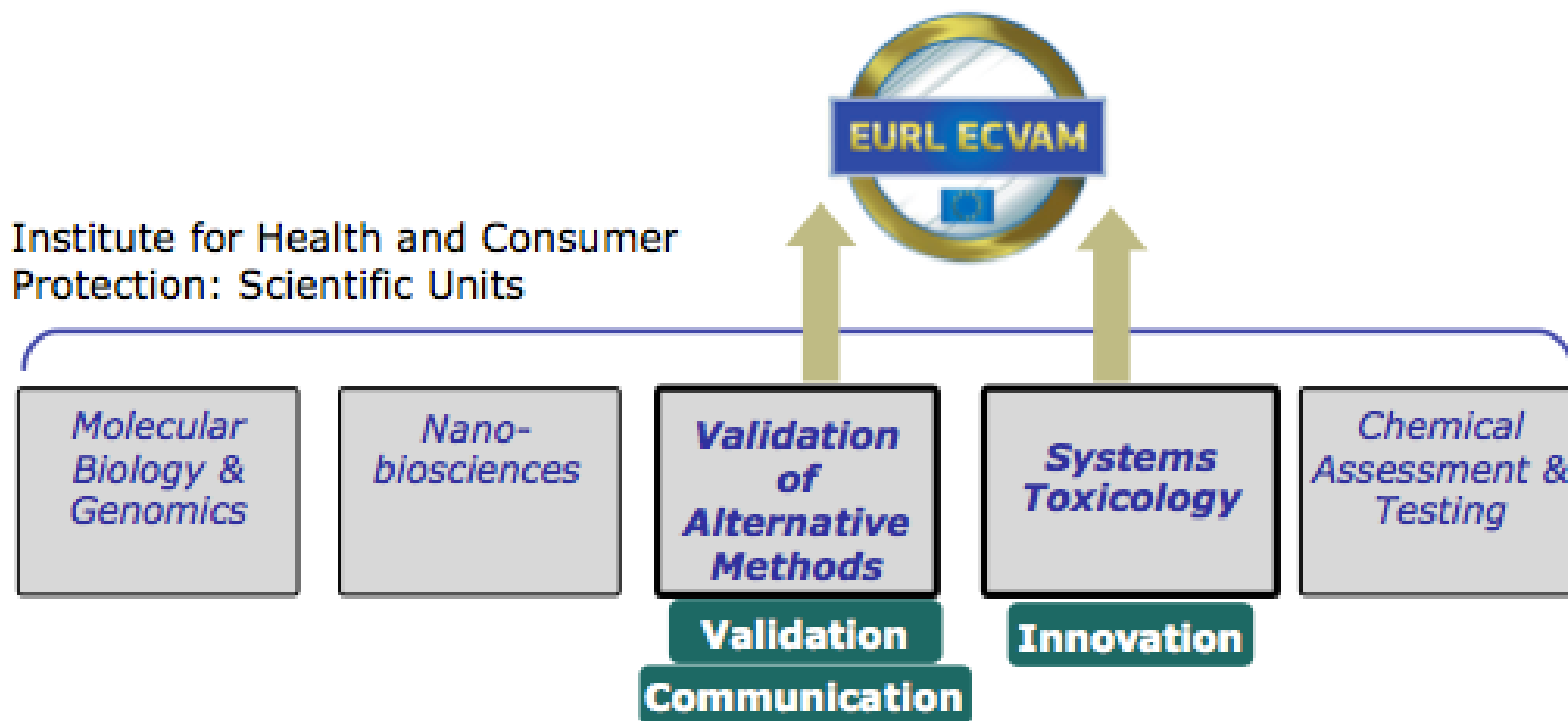
- International Cooperation on Alternative Toxicological Methods
- Original ICATM Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) agreement signed in 2009 by: US (ICCVAM), Europe (ECVAM), Japan (JaCVAM), and Canada (Health Canada).
- Expanded in 2011 to include Korea (KoCVAM)
- Brazil petitioned to join ICATM in 2013



# ICATM Goals

- Promote consistent and enhanced cooperation, collaboration, and communication among national validation organizations
- Incorporate transparency and stakeholder involvement
- Speed international adoption of valid alternative methods

# EURL ECVAM





**NETVAL  
laboratories**

**ICATM  
cooperation**

**Stakeholder  
dialogue**

**EURL ECVAM  
Validation Process**

**Key  
documents**

**ICATM:** Exchange Information on promising submissions. Select mode of collaborative activity.

**Relevance assessment:**

- PARERE: regulatory relevance
- ESTAF: user relevance

**1. Assessment of test method submission**  
Scientific and regulatory aspects.  
Stakeholder relevance (priority setting).

*Test Submission*      *Submission Assessment Report*

**ICATM:** Technical aspects of VS. Propose VMG members. Second liaison members (=observers).

**Public input** on planned Validation Study. Submission of existing information.

**2. Planning and conduct of Validation Study (VS).** → Test method evaluation.

*Validation Project Plan (VPP)*      *Validation Report (VR)*

**ICATM:** Proposal of experts for the ESAC WG supporting the ESAC peer review.

**3. ESAC review** of (1) VS conduct (2) VS conclusions → **ESAC opinion** on test method's validity for purpose.

*ESAC Request*      *ESAC Reports & Opinion*

**ICATM:** Harmonised recommendations of validated test methods (if feasible).

**Comments on draft recommendation:**

- PARERE
- ESTAF

**4. ECVAM Recommendation** on validated test method.  
**4.1.** 'Right to be heard' process.

*Draft ECVAM Recommendation*

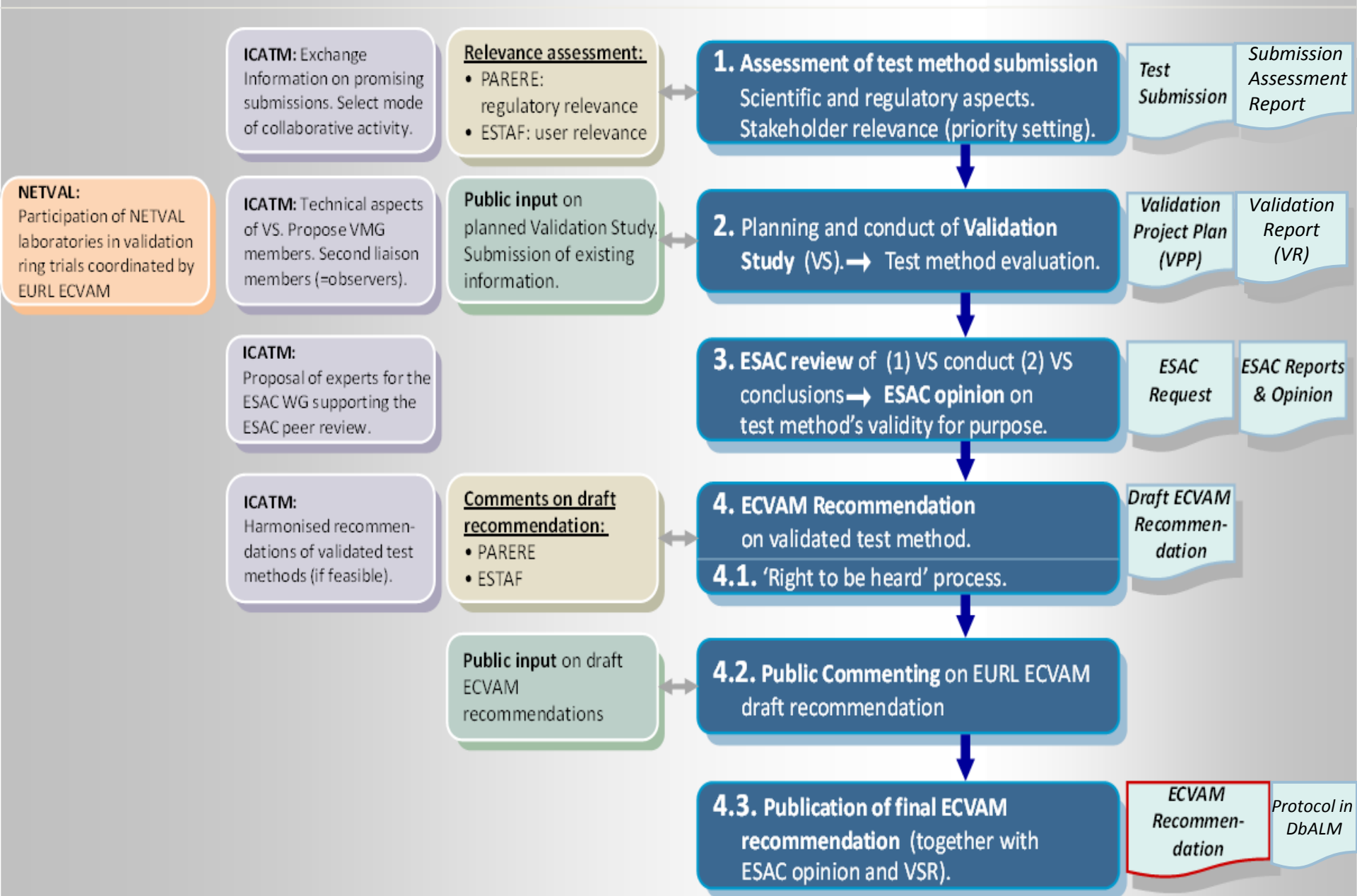
**Public input** on draft ECVAM recommendations

**4.2. Public Commenting** on EURL ECVAM draft recommendation

**4.3. Publication of final ECVAM recommendation** (together with ESAC opinion and VSR).

*ECVAM Recommendation*      *Protocol in DbALM*

**NETVAL:** Participation of NETVAL laboratories in validation ring trials coordinated by EURL ECVAM



# EURL ECVAM Priority Areas

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- Endocrine Disruption
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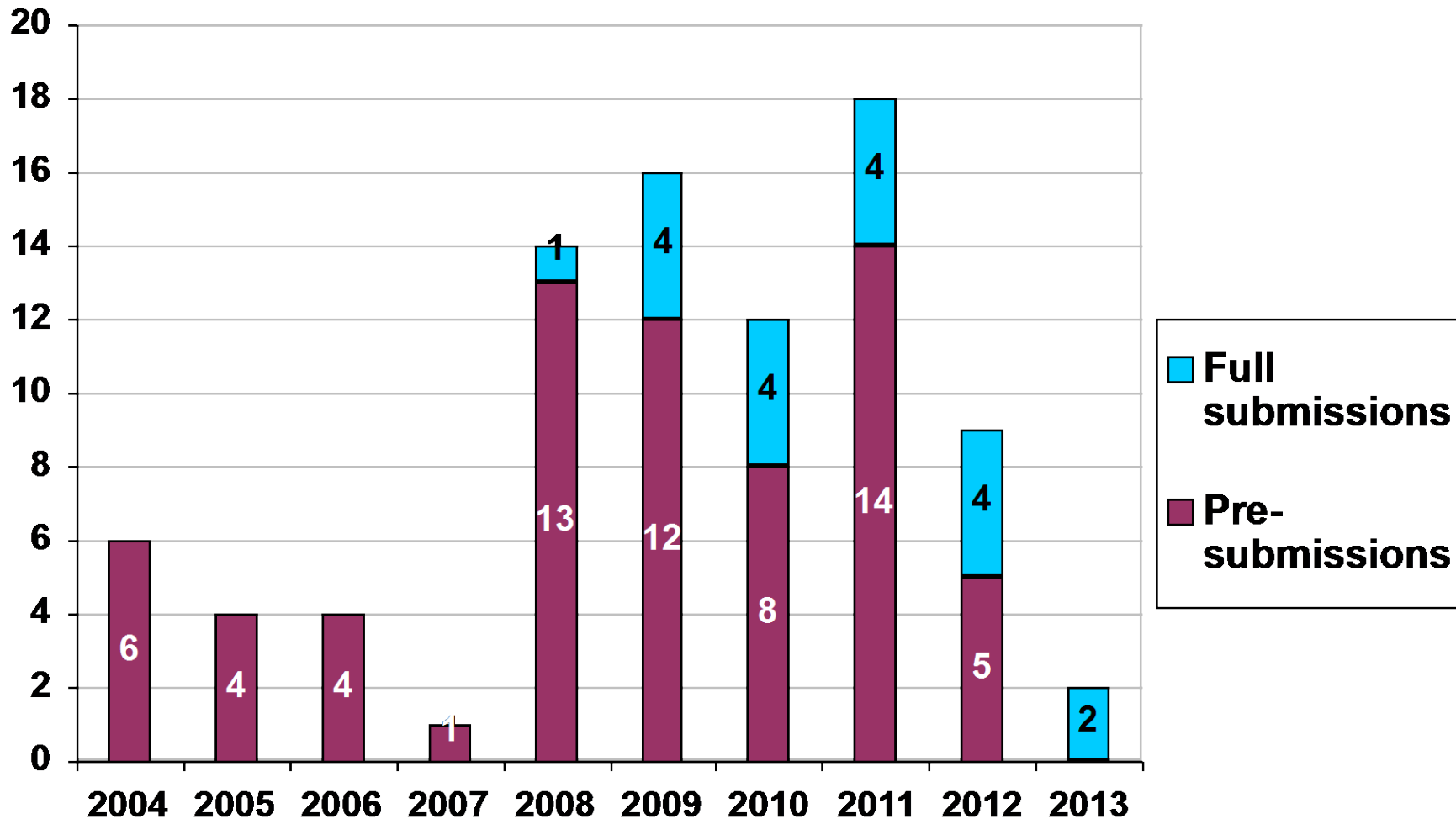
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# EURL ECVAM Recommendations

- **3T3 NRU** for identification of substances not requiring classification for acute oral toxicity published in April 2013
- Draft Recommendations on **DPRA** and **Bhas** sent to ICATM in May 2013
- Draft Recommendations expected by Q3 2013 for **KeratinoSens** (skin sen.) and **ZFET** (acute fish toxicity)

## Test method submissions to EURL ECVAM since 2004



# TSAR Database for Alt Methods

- Tracking **S**ystem for **A**lternative methods towards **R**egulatory acceptance
- Tracking systems of all methods submitted to ECVAM for validation indicating the step within the overall process

## Data Entry Format: Method Summary Description

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Method/assay name</b><br/>One sentence abstract on the scientific principle of the method/assay.</li> <li>• <b>Objectives &amp; application</b><br/><b>Type of testing:</b> screening, adjunct, the three Rs,<br/><b>Level of toxicity assessment:</b> toxic potential, toxic potency, hazard, risk<br/><b>Purpose of testing:</b> classification and labelling, safety, biocompatibility, efficacy testing, worker and patient protection etc.<br/>Free text field with information on: the context in which the method should be used (regulatory or non-regulatory purposes), the categories of test materials to which the method should be applied, reference to the respective <i>in vivo</i> test and testing guideline, its potential use in test batteries or integrated testing strategies.</li> <li>• <b>Basis of the method</b><br/>Reasons for the development of this technique. Short description of the scientific principle, and mechanism of the method.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Experimental description</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Endpoint &amp; Endpoint Detection</b></li> <li>- <b>Endpoint Value</b></li> <li>- <b>Test System</b></li> </ul>           Short summary description of the basic procedure concerning the exposure regime used for the test compounds in the test system, including the use of positive and/or negative controls.</li> <li>• <b>Data analysis &amp; prediction model</b><br/>Mathematical rules for the prediction of <i>in vivo</i> toxicity potential from <i>in vitro</i> test data. Criteria for the ranking, classification and labelling of a test compound.</li> <li>• <b>Modifications of the method</b><br/>Major modifications proposed and/or introduced by the owner or by other laboratories.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion</b><br/>Particular advantages and/or shortcomings.</li> <li>• <b>Status</b><br/>Status of development and validation, according to the ECVAM principles for test development and (pre)validation and its modular approach to validation. Evidence of within-laboratory reproducibilities and between-laboratory transferibilities.</li> </ul> |
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# Seurat-1 Research Initiative

- Towards the replacement of *in vivo* repeat dose systemic toxicity testing
- Joint funding by the European Commission and a specific industrial sector (cosmetics industry / Colipa)

- [SCR&Tox](#), "Stem Cells for Relevant Efficient Extended and Normalized Toxicology"
- [HeMiBio](#), "Hepatic Microfluidic Bioreactor"
- [DETECTIVE](#), "Detection of endpoints and biomarkers of repeated dose toxicity using in vitro systems"
- [COSMOS](#), "Integrated In Silico Models for the Prediction of Human Repeated Dose Toxicity of COSMetics to Optimise Safety"
- [NOTOX](#), "Predicting long-term toxic effects using computer models based on systems characterization of organotypic cultures"
- [ToxBank](#), "Supporting Integrated Data Analysis and Servicing of Alternative Testing Methods in Toxicology"



# KoCVAM

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF  
FOOD AND DRUG SAFETY EVALUATION

- MFDS launched the Korean research initiative on safety assessment of cosmetics (Funding: \$ 3 million)
- Research fields
  - **Eye irritation**, Oral mucosal irritation, Skin sensitization, Photosensitization, *In silico* method, Standardization and validation

# JaCVAM

- Created at National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS) in Japan, 2005, by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
- Upcoming Peer Reviews:
  - ROS assay for phototoxicity testing (Aug 2013)
  - h-CLAT assay for skin sensitization testing (w/ EURL ECVAM)



# Questions?