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SUNSHINE shows great progress on 1st Annual Meeting & Stakeholder Workshop

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On January 31 and February 1 2022, the SUNSHINE project consortium got together online for its first annual meeting to discuss the project's progress and next steps to be taken. SUNSHINE aims to develop an e-infrastructure able to support the application of the Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) concept. This e-infrastructure was the subject of the first of five workshops held during the meeting. In the workshop, the current status was presented and perspectives for future development were developed. Also, the consortium prepared to show the current status of the infrastructure to stakeholders to gather their feedback in a stakeholder workshop. Workshops 2–5 each dealt with case studies being conducted in the project. All of the case studies aim at demonstrating the applicability of the SUNSHINE e-infrastructure under realistic conditions.

The workshop prepared at the annual meeting was then held on Monday, February 21 ([agenda](#)). Experts from the SUNSHINE project came together to discuss with a targeted, invited group of stakeholders, which included industry, policy makers and academia. The core questions were how an e-infrastructure for safe and sustainable by design nanoforms could look and which features it should provide.

The goal of this first SUNSHINE stakeholder workshop was to present an early stage of the SIA E-infrastructure and to align its functionalities with the needs of all relevant stakeholders, in order to ensure both its long-term sustainability and its applicability for the Safe-and-Sustainable-by-Design approach. All of the participants thought the proposed assessment structure of the e-infrastructure was fitting the intended use and there was lively engagement in the discussions. "We are pleased that the stakeholders agreed with our overall idea, so we can now directly advance with the further development of the prototype of the SUNSHINE e- infrastructure", summarises the project leader [Dr. Danail Hristozov](#).

As it was too early in the design phase to present a functional prototype of the infrastructure, a future workshop in 2022 will focus on presenting a working prototype with example cases of its possible use. This workshop was mostly attended by representatives from regulation and policy makers, while our next workshop will specifically target industry to demonstrate the functional prototype.

Public report of the results:

[Summary 1st SUNSHINE Workshop on SIA e-infrastructure_Public.pdf](#)

About the project

SUNSHINE is an industry-oriented project, where leading research and technology organisations cooperate with SMEs and large industries to develop and implement simple, robust, and cost-effective Safe-and-Sustainable-by-Design (SSbD) strategies for materials and products incorporating advanced multi-component nanomaterials. To this end, the project will establish a user-friendly e-infrastructure to foster dialogue, collaboration, and information exchange between actors along entire product supply chains.

Project Facts

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