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SATELLITE WORKSHOP

Presentations and Discussions on the Outcome of Working Groups Addressing:
“Best Practices for Bioassay Testing of Food and other Complex Mixtures”

Hosted by the Austrian Research and Testing Institute (OFI)

Date and Time: Friday, January 23, 2026, at 9:00 – 15:00

Where: Franz-Grill-Straße 5, Objekt 213, 1030 Wien, Austria

This workshop is organized in conjunction with the international symposium on [Advances in Safety Assessment of Packaging Materials on 22 January 2026 - Hochschule Campus Wien](#)

Workshop Program

9:00 – 9:05	Welcome & Introduction (AOAC)
9:05 – 9:20	Updates from AOAC Europe Section Working Groups on “Best Practices for Bioassay Testing of Food and other Complex Mixtures.”
9:20 – 9:40	Keynote Lecture 1 Beate Escher (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research; Leipzig, Germany): PANORAMIX Project Key Learnings - “Bridging Environment to Exposome: In Vitro Evidence for Chemical Mixture Propagation to Humans.”
10:00 – 10:40	Keynote Lecture 2 Andrea Haase (German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment; Berlin, Germany) – “Qualification as a Tool to Speed up the Regulatory Implementation of NAMs- Insights from EFSA NAMs4NANO Project.”
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:30	Keynote Lecture 3 Amira Fernández Ramos (AIMPLAS, Technological Center of Plastics; Valencia, Spain) – “Harmonised NAMs for Risk Assessment in complex mixtures: Innovation and Communication as a key tool in Safety Evaluation.”
11:30 – 12:00	Working Group Presentations: Key Take Home Messages from AOAC Review
12:00 – 12:50	Round Table I / (during working lunch) Identification of Key Inputs for the Qualification Guidelines for Mixtures
12:50 – 13:20	Break & Networking / Summary Preparation
13:20 – 14:00	Summary Presentation of Round Table I
14:00 – 14:45	Round Table II Roadmap for Development of Best Practices for Bioassays in Mixtures – Panel Discussion Moderated by Katerina Mastovska (AOAC INTERNATIONAL; Rockville, MD, USA)
14:45 – 15:00	Closing Remarks and Next Steps (AOAC Europe Section Bioassays Project Steering Committee: Maricel Marin-Kuan, Thomas Gude, and Katerina Mastovska)

Registration Link: <https://www.hcw.ac.at/ueber-uns/events/advances-in-safety-assessment-of-packaging-materials-on-22-january-2026>

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