

Memorandum of Understanding

Between
The European Society for Toxicology In Vitro (ESTIV)
and
The Asian Federation of Societies for Alternatives to Animal Experiments (AFSAAE)

Preamble

Recognising the shared commitment of both the **European Society for Toxicology In Vitro (ESTIV)** and the **Asian Federation of Societies for Alternatives to Animal Experiments (AFSAAE)** to the advancement of alternative approaches to animal experimentation, acknowledging the global need for scientific collaboration, capacity building, and regulatory engagement in the field of in vitro and in silico methods, and aspiring to strengthen ties between Europe and Asia for the benefit of science and society,

the Parties hereby agree to establish this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide a framework for mutual cooperation.

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to foster scientific collaboration, information exchange, and joint initiatives between ESTIV and AFSAAE to promote the development, validation, and implementation of **New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)** and other alternatives to animal testing.

Article 2 – Areas of Collaboration

The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

1. **Scientific Exchange** – Sharing expertise, research results, and best practices.
2. **Joint Scientific Events** – Co-organising symposia, workshops, webinars, training courses, and conference sessions.
3. **Mutual Promotion** – Supporting the visibility of each other's events and publications through communication channels.
4. **Networking and Capacity Building** – Encouraging member participation in each other's events and supporting skills transfer and training.

5. **Strategic Dialogue** – Collaborating on policy and regulatory matters relevant to alternatives to animal testing.

Article 3 – Implementation

- Each Party shall appoint a liaison officer to coordinate the implementation of this MoU.
- Specific activities shall be planned jointly and agreed upon in writing before execution.
- This MoU does not create legal obligations or financial commitments for either Party.

Article 4 – Duration, Review, and Termination

- This MoU shall enter into force upon the date of the last signature and shall remain valid for five (5) years.
- It may be renewed or amended by mutual written agreement.
- Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing three (3) months' written notice.

Signed in Maastricht, on July 1, 2026

For the European Society for Toxicology In Vitro (ESTIV)

Helena Kandarova
ESTIV President

Signature:



For the Asian Federation of Societies for Alternatives to Animal Experiments (AFSAAE)

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