

criteria for human exposure, hazard, risk assessment models

The EU H2020 caLIBRAte project aims to design, calibrate and implement a next generation systems-of-systems (SoS) risk governance framework for manufactured nanomaterials (NM), suited for the “Cooper Stage-Gate®” product innovation model. In order to optimally design this SoS along the innovation chain.

Deliverable 2.1 is concerned with the **identification of requirements and objective performance criteria**, specifically for human risk assessment, to accommodate different stage gates, exposure scenarios and stakeholder needs, and D3.1 lists the **criteria for environmental risk assessment (ERA) models/tools** along the product innovation stage-gates for NMs and NM-enabled products

the “Cooper Stage-Gate®” product innovation model

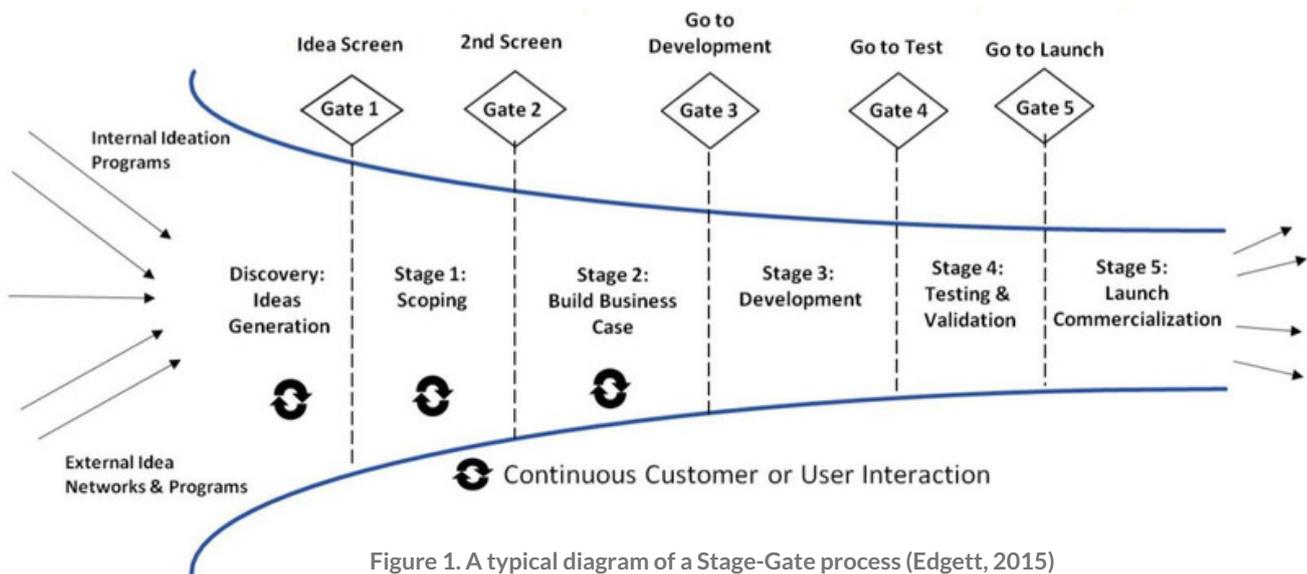


Figure 1. A typical diagram of a Stage-Gate process (Edgett, 2015)

identifying criteria

Criteria were listed and set out against the innovation stages in a criteria-innovation stage matrix. Stakeholders from regulatory bodies, NGOs, industry associations, large industries, SMEs and insurance were then approached and asked to fill in this matrix.

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important findings

Stakeholder feedback on the criteria-innovation stage matrix allows outlining the following conclusions and requirements for the development of a caLIBRAte SoS:

- It matters **under which regulation a material or product will fall**, this should therefore be built into the SoS;
- SMEs will benefit most from a **simple to use SoS**, that has all the risk assessment expertise hidden inside the system, as they lack this expertise.
- It is most important that the SoS can be run as a **stand-alone model** (i.e. be able to run on a computer within the company network so that no confidential data leave the protected network), to warrant data security and confidentiality, although some stakeholders have indicated to desire a web-based system.
- A **good indication of high risk materials** in stage 1 and 2 (red flag) is required and a clear (more quantitative and regulatory accepted) **indication of risks** within a specific regulatory framework in the later stages.
- **Foreseeable changes in fate and ecotoxicity testing and related regulatory frameworks** must be included/considered by the SoS, e.g. with regards to units, or inclusion of spatial and temporal dynamics in NM behavior
- As testing material is generally only available from stage 3 (R&D) onwards, **earlier stages can only include QSARs and grouping approaches to obtain a hazard indication**.
- The **most important populations** are indicated to be **workers** and then **consumers**, with **inhalation** expected to be the most important exposure route. These deserve priority, therefore, in the setup of the SoS.
- All stakeholders, who considered all of the stages in their feedback, agree that **the hazard and exposure outcomes, and exposure outcomes per route, should be given**.
- Stakeholders do want to know **which information was used to get to the risk estimate and what approach that has been taken in case there were multiple data for one input parameter**. They do not think a worst case risk estimate is useful, except whenever a potential occupational health risk is foreseen for their own employees that are involved in the R&D process.

This fact sheet is based on caLIBRAte Deliverable 2.1, Identification of the output demands and input criteria for human exposure, hazard, risk assessment models at the different Cooper innovation stage-gates, considering stakeholder requirements and Deliverable 3.1 List with criteria for environmental risk assessment models at different stage-gates considering requirements of various stakeholders

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