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## Mixture risk assessment from science to policy

### BfR Symposium One Substance one Approach, the next 20 years

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# Content

- › European cooperation is essential for implementing mixture risk assessment in to policy (EU funded projects, EFSA-RIVM Partnership)
- › Chemical Strategy for Sustainability and EFSA Roadmap RACEMiC (Risk Assessment Combined Exposure to Multiple Chemicals)
- › Partnership PARC and the use of Human Biomonitoring Data covering all routes of exposure



# European Regulation (EC) 396/2005

## Article 14 (Decision on applications concerning MRLs):

"...account shall be taken of:

- a) the scientific knowledge available
- b) the possible presence of pesticide residues arising from other sources than current plant protection uses of active substances, **and their known cumulative and synergistic effects, when the methods to assess such effects are available...**"



## Why mixture risk assessment in 2001?



- Consumer concern
- European Parliament
- Regulation 396/2005, art 14
- EFSA in charge to propose the methodology
- EU funded project funded by the European Commission in 2010 (tools, methods and training)



# Dutch Government RIVM and EFSA Framework Partnership I, II and III

- First partnership 2015-2019 (as follow-up of the ACROPOLIS project) aiming to help EFSA with the pilot projects on cumulative risk assessment
- Second partnership 2019-2021 aiming to implement pilot projects in regulatory process
- Third partnership 2022-2025 open MCRA, make models available for European regulatory process and FAIR models



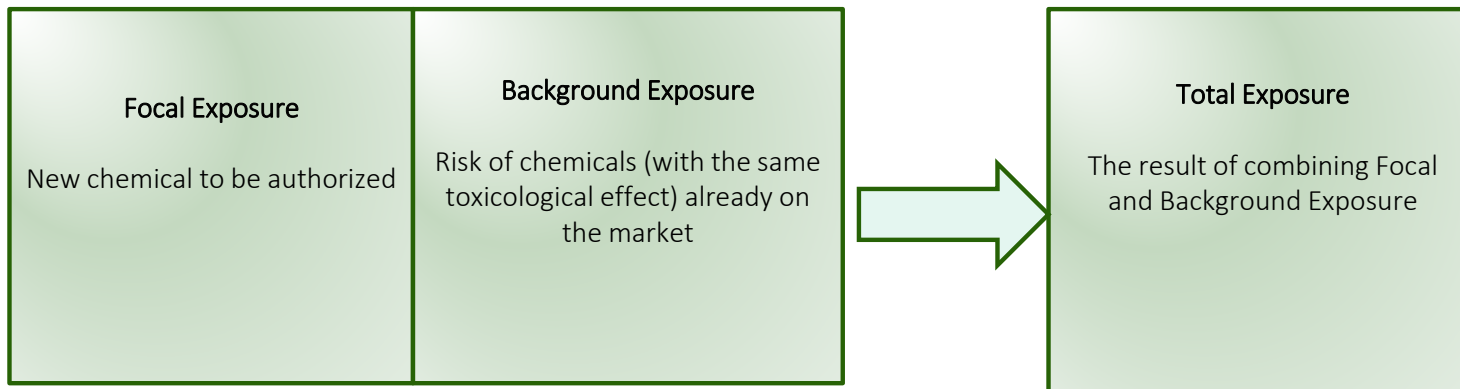
# Protection goals set by the European Commission

- Threshold of regulatory consideration
- Margin of Exposure Total (MOET) at P99.9 > 100
- DG SANTE Sco PAFF agreed on settings to perform exposure assessment [here](#)





# EFSA – RIVM FPA II how to assess the cumulative risk of a new pesticides to be authorised (prospective CRA)



**RIVM report Proposed prospective scenarios for cumulative risk assessment pesticides** Click [here](#)



## EFSA-RIVM Partnership III tools (models)



### EFSA-RIVM Partnership III (2022-2025)

- We- based MCRA software: [mcr.rivm.nl](https://mcr.rivm.nl)
- Standard regulatory user interfaces for regulators
- Co-creation new models (e.g. aggregated exposure)
- Data connectivity (e.g. data from all EU Member States)
- Capacity building & training





# Cooperation in EuroMix and beyond



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Recommendations for international harmonisation, implementation and further development of suitable scientific approaches regarding the assessment of mixture effects

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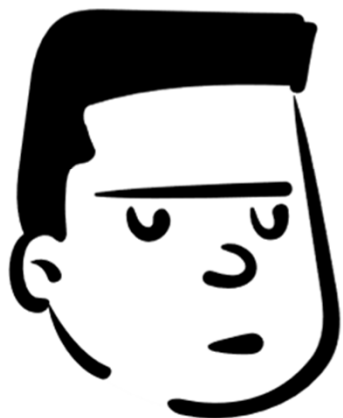
## What's next?

**New CAGs for 8-15 organ functions**

**Chemical Strategy for Sustainability, EFSA Roadmap RACEMiC**

- **Mixture Assessment Factor in REACH**
- **overarching regulatory silos,**
- **use human biomonitoring data**

**Partnership PARC**





# EFSA's 20 years anniversary (One Conference)



Published on the [conference website](#).

- Regulatory needs from scientific perspective
- Regulatory needs to implement MAF
- Experiences from US-EPA
- How to use Human Biomonitoring Data
- Scientific and data driven methods
- Need to act now to protect humans and the environment



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# EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability



*Legal provisions to take account of unintentional mixtures are needed in the relevant legislation, such as REACH, cosmetics, toys, food contact materials, food additives*

- *Introducing mixture assessment factor(s) for the chemical safety assessment of substances under REACH*
- *Further development of more specific and targeted methodologies for specific policy areas*





# Targeted and science based methods

*Regulatory risk assessment of chemical in food and the need for targeted methodologies in specific policy areas*

**EFSA – ONE CONFERENCE 2022**

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# Development of a roadmap for action on: Risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals



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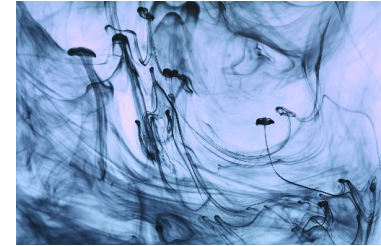
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## Overview of the RACEMiC project

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# Why the need for a roadmap on mixture risk assessment?



Current risk assessment practices mainly rely on the assessment of chemicals within separate legislative frameworks.

## EU legislation on pesticides

EC No. 396/2005  
and 1107/2009



## EU legislation on contaminants

EEC No. 315/93



## EU legislation on food additives

EC No. 1331/2008



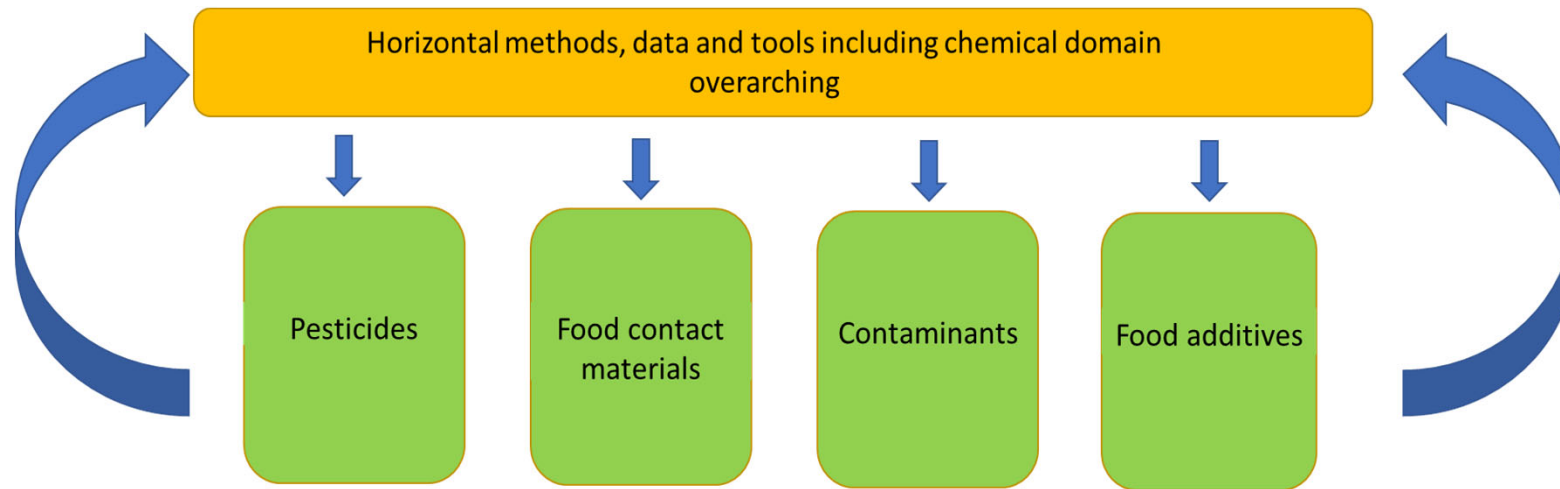
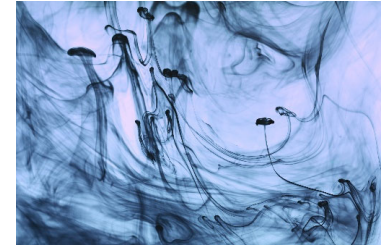
## EU legislation on food contact materials

EC No. 1935/2004



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# Methodology to develop the roadmap



## Overview of working areas





## PARC WP6 innovation in regulatory risk assessment (RIVM-KEMI leadership)

**Task 6.1:** To establish **quantitative AOP networks** and assess their **human relevance** using a **pragmatic workflow**. This output is then used for the development of **IATAs for selected health effects**

Joint annual WP6 workshop  
with stakeholders to collect  
feedback & input



WP5-WP6 interaction

Task 6.2: To perform integrative exposure assessments  
PARC Project Aggregated Exposure  
PARC Project Kinetics through life  
PARC Project Real-life mixtures

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WP5

# PARC project real-life mixture using HBM data from Member States

1

Selection HBM dataset, populations and chemical groups from HBM data inventory (done)

2

Integration in MCRA of statistical analysis and format HBM data for uploading (training 7-11 November)

3

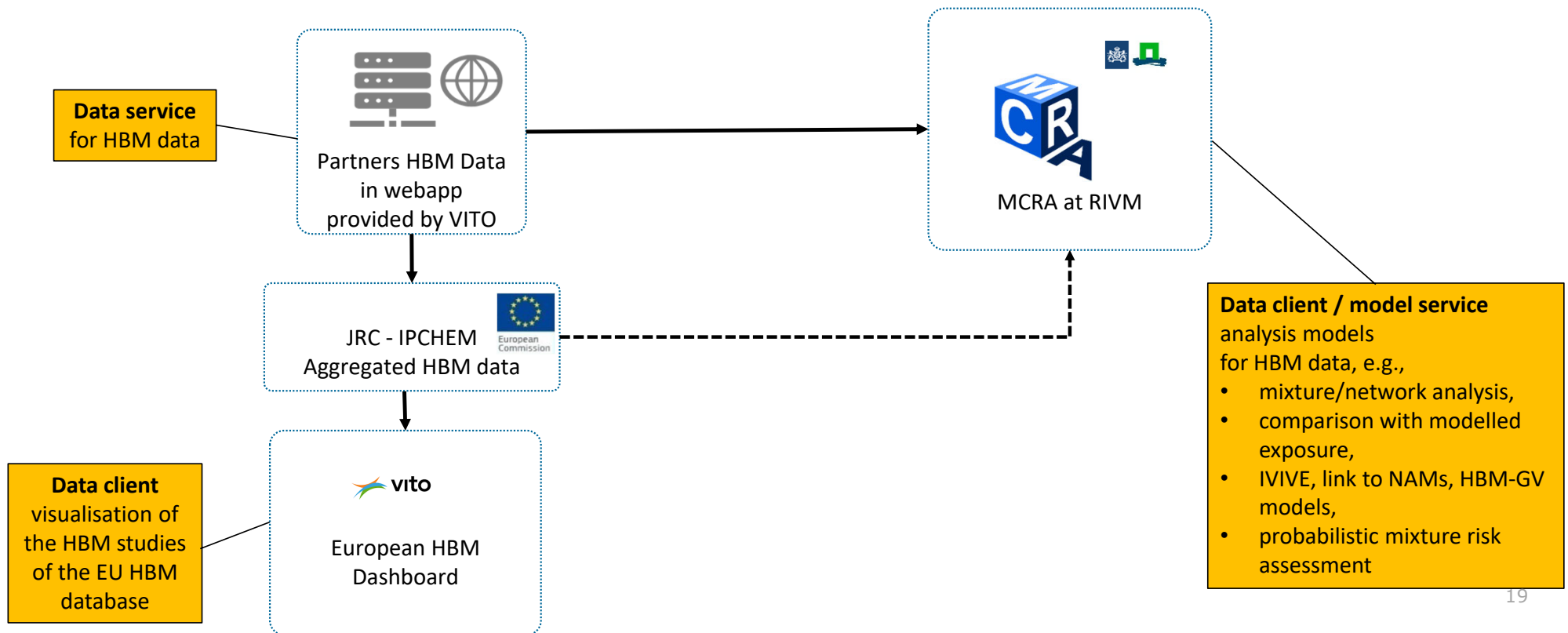
Application of statistical analysis by each partner using MCRA software

4

Send results to ANSES and RIVM for combination and integration in a joint scientific paper



# PARC cooperation on mixture risk assessment using HBM data and MCRA





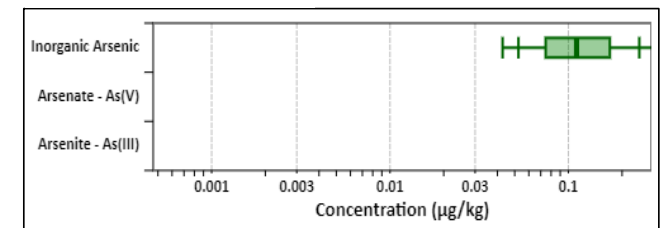
# PARC cooperation on kinetic models for MRA

Short term (for application in PARC project real-life mixtures):

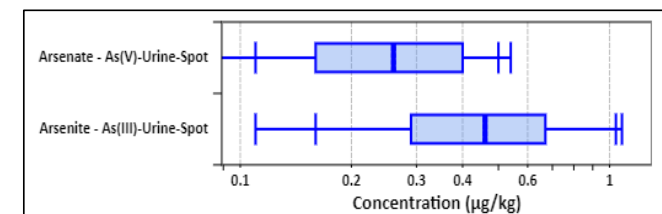
- > MCRA contains kinetic models from EuroMix project and Dutch projects
- > 10 cooperation partners on kinetic modelling of the PARC prioritised chemicals

Potential link to kinetic models in WP5

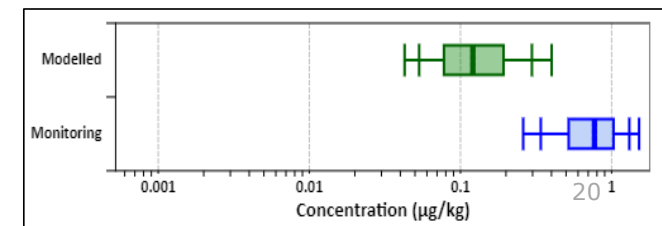
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Monitoring



Modelled vs monitoring





# What if you're twenty years older

- International cooperation on mixture risk assessment is a critical success factor for implementing MRA





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