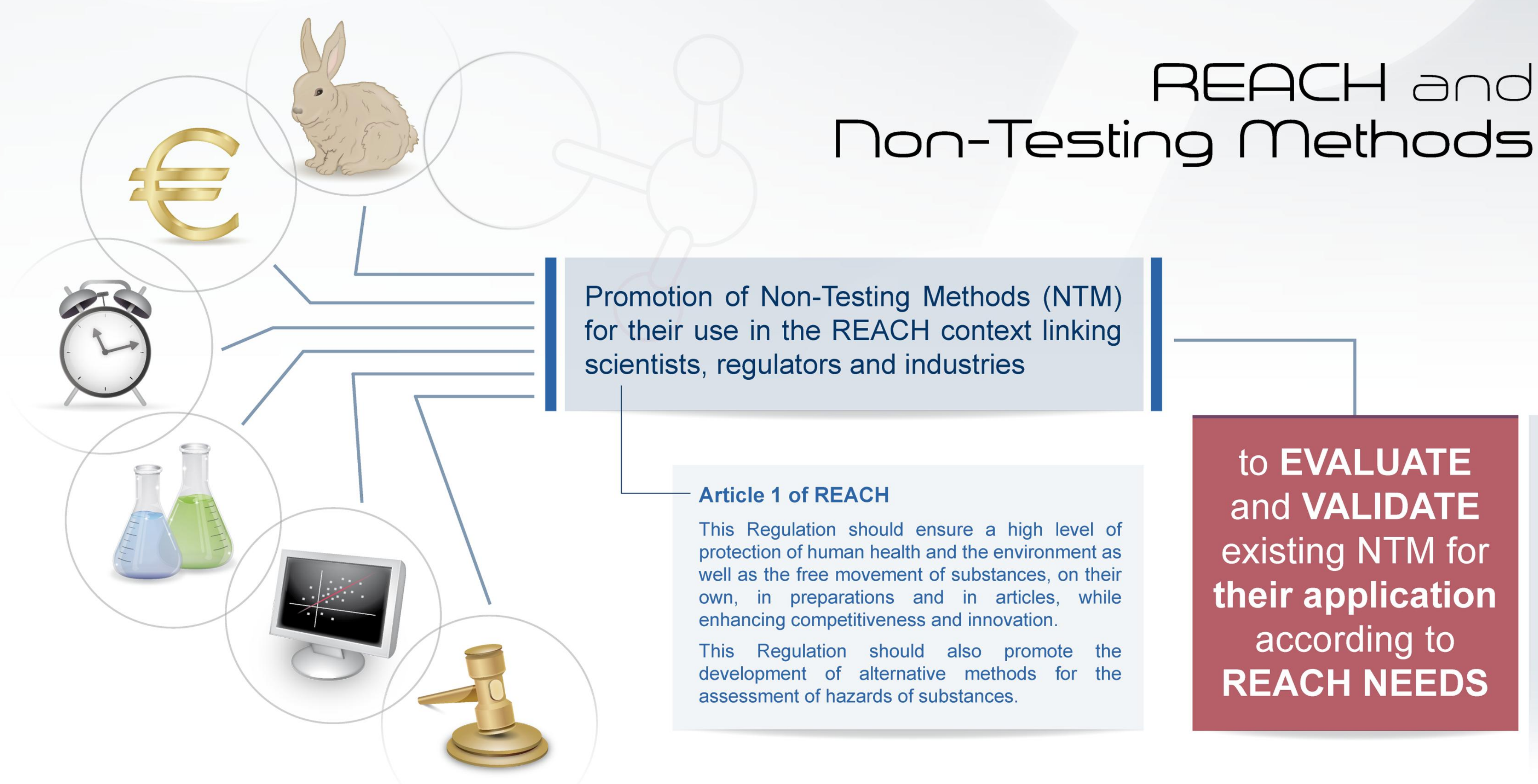


## LIFE promoting the USE of NON-TESTING METHODS

QSAR MODELS and READ-ACROSS

### AIM and OBJECTIVES



The **REACH** (*Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical substances* - Regulation EC 1907/2006) legislation promotes the use of **NON-TESTING METHODS (NTM)**.

NTM are all the approaches used to predict the effects of chemical compounds *WITHOUT THE USE OF THE REAL CHEMICAL COMPOUND*, but on the basis of the **CHEMICAL STRUCTURE ONLY** and comprise a series of different tools whose commonality lies in the identification of a relation between chemical structure and exhibited activity or toxicity, such as **Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship (QSAR)** models and Read-across.

Before making an animal experiment, the industry should verify **IF ALTERNATIVE METHODS EXIST**. However, so far there is a **DEEP GAP OF KNOWLEDGE ON WHICH METHODS ARE AVAILABLE AND CAN BE USED IN PRACTICE**.

The LIFE project **ANTARES** aims to reduce this gap assessing NTM as an alternative approach for REACH.

### MAIN PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Survey of current methods for the compliance to the REACH legislation.

Identification of the criteria for the **Non-Testing Methods** for the REACH legislation.

Identification of suitable experimental databases/data sets for the ecotoxicological, toxicological and environmental endpoints for REACH.

List of (Q)SAR models for the ecotoxicological, toxicological and environmental endpoints for REACH, and their review.

Validation of Non-Testing Methods (including read-across).

Identification of boundaries for best use of models (applicability domain) and of the assessment factors.

Architecture for integration of different Non-Testing Methods for best performances and coverage of applicability.

Communication and dissemination initiatives.

### The LIFE Programme

LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU. Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed 3115 projects, contributing approximately €2 billion to the protection of the environment.

**LIFE+ ENVIRONMENT POLICY AND GOVERNANCE** supports technological projects that offer significant environmental benefits, for example process or efficiency improvements. This part of LIFE+ also helps projects that improve the implementation of EU environmental legislation, that build the environmental policy knowledge base, and that develop environmental information sources through monitoring (including forest monitoring).

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