

ELECTRONIC SUPPORT MATERIAL 4

Semi-structured interview

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From Risk Perception to Risk Governance in Nanotechnology: A Multi-Stakeholder Study

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CaLIBRAte - Semi-structured interview guide – main topics and questions

Five main topics and examples of questions regarding nanomaterials and nano-related products (NM) in academia and industry.

1. Risk comprehension:

- How do you understand the term risk? Risk assessment? Risk management?
- What is your understanding of the terms nano? Nanotechnology? NM?
- What applications/implications do you see with NM?
- Provide examples

2. Information gathering

- How do you/where do you gather information about NM?
- What type of information are you looking for?
- Provide examples

3. Actions

- How do you take action in regards to dealing with NM?
- How do you formally deal with NM? E.g. risk management systems, decision support tools
- How do you informally deal with NM?
- Provide examples

4. Communication

- How do you communicate to employees/students about NM?
- How do you communicate to service and cleaning personnel about NM?
- Provide examples

5. Compliance

- How do you apply the hierarchy of controls to NM? (national legislation; precautionary principle)
- How do you apply company/institute guidelines and regulations?
- Provide examples