

Programme

8.30 **Registration**

9.15 – 10.30 **Panel 1 - Dealing with uncertainty in scientific risk assessment**
The moderator will briefly present the challenges that risk assessors regularly face when dealing with uncertainty and illustrate the main steps of the uncertainty analysis as part of the risk assessment process. The panelists' discussion will focus on how uncertainty can influence the conclusions of the risk assessment and the most effective practices to minimising its overall impact on the entire risk analysis process. The final segment of the panel is dedicated to Q&A from the audience.

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 – 12.30 **Panel 2 – Benefits and risks of communicating uncertainty: impact on policy decision**
Remarks: The moderator will explain how scientific uncertainty impacts the decision of the risk managers in the EU and whether the way of characterising uncertainty (quantification vs qualification) has a role in facilitating the policy decision process. The panel discussion will be particularly focused on the implications of communicating uncertainty in terms of consumer confidence and the institutional reputation, pointing out the unintended consequences that miscommunication might have on the overall risk analysis process. The final segment is dedicated to Q&A from the audience.

12.30 – 13.00 **Roundtable closes - Concluding Remarks, DG SANTE (TBC)**

13.00 – 14.00 **Networking Lunch**