

## CAAT-Europe: advantages for sponsors and contributors

### See and be seen

1. **Board members<sup>a</sup>**: take part at board meetings to guide CAAT-Europe strategy: join about 30 experts<sup>b</sup> from industry, academia and NGOs, on both sides of the Atlantic; benefit from CAAT infodays, workshops (timely information, free participation) and CAAT newsletters.
2. Tap into **CAAT's key player network<sup>a</sup>**: major industry sectors, links and advisory roles for ECHA, EFSA, EURL-ECVAM, US-EPA, US-FDA, JACVAM, ICCVAM and many others
3. **Honest broker**: in maintaining an academic neutral position, and by leveraging its reputation in the fields of NAM and the 3Rs, CAAT provides platforms for multiple stakeholders to meet and exchange arguments and information
4. Get **visibility**: on CAAT website and events

### Build and shape

5. **Research/project partner**: joint applications and strategies for collaborative research projects.
6. **Ethical lobbying**: support CAAT's mission as neutral, unbiased information provider on new technologies to promote the 3Rs and a better toxicology. CAAT-EU is an official external expertise service provider in the areas of science and technology options assessment for the European Parliament (STOA).
7. **Assay valorization and evaluation**: benefit from CAAT's experience in ring trials and validation procedures (co-director Thomas Hartung was former head of ECVAM), and contribute to new strategies of assay evaluation, such as mechanistic validation and fit-for-purpose readiness scoring.

### Learn and disseminate

8. **Knowledge consolidation<sup>a</sup>**: CAAT is a major organizer of work-shops, sessions at international meetings, European Parliament technical meetings and conference satellite events on hot topics suggested by its stakeholders.
9. **Training**: CAAT sponsors have privileged access to workshops organized by AltertoX (3Rs hands-on training) as participants or faculty
10. **Lighthouse function<sup>a</sup>**: as key opinion leader in the field, CAAT involves its stakeholders in scientific reviews and their publication in high-ranked peer-reviewed journals<sup>c</sup> or as short messages to the 8000 recipients of its Newsletter (CAATwalk).

- a. More detailed information in the attached appendix
- b. <http://caat.jhsph.edu/about/advisoryboard.html>
- c. More than 70 publications and more than 400 individual co-authors.

#### Abbreviations:

CAAT	Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing	US-FDA	Food and Drug Administration
ECHA	European Chemicals Agency	JACVAM	Japanese Center for the Validation of Alternative Methods
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority	ICCVAM	Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods
EURL-ECVAM	European Union Reference Laboratory for alternatives to animal testing	NAM	New Approach Methodologies
US-EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	3Rs	Replacement, Reduction and Refinement