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The challenge of coupling the Safe by Design principle to the regulatory process of new NMBP Technologies

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### **Nanotechnologies**

Safe by design, perception and acceptance: finding an efficient pathway for innovation?

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# INERIS: French National Institute for Industrial & Environmental Risk Assessment Involved in the scientific assessment.

- State own private company having >50 years of experience on risk assessment and safety enhancement
- A staff of 600, including 350 engineers / 80 M€/y
- Full scale facilities (mesocom, animal facilities, battery field test, nano-safety platform, 1000 m<sup>3</sup> chamber)
- Headquarters extend to 50 ha
- 25 000 m<sup>2</sup> of laboratories
- More than 1 000 customers (worldwide)
- Always ~50 PhD students & 20 Post-doc fellowships

A synergy between services for private customers, research activities and technical support for the government, a key player in uncertain regulation where anticipation is a lever







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## Nanotechnologies: before accepting ...is it safe and sustainable?



Phys-Chem characterization (size, shape, chemistry...)

**Hazard** (flammability, explosion, dustiness, (eco)toxicology,...)

**Exposure characterization** (workplace, environment...)

Safety characterization (product, production)

Life cycle of products (using, aging & durability)

End of Life of products (disposal, incineration, recycling)

Socio-Economic analyses (cost-benefit analyses);

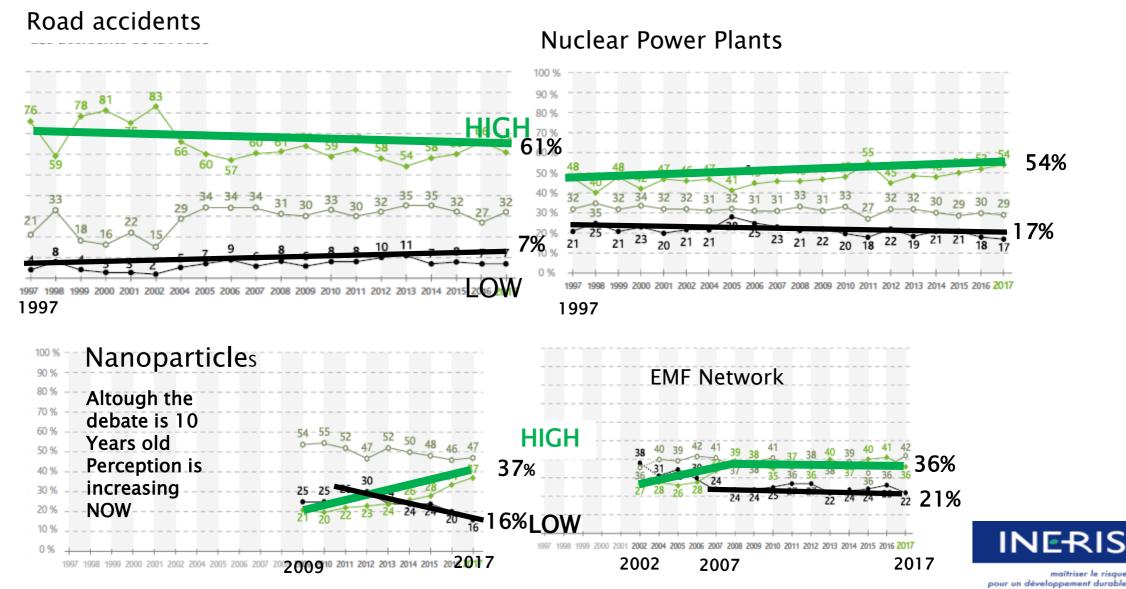
Impact on market (product, production,

**Regulatory & Societal appropriation** 

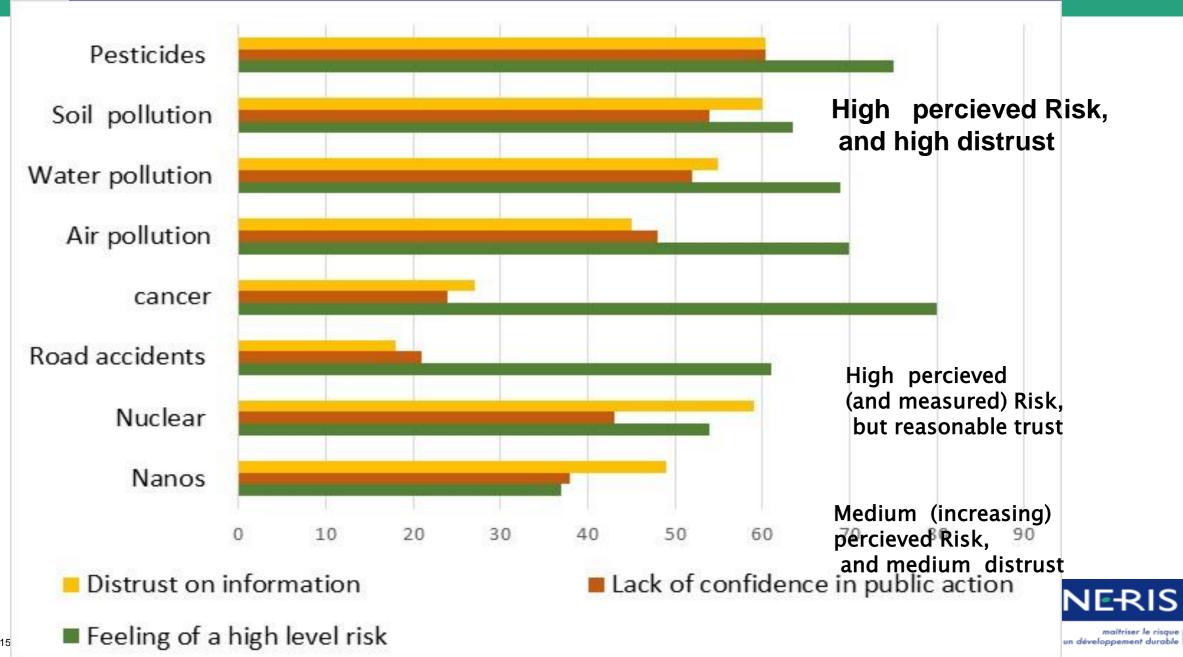


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## Three approaches for risk perception: High/low, I trust what I am told, I think « they » are efficient



### Nanotechnologies: are partners believables? Credited of Efficiency?



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-> techniques, expertise, standards.

A level of risk not (yet) perceived as so high.

The issue is on trust; not the worse situation (cf pollution), but not the best one.

It is time to build on trust.

External and shared "recognition" on assays and procedures.

Involvment of third parties and NGOs in the recognition process.

Including "soft" processes such as Socio-Economic analyses and societal impact analysis

