



Newsletter #3 - August 2020

Welcome
We are delighted to present the third issue of the eTRANSAFE newsletter!
The eTRANSAFE project will improve the efficiency of translational safety assessment

Editorial



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Dear friends and colleagues.

After nearly three years of intense work, the eTRANSAFE ship is advancing towards its last 24 months at sea. The project has faced and successfully overcome several challenges in this period, to which we can add the recent corona virus pandemic that has shook our lives in these past few months.

During this time, the eTRANSAFE consortium has reached its equator at the end of February, which was marked by a successful completion of the Mid-term Review held in Brussels in early March.

Two Consortium Meetings have also taken place this year. The 8th CM, centred on the preparation of the Mid-Term review, was organized in Barcelona in late February, gathering the whole consortium to our last face-to-face assembly for the time being.

While the 9th CM was held in an entirely virtual format in early June, we were successful in analysing the major technical hurdles which might impede integration activities and in devising plans how to overcome them in the next couple of months.

As of summer 2020, roughly two years remain until the project end. The next key step will be the deployment and the testing phase of the first system prototype, which will get us closer to our final objective of supporting and improving drug discovery and development.

We wish you all a great end of summer and beginning of autumn and that you stay connected to the eTRANSAFE news.

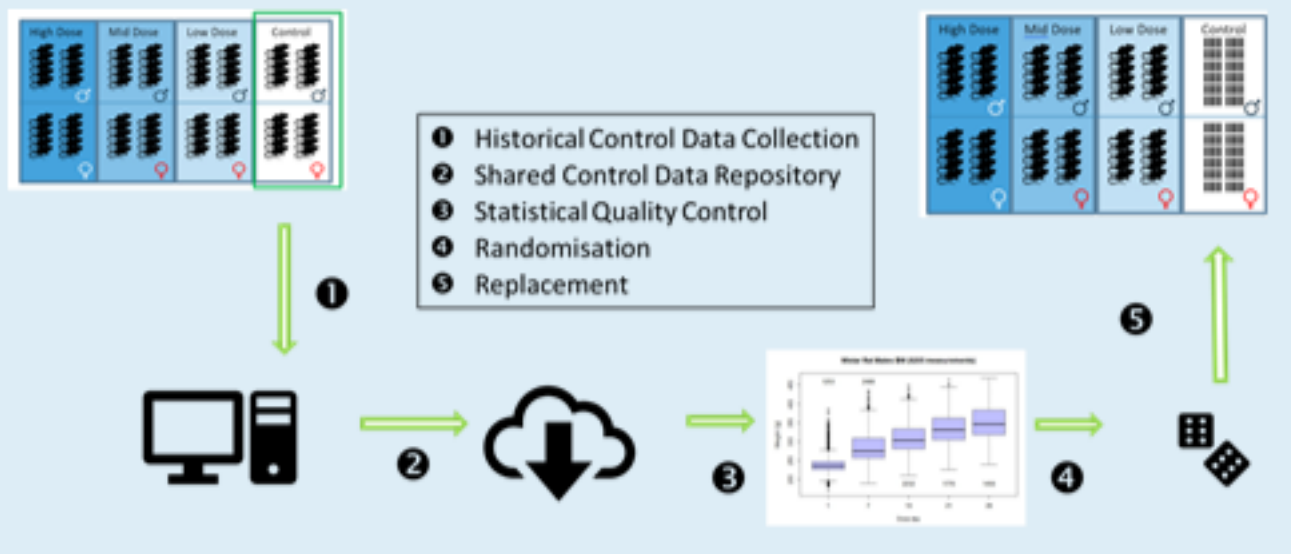
Latest News



eTRANSAFE innovations included in the European Commission's Innovation Radar platform

The Innovation Radar, a European Commission initiative to identify high potential innovations and innovators in EU-funded research and innovation framework programmes, has selected three innovations of the eTRANSAFE project to be included on the Innovation Radar platform.

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Virtual Control Groups - An exciting approach to reduce animal use in toxicity studies through data sharing

Another project innovation is being carried out in the field of reducing the use of laboratory animals in research. Through the Virtual Control Group concept, eTRANSAFE is contributing to reinforce the three Rs policy to replace, reduce and refine the use of animals in research.

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Webinars on Model Validation and data FAIRification organized by eTRANSAFE members

The project members have been active organizing instructive webinars in the first half of 2020.

A Model Validation Webinar was held on May 26th to present and assess the proposed model validation guidelines for eTRANSAFE models. Topics discussed included the concept of model validation, model verification process in eTRANSAFE, as well as key roles and important documentation in a validation process and examples of such processes.

The FAIRplus eTOX FAIRification Experience Webinar was co-hosted by eTRANSAFE and the FAIRplus project on June 15th. The aim of the webinar was to present the learnings accumulated by FAIRplus in the FAIRification process performed on the public sample dataset of the eTOX project.

See other eTRANSAFE events

Meet the Team



Interview with Giulia Callegaro
Giulia Callegaro, Researcher at Leiden University, expects that eTRANSAFE will potentially represent a source of high quality data that could help in tackling the problems of the future.

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Interview with Nils Oberhauser
Nils Oberhauser, Researcher at Novartis, hopes that eTRANSAFE convinces other companies of the value of shared data and inspires them to participate in similar projects.

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Upcoming events

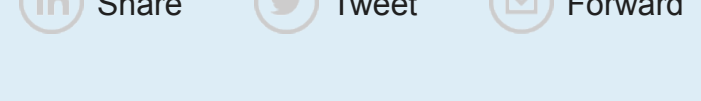
- eTRANSAFE 10th Consortium Meeting 21-22 October 2020 | Virtual
Eleventh American Conference on Pharmacometrics (ACoP2020) 4-7 October 2020 | Virtual
19th International Conference on Global Toxicology and Risk Assessment 5-6 November 2020 | Virtual
GRx+Biosims 2020 9-11 November 2020 | Virtual

Publications

Introducing the Concept of Virtual Control Groups into Preclinical Toxicology Testing, Steger-Hartmann T, Kreuchwig A, Vaas L, Wichard J, Bringezu F, Amberg A, Muster W, Pognan F, Barber C. ALTEX. 2020. 37(3):343-349

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