

## Help us to collect the available knowledge on NAMs and submit your personal expertise via the RE-Place online tool!

### What ?

Over the last years an increasing number of alternative methods to animal testing such as *in vitro*, *ex vivo*, *in silico* and *in chemico* assays & other innovative techniques is being developed. These methods are also referred to as “**New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)**”. The Flemish and Brussels government have initiated the project [RE-Place](http://www.RE-Place.be) in order to gather the available knowledge on the use of these methods in one central database and make the existing expertise more accessible to all relevant stakeholders.

An online tool has been developed in order to collect key information (name and scope of the method, keywords, short description,...) on the NAMs that are used within the different (research) institutes, in a fast and easy way ([www.RE-Place.be](http://www.RE-Place.be)). **We are gathering information on all the methods in which you have experience, this is not limited to methods that have been developed within your own organisation.**

### Who ?

RE-Place is coordinated by Dr. Birgit Mertens (Sciensano) and Prof. Vera Rogiers (VUB).

### Why ?

**Contributing to the RE-Place database will be beneficial for both you and your organisation:**

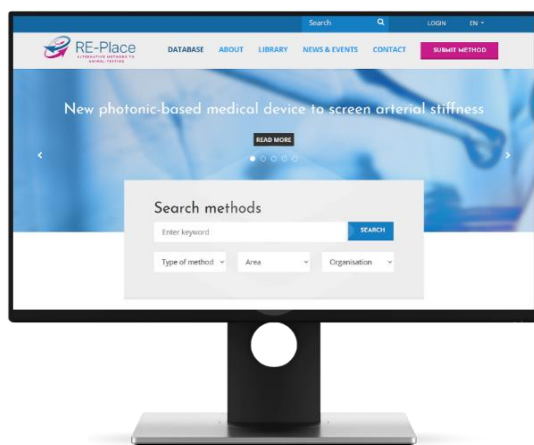
- Increased visibility of your work & latest findings to the government, other scientists and the public ;
- Contribution to knowledge sharing on animal free innovation and good science in general ;
- To be identified as an expert, and have the opportunity to be directly contacted for new collaborations.

**Each contribution is relevant and will:**

- Lead to the identification of knowledge gaps which will help to better allocate future funding ;
- Stimulate the use and further development of new techniques, methods and strategies.

### Questions ?

Don't hesitate to contact [info@RE-Place.be](mailto:info@RE-Place.be) for more information and/or if you would like personal support, when completing the online tool. [Mieke Van Mulders](#) and [Nancy Liodo Missigba](#) are available to answer all your questions!



① Registration is required, but the online tool is free of charge. You are free to determine the amount of information you want to disclose, and you can enter as many methods as you want. The tool should be completed in English.