## <sup>1</sup> Supplementary material

## 2 Exercise participants

- 3 Participants in the Nanosafety School training session featured in this manuscript came from different
- 4 sectors (academia, industry, regulation). In Table 1 the distribution of participants among these sectors
- 5 and their level of experience are reported.
- 6 For the purposes of the conducted exercise each participant was assigned to a specific stakeholder
- 7 category among manufacturers, consumers and regulators. All participants from industry were assigned
- 8 to manufacturers as well as all regulators were assigned to the regulators category. Participants from
- 9 academia were mostly assigned to consumers even though some were appointed as industry or regulators
- 10 to better simulate real life conditions.

| 11 | Table 1: Distribution of participants among sectors and their experience level |
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| Sector     | Participants | Early career | Experienced |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Academia   | 48           | 33           | 15          |
| Industry   | 11           | 6            | 5           |
| Regulation | 13           | 3            | 10          |

- 12 Criteria and scores
- 13 The illustrative case study proposed for the exercise during the Nanosafety Training School presented
- 14 three alternatives, namely: Baseline, Low-end and High-end. The assessment criteria which were
- 15 considered are reported in Table 1 alongside their scores for each of the proposed alternatives. Scores
- 16 reported in the table were created so to emphasise the expected differences among the three alternatives
- 17 in order to make the exercise as illustrative as possible.
- 18 Categories' scores were obtained by aggregating criteria through simple average. Results were rounded
- 19 to integer numbers to reflect the initial scoring scale [1-5] as reported in Table 1 of the main text.
- 20 Table 2: Criteria organization and scores used for the application of the MAVT assessment.

| Category       | Criteria                             | Baseline | Low-end | High-end |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| EHS            | Degradability                        | 5        | 4       | 1        |
| EHS            | AOP                                  | 5        | 3       | 2        |
| EHS            | CPM's                                | 5        | 4       | 5        |
| EHS            | Persistence                          | 4        | 5       | 2        |
| EHS            | Hazard, Exposure, Risk               | 3        | 3       | 2        |
| EHS            | PC characteristics                   | 5        | 5       | 2        |
| EHS            | Types of processes and activities    | 5        | 3       | 4        |
| EHS            | Binding affinity                     | 5        | 2       | 1        |
| EHS            | Reactivity                           | 5        | 4       | 3        |
| EHS            | Dissolution                          | 5        | 2       | 2        |
| Sustainability | Release                              | 5        | 2       | 2        |
| Sustainability | Bioaccumulation and biomagnification | 5        | 4       | 1        |

| Sustainability | Toxicity                         | 5 | 2 | 1 |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Sustainability | Recyclability                    | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Sustainability | education                        | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Sustainability | Public opinion                   | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Sustainability | Recycling                        | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Sustainability | Job opportunities                | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Sustainability | Child labour                     | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Sustainability | Fair salaries                    | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Sustainability | Affordable Purchase costs        | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Sustainability | Circular economy                 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Sustainability | Healthcare costs                 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Sustainability | Profits                          | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Sustainability | Advantage of reuse, recycle cost | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Functionality  | Responsiveness                   | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Functionality  | Reactivity                       | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Functionality  | Strength                         | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Functionality  | Luminescence                     | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Functionality  | Charge                           | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Functionality  | Solubility                       | 1 | 5 | 5 |
|                |                                  |   |   |   |

- 21 The participants were asked to propose new criteria missing in the proposed list according to their
- 22 experience. Such criteria are considered for future applications of the methodology and are reported in
- 23 Table 2 below.
- 24 Table 3: Criteria proposed by the participants of the Nanosafety Training School session.

| Category    | Criteria   |
|-------------|--|
| Environment | Genotoxicity   |
| Environment | Interaction with other substances                      |
| Environment | Accumulation   |
| Social      | Long term aspects taking into account next generations |
| Social      | Increased performance and safety                       |
| Social      | Risk benefit ratio                                     |
| Social      | Gender issues  |
| Social      | Well-being   |
| Economic    | Resources, materials and energies costs                |
| Economic    | Taxes  |
| Economic    | Market leadership                                      |
| Economic    | Regulatory issues                                      |

- 25 Stakeholders' weights profiles
- 26 The participants were asked to propose their weight profiles for the assessed categories: EHS,
- 27 Sustainability and Functionality.

- 28 Each participant was assigned to a specific typology among manufacturers, consumers and regulators.
- 29 The collected weights are reported in Table 2 where for each proposed weight in [1-5] the
- 30 corresponding number of votes are reported.
- 31 Aggregated weights were calculated by weighted average of weights by the numbers of votes and were
- 32 rounded to integer numbers to reflect the initial weighting scale [1-5] as reported in Table 1 of the main
- 33 text.
- 34 Table 4: Stakeholders' weights profiles by stakeholder categories

| Stakeholder   | Category       | Weight | Votes |
|---------------|----------------|--------|-------|
| Manufacturers | EHS            | 1      | 3     |
| Manufacturers | EHS            | 2      | 8     |
| Manufacturers | EHS            | 3      | 2     |
| Manufacturers | EHS            | 4      | 0     |
| Manufacturers | EHS            | 5      | 0     |
| Manufacturers | Sustainability | 1      | 9     |
| Manufacturers | Sustainability | 2      | 2     |
| Manufacturers | Sustainability | 3      | 2     |
| Manufacturers | Sustainability | 4      | 0     |
| Manufacturers | Sustainability | 5      | 0     |
| Manufacturers | Functionality  | 1      | 0     |
| Manufacturers | Functionality  | 2      | 0     |
| Manufacturers | Functionality  | 3      | 1     |
| Manufacturers | Functionality  | 4      | 3     |
| Manufacturers | Functionality  | 5      | 9     |
| Consumers     | EHS            | 1      | 0     |
| Consumers     | EHS            | 2      | 5     |
| Consumers     | EHS            | 3      | 7     |
| Consumers     | EHS            | 4      | 13    |
| Consumers     | EHS            | 5      | 7     |
| Consumers     | Sustainability | 1      | 1     |
| Consumers     | Sustainability | 2      | 2     |
| Consumers     | Sustainability | 3      | 5     |
| Consumers     | Sustainability | 4      | 11    |
| Consumers     | Sustainability | 5      | 13    |
| Consumers     | Functionality  | 1      | 0     |
| Consumers     | Functionality  | 2      | 5     |
| Consumers     | Functionality  | 3      | 5     |
| Consumers     | Functionality  | 4      | 13    |
| Consumers     | Functionality  | 5      | 9     |
| Regulators    | EHS            | 1      | 0     |
| Regulators    | EHS            | 2      | 0     |
| Regulators    | EHS            | 3      | 2     |
| Regulators    | EHS            | 4      | 9     |

| Regulators | EHS            | 5 | 16 |
|------------|----------------|---|----|
| Regulators | Sustainability | 1 | 0  |
| Regulators | Sustainability | 2 | 0  |
| Regulators | Sustainability | 3 | 2  |
| Regulators | Sustainability | 4 | 4  |
| Regulators | Sustainability | 5 | 21 |
| Regulators | Functionality  | 1 | 6  |
| Regulators | Functionality  | 2 | 15 |
| Regulators | Functionality  | 3 | 4  |
| Regulators | Functionality  | 4 | 2  |
| Regulators | Functionality  | 5 | 0  |