

DANISH TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE



# WELCOME TO THE DANISH TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE



## DTI

- Non profit and independent
- Technological Service Institute
- SME focus
- Appx.1000 employees



## NANO AT DTI

- Nanosurfaces (PCVD, Sol-Gel, Tribology)
- Polymer nanocomposites
- Product development
- And more
- Skills needs identification
- Foresight and sector analysis
- Environmental, Heath and Safety management

## Greenbook on nanotechnology (DK)

- Toxicology: Reason for concern (carbon, TiO<sub>2</sub>, etc.)
- Exposure: We can setup interrim guidance and design effective controls
- Legislative : At progress, but still much work ahead
- Economic: good prospects, synergy with environmental and energy goals
- R&D: Health and safety is an agreed goal in many countries and R&D is progress.
- Industry: More can be done to communicate scientific results, and start to implement proactive safety guidelines



#### SKILLS NEEDS – industrial surface treatment operators

- Research themes:
  - Sectoral analysis
  - Technical, knowledge and EHS skills needs (VET)
- Tentative conclusion:
  - No basis for new formel technical educations due to
    - Incremental and adaptive innovation approach
    - Small dissemmination of nanoproducts (partly due to uncertanties of HS)
  - Need for integration of nanoterminology, nanomaterials update, work environmental issues on exsisting educations
- First steps
  - Qualification of teachers
  - Business-to-business learning course



### NanoSafer – Aim and research

Aim:

To give state of the art knowledge on nanosafety with regards to Danish industry and laboratory work

- Case studies and field measurements
- Good practice from production and laboratory
  - Paint industry
  - Enzyme and process industry
  - Concrete industry
  - Polymer industry
  - Industrial surface treatment
  - R&D og laboratory work
- International research mapping



#### NanoSafer - Tentative conclusions

- Still few productions containing high levels of nanoparticles
- High levels are identified when using nanoparticles (powder, suspension and bulk)
- Control Band method seems to be appropriate method
- Existing technical controls can work effectively if properly design and used
- Still many unknowns and an area full of surprises (exposure from suspensions)
- We can work progressively to setup effective guidelines, tools and controls.



#### NanoSafer - Outcome

- Background report
  - Background knowledge
  - Field study results
  - Good practice
- 6 sector brochures
- Web-based Control Band Tool
  - Risk Evaluation
  - Inspiration on safety controls
  - Attention points in production



# NanoSafer – Risk Evaluation (Control Band)

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#### NanoSafer – Inspiration on Safety Control





#### NanoSafer – Atttention points in production





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