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Risk Analysis & Technology Assessment Coaching

# RATAfy your research!

## Risk Analysis & Technology Assessment Coaching

NanoNextNL now offers a Risk Analysis & Technology Assessment (RATA) coaching trajectory. Young researchers can get support from a coach and dedicated experts to work towards a paper, chapter or essay on a RATA-theme related to their own research. The coaching trajectory will run from September 2014 until October 2015, offering researchers an opportunity to work on a relevant RATA-topic of their interest and on a timescale that is appropriate to their personal situation.

A series of two-day RATA courses was organised previously between June 2013 and September 2014.

These courses brought topical themes in risk analysis and technology assessment to light. The coaching trajectory now offers the additional support that is required to get from research ideas to concrete outcomes. It contributes to the integration of RATA within the NanoNextNL research programme by connecting nanotechnology research with broader questions of risk analysis and technology assessment. The coaching trajectory is offered free of charge for NanoNextNL researchers.

## 5 reasons to join the course

- Explore connections between your research and risk analysis and technology assessment
- Enhance your career perspectives by learning about the broader societal context of your work
- Get support from high-level experts from the field of risk analysis and technology assessment
  - Be part of a novel approach to interdisciplinary collaborations
- Define interesting, relevant and useful ways to fulfil your RATA-obligation

## Planning

- **September - October 2014:** recruitment and registration of participants
  - **27-28 October 2014:** kick-off at NanoCity
- **November 2014:** participants draft action plan (including the topic, research questions, expected outcomes, planning and support mechanisms)
- **December - June 2015:** research phase (two interim meetings will be held in January and June 2015 to share ideas and discuss progress among participants)
  - **June - October 2015:** drafting publications
  - **October 2015:** final presentations at NanoWorld

## RATA Coach

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