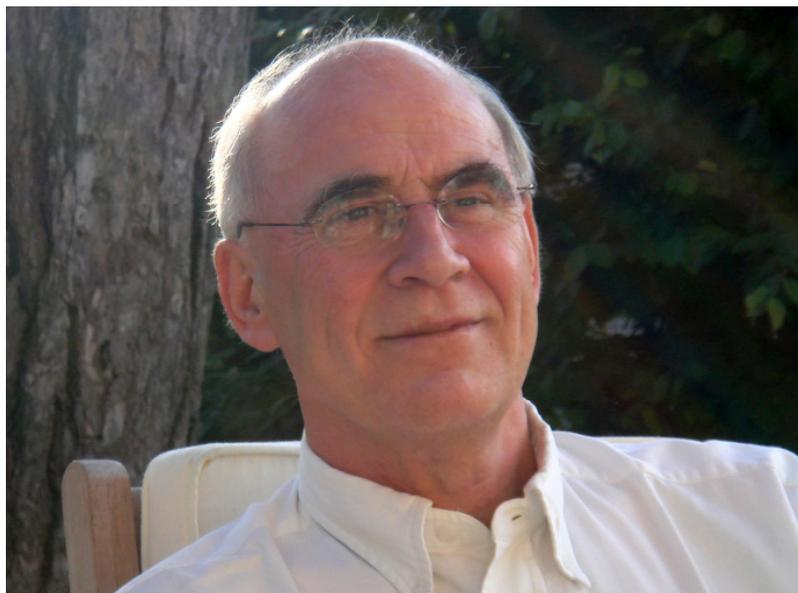


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Herman B.W.M. Koëter is the founder and Managing Director of the Brussels based Orange House Partnership, which is a non-profit partnership organization providing scientific expertise, assistance, advice, training and interim management in the areas of food and chemical safety to the public and private sector primarily in developing countries and emerging economies. The Partnership consists of international senior experts in risk assessment and risk management with governmental, academic and private sector backgrounds who are passionate about sharing their expertise and experience with professionals in countries with limited access to such sources of knowledge.

Dr Koëter started his professional career in 1967 at the TNO Toxicology and Nutrition Institute, Zeist, the Netherlands where he held several positions before he was appointed in 1986 as Associate Head of the Department of Biological Toxicology. A major part of his scientific work has been in the area of food and feed safety assessment, occupational health, on the development of functional testing in animals, and on the replacement, reduction and refinement of experimental animals.

From 1991-2003 Herman Koëter was Principal Administrator at the Paris based OECD Environment, Health and Safety Division. There he was responsible for the Programme on Harmonization of Classification and Labeling of Chemical Substances resulting in the adoption by the UN ECOSOC Globally Harmonised System for the Classification of Chemical Substances (GHS). He was also responsible for the OECD Test Guidelines Programme, the OECD Special Activity on Endocrine Disrupters, and OECD's Special Activity on Animal Welfare Policies. Dr Koëter was also senior adviser for OECD on human health hazard and risk assessment policies.

Before establishing Orange House Partnership, from 2003 through 2008 Herman Koëter held several positions at the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in Parma, Italy, including Scientific Director, Deputy Executive Director and Acting Executive Director. He has largely contributed to the establishment of the organization (which became operational in May 2003), providing it with a management structure to adequately tackle the many questions and issues related to food and feed safety in Europe. He established the Science Directorate of EFSA and led

EFSA's scientific work, the output of which forms much of the basis of EU decisions on food, feed, plant health and protection and animal health and welfare.

Herman Koëter holds an MSc in biology and experimental pathology and took his Doctoral Degree in Biological Toxicology summa cum laude from Utrecht State University, Utrecht, the Netherlands with majors in reproductive toxicology and functional development. He is an Internationally recognized Board-Certified Toxicologist (ERT).

During his career, Dr Koëter has always been active in the field of experimental animal reduction, replacement and refinement. He was the first to receive a research grant from the Dutch Animal Welfare Society in 1982 to develop an alternative method to replace the rabbit eye irritation test. Also in 1982 he was chief editor and co-author of a European Commission Report on the use of animals in toxicity testing. He was co-editor of the book "Animals in Biomedical Research", published in 1991 (Elsevier, New York/Amsterdam). He was a founding member and chairman of the European Research Group for Alternatives in Toxicity Testing (ERGATT) until 1989 and is member of the Advisory Board of the Johns Hopkins University's Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing, Baltimore, US. Dr Koëter was also a member of the Dutch Government Advisory Council on Animal Testing until 2007.

He was member of the US National Academy of Science Expert Group on developmental biology and toxicology in the late 1990s. Since 2005, and he is member of the US Harvard University Policy Group on "Private and Public, Scientific, Academic and Consumer Food Safety Policies". He is recipient of several academic awards in recognition of his achievements in the area of international harmonization of regulatory assessment methodologies.

Herman Koëter has published more than one hundred papers in the scientific literature on toxicology issues, occupational health, risk assessment and animal welfare policies. With respect to the latter Dr Koëter has published several papers on validation and new approaches in regulatory risk assessment.

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