

Workshop: Chemical Sciences for Horizon Europe, education & employability

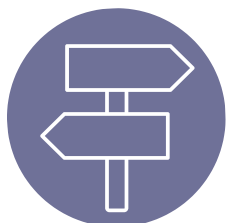
7th March 2019, 10:00 - 12:00, European Parliament, Brussels



Strong employability can be a driving force for society and should be a priority for all policymakers. EuChemS, the European Chemical Society, addressed this issue in a panel session on 7 March featuring a diversity of speakers, who, through their different perspectives, highlighted key challenges ahead. Speakers included representatives from academia and industry, early career researchers, and representatives from the European Commission and the European Parliament.

Throughout the discussion, several common aspects were repeated by the speakers, namely:

Improved
academia-
industry
collaboration



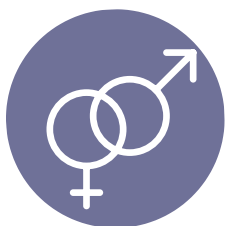
Recognising
the precursor
role of high
quality (higher)
education



Recognising the
importance of closer
collaboration on an
equal basis across
Europe and beyond



Addressing
gender bias in
everyday
practices



The urgent
need for better
communication



Taking notice of
the diminishing
borders between
different scientific
disciplines



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Education, employability, and research funding are interconnected aspects that European scientists will need to navigate at some stage in their life. But many issues continue to withhold talent, deny opportunities to certain social groups, or by preparing future generations with inadequate skills and knowledge.

The EU can encourage and provide quality opportunities for scientists, but the right environment needs to be fostered. Only with the involvement of all stakeholders, that talk to each other, listen, and perhaps more pertinently, hear each other, can we ensure results that move in the right direction.