

Sustainable Chemistry: Supporting Research, Innovation and Competitiveness in Europe

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14:00 – 16:00

Room A1E2

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AGENDA

Chaired by MEP Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, co-chair of the European Parliament Intergroup on “Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development” and member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

The current economic crisis and other recent changes at the global level have created new challenges for the European Union in the areas of energy, food, health and climate change. To respond to these challenges, the European Union launched “Europe 2020”, the growth strategy aimed at making the EU a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy.

Sustainable chemistry has a crucial role to play in achieving the goals of Europe 2020, especially in 3 different flagship initiatives: *Innovation Union*, *Resource-Efficient Europe* and *Industrial Policy*. Sustainable chemistry is concerned with the development of environmentally benign chemical reactions and products. It develops more efficient chemical processes, technologies and product designs that conserve resources, generate less waste and less hazardous emissions, and deliver a sustainable, cleaner and healthier environment.

The aim of this meeting is to raise awareness on the importance of sustainable chemistry and its ability in responding effectively to society’s challenges and also to show some concrete examples on how chemistry can provide sustainable solutions to global changes.



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13:00 – 14:00 **Registration/sandwich lunch**

Opening Session

14:00 - 14:05 **Welcoming words by MEP Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines**
14:05 - 14:10 **Prof Ulrich Schubert, EuCheMS President, Vienna University of Technology**

Presentations

14:10 - 14:20 **Renzo Tomellini, Head of Unit “Materials” in DG Research and Innovation, European Commission**
“Towards the first calls of Horizon 2020”

14:20 - 14:30 **Bjorn Hansen, Head of Unit “Chemicals”, DG Environment, European Commission**
“Chemicals legislation and sustainable chemicals”

14:30 - 14:40 **Marc Taillefer, research team leader at the Institut Charles Gerhardt (ICG), Montpellier, France and Winner of the European Sustainable Chemistry Award (ESCA II)**
“Roles and challenges of chemistry for sustainable development”

14:40 - 14:50 **Katalin Barta, Assistant Professor of Green Chemistry and Catalysis, Stratingh Institute for Chemistry, Groningen, The Netherlands**
“Green Chemistry - key to a sustainable future”

14:50 - 15:00 **Fabrice Stassin, Manager EU Government Affairs, UMICORE**
“Advanced Materials for Sustainable Energy Harvesting & Storage”

15:00 - 15:10 **Vito Buonsante, Lawyer, Health and Environment, ClientEarth**
“Sustainable chemistry: a driver of innovation”

15:10 - 15:55 **Questions and discussion with the audience**

Conclusions

15:55 - 16:00 **Conclusions by the MEP Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines**



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