

# President's business by Floris Rutjes

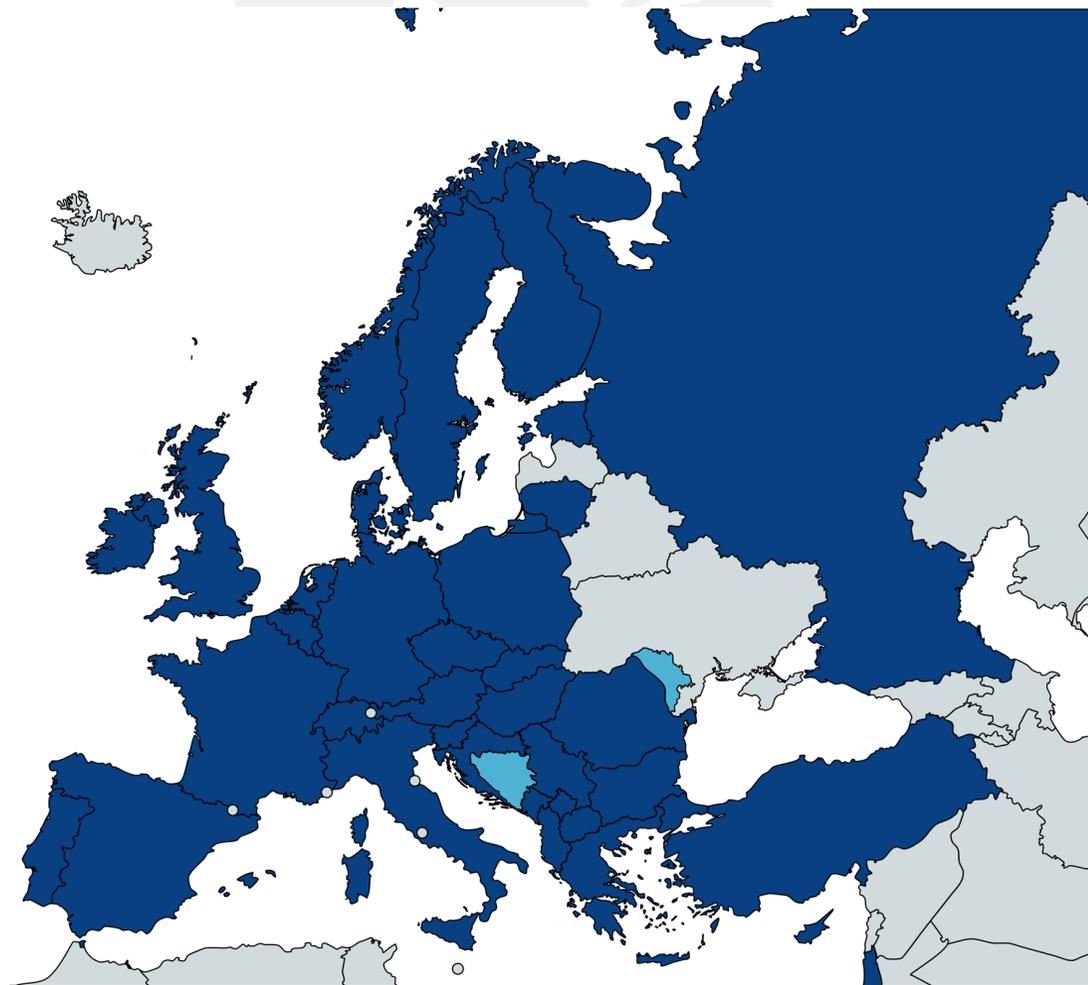
2023 General Assembly meeting, Larnaca, Cyprus



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# EuChemS - members

- EuChemS is the umbrella organisation representing national Chemical Societies across Europe
- Since yesterday, we have 50 members as Bosnia Herzegovina have been included, while ANQUE has been expelled
- In January 2024 two representatives from industry are joining the Executive Board as appointed members.



# EuChemS and OPCW

- The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical weapons opened its ChemTech Centre in The Hague
- EuChemS was amongst the funding organisations
- Invited to the opening ceremony, and mentioning EuChemS amongst sponsors



# New EuChemS Constitution

- May 26 2023 – new constitution adopted
- Main change: allowing online participation in the General Assembly outside of crisis situations
- Regular future General Assemblies are anticipated to be held in person
- Implementing the lessons learned in the COVID crisis



# Active Open Task Groups

## **Open Science**

*Chaired by Floris Rutjes*

## **EuChemS Awards**

*Chaired by Angela Agostiano*

## **Financial matters**

*Chaired by Hans-Peter Lüthi*

## **Circular Economy**

*Chaired by Nicola Armaroli*

## **EuChemS Outreach**

*Chaired by Floris Rutjes*

## **Inclusion and diversity**

*Chaired by Angela Agostiano*

## **EuChemS and Industry**

*Chaired by Hans-Peter Lüthi*

[www.euchems.eu/euchems-task-groups/](http://www.euchems.eu/euchems-task-groups/)

# EuChemS Magazine & EuChemS Magazine Plus

The screenshot shows the EuChemS Magazine website homepage. At the top left is the logo "EuChemS magazine". To the right of the logo is a "Start" button. Below the logo is a navigation menu with buttons for "News", "Research", "Policy", "Interview", "Welcome", "Perspectives", "Chemistry Talks", and "Sponsor". The main content area features a large banner for "EUCHEMS AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN!" with a "1 min read" indicator. Below this are three columns of news items under the heading "EuChemS news". The first column includes "EuChemS Gold Medal awarded to Avelino Corma", "IUPAC|CHAINS2023 held in The Hague, with EuChemS amongst participants", and "Overseas collaboration between EuChemS and ACS continues". The second column, under "Events", includes "4th European Conference on Physical Chemistry (ECPC23)", "3rd STEM-CPD Summer School", and "ISCNP31 & IC0B11". The third column, under "Awards >", is currently empty. At the bottom of the news section are two buttons: "Read all News articles ->" and "Read all Events articles ->".

### Editorial +

**EDITORIAL**  
by Sabine L. Flitsch

### Research +

The AI conversation is just beginning

Liebig and Giessen: a tale of history and chemistry

### Policy Essay +

Science policy and the European Year of Skills

### Perspectives +

GDCh Science Forum 2023

Historians of Chemistry met in Vilnius, Lithuania

### President's column +

The EuChemS Awards: Opportunities to Reward your Chemists

### Interview +

**WALTER THIEL AWARD**  
In Computational and Theoretical Chemistry  
Awarded to  
**Felix Plasser**  
For his work involving the development of computational electronic structure and photodynamics methods

Interview with Felix Plasser

- The Executive Board decided to merge newsletters into single publication
- Magazine launched in January 2023, Magazine+ launched in March 2023

Read EuChemS Magazine

Subscribe

# EuChemS Periodic Table

- Continuation of Periodic Table policy workshops on specific Elements
  - Carbon
  - Lithium
  - Nitrogen
  - Phosphorus
  - Next one TBA
- Living document, reflecting scientific dialogue
- No longer only focus on scarcity of elements, but also on sustainability

**SCIENCE-POLICY WORKSHOP**  
The role of Chemicals in our daily life:  
**THE PHOSPHORUS ELEMENT**  
Feeding the world and beyond

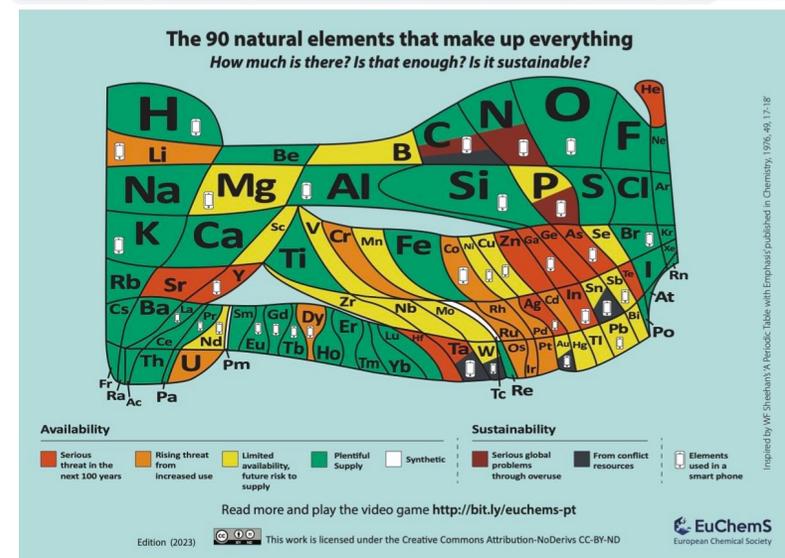
**MORNING SESSION**  
25 May 2023, 10:00 – 12:00 CEST  
European Parliament  
Room: A5F 385

**AFTERNOON SESSION**  
25 May 2023, 14:00 – 16:30 CEST  
Online  
Chair: MEP Maria Spyrali

Registration  
[euchems.eu/phosphorus-event-europarl/](https://euchems.eu/phosphorus-event-europarl/)



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# High Level Roundtable on the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (E03757)



## EuChemS @High Level Roundtable:

- Floris Rutjes – EuChemS representative
- Nineta Hrastelj – Deputy representative (“Sherpa”)
- Supported by team of experts from EuChemS member societies for input
- Last meeting 1 February 2023 – EuChemS contributed by raising open questions on science, knowledge and education wrt Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD)

## Roundtable chaired by:

- Virginijus Sinkevičius  
Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
- Thierry Breton  
Commissioner for Internal Market

# Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform

## EuChemS @Stakeholder Platform

- Ioannis Katsogiannis– EuChemS representative
- Nineta Hrastelj – Deputy representative (“Sherpa”)
- Approaching the EU’s Zero Pollution agenda from the perspective of Chemical Sciences
- Last meeting 20 April 2023 - Facilitating Zero Pollution choices and encouraging zero pollution pledges (Flagship 4)



# Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA)

- Research assessment on the foundation of qualitative metrics, peer review, transparency, and responsibility when relying on quantitative metrics
- EuChemS registered as early stakeholder, participated in the constitutive assembly
- EuChemS working together with CNR to prepare the working group “TIER - Towards an Inclusive Evaluation of Research”
- Floris Rutjes, EuChemS President and Nineta Hrastelj, Secretary General are EuChemS representatives



**CoARA**



# Stick to Science

Urgent call for the inclusion of the United Kingdom and Switzerland to the Horizon Europe framework programme

- EuChemS supports scientific openness and barrier-free international scientific cooperation
- **Recent achievement: The UK was associated with Horizon Europe in September 2023**
- Swiss association reportedly unlikely before 2025



The graphic features a blurred background of a laboratory. At the top center is the 'Stick to Science' logo, which consists of a stylized atom with three colored orbits (blue, red, green) and a central nucleus. Below the logo, the text 'Stick to Science' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with the tagline 'Put science collaboration before politics' underneath in a smaller font. A large blue quotation mark is on the left, and a smaller one is on the right, framing the central text. Below the text is a blue rounded rectangle with a dashed white border. Inside this rectangle, from left to right, are the 'Stick to Science' logo, the website address 'stick-to-science.eu', the Twitter logo, and the Twitter handle '@Stick2Science'.

**Stick to Science**  
Put science collaboration before politics

“ **An online signature campaign for an open and inclusive European Research Area.** ”

 [stick-to-science.eu](https://stick-to-science.eu)  [@Stick2Science](https://twitter.com/Stick2Science)

# EuChemS-ACS MoU signed in The Hague

- Longstanding collaboration between ACS and EuChemS: first MoU signed in 2016 in Seville
- Commits to enhance the ongoing collaboration and strengthen the chemistry ecosystem on a global scale
- Discussions how to come to concrete activities and/or joint actions



# EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award plaque

17 February 2023, Jungfrauoch, Switzerland



14 March 2023, Gießen, Germany



<https://www.euchems.eu/newsletters/historical-landmark-prague/>

# EuChemS Awards

## EuChemS Award Calls for Nominations opened in September 2023:

- EuChemS Award for Service
- EuChemS Lecture Award
- EuChemS Historical Landmark Award

**2024 EuChemS Gold Medal awarded to Avelino Corma**



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