

Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Roundtable with European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)
Date	15-2-2021
Participants	<p>COM: Commissioner Kadri Simson Kitti Nyitrai, Member of Cabinet ██████████ DG ENER C1</p> <p>Ext : ██████████ BASF – Cefic ██████████ BASF ██████████ ExxonMobil Europe ██████████ ██████████ Business Unit Technology Solutions ██████████ ██████████ Europe, Middle East and Africa ██████████ ██████████ Chemicals Europe and Africa, Global Excellence and Product ██████████ Shell Chemicals Europe ██████████ ██████████ Olefins and Polyolefins for Europe, Asia and the rest of world (except the Americas) ██████████ ██████████ Covestro, ██████████ PlasticsEurope ██████████ ██████████ Cellulose Derivatives Business at Celanese ██████████ SABIC's ██████████ Europe ██████████ ██████████ European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)</p>
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Issues raised & follow-up	<p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The chemical industry fully support the European objective of climate neutrality, and will play a crucial role as an energy consumer and producer of materials for clean energy technologies. The chemical industry can also act as large batter/demand response in a future electricity system based on variable renewables. ○ A zero-emission chemical industry through electrification is possible, but requires significant scale up of renewable electricity across the EU, including through interconnectors and renewable power purchase agreements (+600 TWh needed in Germany alone). ○ The chemical industry is working on analysis outlining future energy demand in zero-emission world, and would like to present it to the Commissioner ○ Certification of hydrogen is needed, as it will be primarily used to decarbonise feedstock consumption, as it is in most cases too expensive for heating applications. ○ Support for risky, innovative zero-emission demonstration projects needed in period up to 2025, with scale up in 2nd half of decade. ○ The chemical industry is asking for a 'sector-specific approach' as energy, ETS, taxation, state aid, finance and environmental (toxicity) policies all impact the industry, and need to be aligned. ○ Raised consistency between Eco-design, REACH, and Chemical Strategy for Sustainability (CSS). The CCS industry roundtable under DG GROW should be expanded to include energy aspects. ○ Commissioner outlined collaboration among services to ensure consistency of policy plans, the initiatives to increase renewables (revision REDII, TEN-E, NECPs, offshore strategy), the long-term vision to create secure investment environment for industry, including certification and focus of eco-design on recycling.