

Meeting with CEFIC

12 October 2023

Participants

- CEFIC : 

- Commission : Commissioner Breton, Joan Canton

Summary of discussions

CEFIC presented the latest developments regarding the EU chemicals industry, recalling notably the decrease in sales since the beginning of the year.

CEFIC then presented the key conditions, from their perspective, for a successful EU chemicals industry that achieves the European Green Deal objectives:

- Sharpening the industrial profile: CEFIC argued for simplification in legislation, for eliminating possible redundancies.
- Access to affordable decarbonised energy: CEFIC insisted on the need to access affordable and decarbonised electricity.
- Closing the loop: CEFIC promoted an ambitious circularity agenda, that lowers the cost of circularity.
- Transparency for net zero products: CEFIC suggested promoting demand for net zero products, for instance through fiscal incentives.

Commissioner Breton thanked the participants for a good exchange and indicated his willingness to pursue efforts towards a competitive European chemicals industry, as an essential enabler of the green and digital transition.