

Meeting CEFIC
26 February 2018

Participants:

CEFIC: Marco Mensink (Director General), Aaron McLoughlin (Executive Director of Public Affairs and Sustainability)

Secretariat-General: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Minutes

The meeting was requested by CEFIC to discuss the Commission's agenda on resource efficiency. The meeting focused on the plastic strategy and its actions relevant for the chemical industry, related challenges for the chemical industry as well as links with climate and energy policies. On the plastic strategy, issues discussed included recycling capacity and logistics, markets for recycled products, investments in research and innovation, possible ban on microplastics in certain products, the initiative on single-use plastics, oxy and biodegradable plastics and the pledging campaign. On climate/energy policies topics discussed included challenges in relation to the long term goals under the Paris Agreement, the upcoming mid-century emission strategy for the EU, decarbonisation of energy production in relation to energy supply security and the huge electricity demand that would flow from phasing-out fossil hydro-carbons as feedstock as well as carbon capture storage. Other topics mentioned related to the strategy for a non-toxic environment, endocrine disruptors and glyphosate.

SG took note of the various positions of CEFIC on the discussed topics and provided clarification on the relevant links with EU policies.