

Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Roundtable with European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)
Date	15-2-2021
Participants	COM: Commissioner Kadri Simson Kitti Nyitrai , Member of Cabinet [REDACTED] DG ENER C1 Ext : Martin Brudermüller , BASF – Cefic President, CEO BASF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)
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Issues raised & follow-up	Summary <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.