

SusChem Stakeholder Event 2018

The Future of Research & Innovation in Europe: Defining Technology Priorities for Sustainable Growth

High-level panel debate: Leveraging the strength of the innovation ecosystem to boost R&I in Europe

The proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), recently published by the European Commission, recommends an increase in funding for Horizon Europe and sends a clear signal that innovation is as an important priority for Europe.

Innovation is essential for the EU to build a low carbon, circular and digital economy and to continue generating jobs and attracting investment. This year's panel discussion will bring together senior players from the chemical industry, academia, research technology organisations (RTOs), SMEs and EU institutions to address common innovation challenges, debate the priorities crucial to maintaining Europe's leading role in the global innovation race, and how the proposed structure of Horizon Europe will mobilise our innovation ecosystem to develop fast-to-market solutions.

Our expert panelists will share their first insights on Horizon Europe and discuss the exciting opportunities for our community including:

1. The importance, balance, and role of a strong technology-oriented programme on Key Enabling Technologies in Horizon Europe;
2. The purpose and impact of SusChem's innovation ecosystem players in Horizon Europe;
3. The contribution of the chemical and biotechnology sectors to sustainable growth;
4. The opportunities to accelerate sustainable chemistry innovation and deliver real impact.

We will seek answers to questions including:

- From what we know about the structure of Horizon Europe, what can we do better than Horizon 2020?
- What are our expectations and the expectations from the Commission for the chemical and biotech sectors in Horizon Europe?
- What are our short, mid and long-term priorities and needs?
- How can stakeholders be represented in shaping Horizon Europe?

Moderator:

Marco Mensink, Director General of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council

Panelists:

- Chemical Industry: Olaf Wachsen, Head of Group Process Technology at Clariant
- EU Commission: Peter Dröll, Industrial Technologies Director, DG RTD
- RTO: Ferdi Schüth, Vice-President of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft
- SME: Martin Stephan, Deputy CEO Carbios
- Academia: Kateřina Šebková, Director of the National Centre for Toxic Compounds (Czech Republic)