

Agenda

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| Meeting: | SusChem National Technology Platforms |
| Place: | Hotel Plaza |
| Date of meeting: | 19th October 2017 |
| Time: | 09:00 to 15:00 |

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| *RECAP ACTIONS LIST :*  *-*  *- Send document with feedback on brokerage event (SC)*  *- Send Information available on NCPs (ACD)*  *-Each NTP establish contact with their local NCP/Programme committee and feedback to the network (All)*  *-Review operational rules (LT)*  *-In the short term, send the table with minimum expectations from NTPs (SC)*  *-Prepare and send a Mapping table with situation of each NTP ( including funding , TOP 3 priorities and corresponding calls …) (ACD)*  *-Fill and send back the table by next meeting in February (all)*  *-List of possible consultants able to coordinate a project (ACD)*  *-Prepare proposal for brokerage event in London (SC)*  *-Explore use of digital tool to enable continuous brokerage ( questioning Grant-it)*  *( ACD )*  *-Circulation of the Spanish bioeconomy strategy summary ( CG )*  *-Voting mail for change of LT member (ACD)*  *-Send mail for giving ideas of mission with deadline of 31st of October (ACD)*  *- Send information and a deadline to NTPs for presentation of S3 for materials for energy to the regional authorities (ACD)*  *-Send to NTPs templates with updated fonts ( MM)*  *-Communicate with Romania on where they could host their webpage (ACD)*  *-Send mail to NTPs who are not compliant on the logo ( misuse or not using ) (ACD/MM)* | | |  |
| *Agenda item* | | | *Who / related info* |
| 1. | **09:00-09:30** | Welcome – Review of the minutes – Board meeting review | ACD /SC |
| No minutes have been issued from the previous meeting, which was mainly focused on the Smart Specialisation presentation by the EC and discussion on combined funding. It was also stated that at the previous meeting NTPs were provided with branding guidelines and necessary branding material for implementing the new SusChem identity. It was noted not all NTPs have yet received the branding pack.  SusChem- GR suggests to review number of face to face meeting & to organize a Brokerage Event specifically dedicated to ICT for the chemical industry. UK welcomed the question and referred to revisiting under minimum activity requirements for NTPs later in the agenda.  Susanne Coles (SusChem UK) gave an update on the SusChem Board meeting on 17th October:   * **New Chair**: Markus Steilemann * **SusChem priorities**: Updates were given on activities in the 5 priority areas CO2, Water, Bioeconomy, ICT, Catalysis and processes, materials for energy (production, storage, energy efficiency) * **FP9**: The Board discussed that there is a strong requirement to give input on impact. Concerns were expressed that the new proposed second pillar of FP9 (EIC) may not represent a sufficient successor for the LEIT pillar (e.g. unclear where large enterprises fit). Concerns were also voiced about KETs no longer appearing as distinct areas in FP9. The Board will investigate suitable routes to engage with the Katainen cabinet on these issues. * **EU meeting of Excellence in Chemistry and Molecular Science**: A proposal for a joint meeting between science and industry to be externally funded was presented to the Board. The proposal was favourably received since it could provide a way to bridge between top level science and industry. * **NTPs update** was provided to the Board by SusChem UK. It was emphasised that the NTPs would welcome better communication with the Board specifically around options for providing input. It was explained how windows for feedback are too short to consult national stakeholders if NTPs are not notified earlier on in the process. Positive feedback was received from the Board including expression of desire to leverage NTPs more. The Board raised that it would be beneficial if NTPs aimed to engage at the respective national ministerial level (e.g. for the purpose of influencing FP9).. * **Brokerage event Update**: A status summary was provided at the Board. *A discussion between NTPs ensued at this point focusing on issues encountered during the brokerage event on 18th October: If NTP activities are valued, then NTPs should be entitled to have more than 5 min to present on behalf of their stakeholders. It was only on Friday when it was communicated that only 5 min/ organisation and only one project idea could be presented. Past events were discussed and it was felt that on other previous occasions the Brokerage Event has run more smoothly, e.g. parallel sessions, one-2-one meetings in parallel to the pitching. Susanne Coles will prepare a document regarding our opinion about the event; she will circulate a mail asking for our feedback.* * Meeting **SusChem ETP and (Bio)Pharma Ireland**: (Bio)Pharma Ireland wants to create a ETP, a meeting between SusChem Board members and (Bio)Pharma Ireland took place in June to discuss potential synergies. Further SusChem ETP involvement is on hold since it is unclear if Cefic could support expansion of SusChem remit to (bio)pharma. SusChem Slovenia asked for the reason why there’s hardly any connection with the pharma industry.   In conclusion from the Board meeting Susanne Coles raised the following points for NTP discussion/action (some of this issues will be covered during the NTP meeting):   1. FP9 – concern about home for KETs and LEIT → member state influence? 2. FP9 mission suggestions →NTP input/ranking 3. NPT connections at Ministerial Level (and/or Programme Committee) → Leverage NTPs more? 4. Smart Specialization & Transregional cooperation → Activities of relevance to NTPs? | | | |
| 2. | **09:30-10:00** | Summary of NTPs and European activities | All |
| * **NTPs update:**   **SL** – Contact with Stakeholder; Input to different position papers. Internal analysis of Mid Term Review, with 43% of the money going to SMEs (EU average is 18%). Sent the matrix to the stakeholders. And made an analysis identified the main areas interesting for the Chemical Industry. They held a meeting with Industry partners. Henkel had a factory in Slovenia and they’ve moved to Netherlands due to tax issues.  **CZ** – National project that enables them to finance the activity of the Platform. Money coming from structural funds. Several targets: Update SRA & Technological foresight. He really liked the event of yesterday. Would like to be more involved in EU projects. Is Grant-it working?? Action to look at the Grant-it and see if it’s working. We need to develop a better tool, for brokerage kind of activities.  **UK** – Regular updates to the SusChem UK website to alert to relevant news (e.g. items for public disclosure circulated by ACD to NTPs). Held NMBP UK Info & Brokerage Day on 10th October in London, which was co-branded as SusChem UK – over 100 attendees. Engaged with 10 companies in preparation of the SusChem Brokerage event and collected material to present portfolio.  **ES** – Circular Economy Brokerage Event; Update of Strategic Research Agenda; Doc on Biorrefineries. Executive summary in English. Action: will circulate this ex summary to the network.  **GR** – Project of 5 thematic Workshops , every month, starting Jan 2018. One of them will be in Brussels. Paintings, Biopolymers, algae. A WS in Dec 2017 to explain the Brokerage Event. A quite interactive ws with a 1st part where they explain things to the participants (funding national and EU) and then listen to the participants who will have the opportunity to present project ideas/priorities. They are going to align it with a CSA they’re participating, since they haven’t got national funding. ACD mentions that EMIRI has been carrying out some thematic WS of similar format.  **IT** – Year book of R&D on Sustainable Chemistry (Companies and Universities). Available in Nov 2017. Will be translated. Annual Conference on Sustainable Chemistry Jan 2018.  **EU** – Preparation of Brokerage Event and meetings with the EC regarding FP9. | | | |
| 3. | **10:00-10:30** | Possible New NTPs (Sweden and Finland) – Change of LT composition proposal | ACD/all |
| **Sweden + Finland**: people from the 2 national federations ( IKEM (Innovation and Chemical Industries in Sweden ) and Chemical Industry Federation of Finland ) contacted ACD in order to create a NTP. They organized a joint event on Circular Economy, and ACD presented SusChem both at the Public Event and at the Board. Finland is really going for it and will be confirmed in November if Sweden joins. Discussions have just started with Bulgaria also.  Austria has volunteered to replace France in the LT and France has expressed agreement. But there is no majority in the NTP meeting, so the vote will be done online. | | | |
| 4. | **10:30 -12:30** | Discussion of Joint activities (e.g. Smart specialization, H2020 call topics, Brokerage, etc) | ACD/SC/all |
| Discussion on Level of Activity, there are 14 NTPs and some NTPs don’t even answer or rarely respond to any requests sent by ACD : particularly PL, GE, SW, NL were mentioned. ACD informed that NL has just changed secretary: Elise Broukris replaces Nico Versloot who left TNO (which explains why there was no reply, Elise joined the NTP meeting by telco in the afternoon ) .  These Minimum Expectations from NTPs are agreed during the meeting:   1. NTP meetings & reports    1. Do more online/telco (2 online + 1 face to face) 2. Online Presence: at least a website. 3. Stakeholder Activation    1. Establish contact with industry stakeholders    2. Newsletter/emails…(mailing list)    3. Promote SusChem in your country 4. Strategic Connections    1. Establish contact with H2020 National Contact Points – ACD will send the info the list of the NCPs.   Subsequently it was discussed at what moment should action be taken to avoid prolonged inactivity: ACD reported that RO has officially declared that they can no longer take care of the RO-SusChem NTP. The plan is to contact Rodica Ion and discuss options for finding a substitute (the aim is not to lose RO, but to have an active NTP) . Since there is no clearly specified procedure for taking action on pro-longed inactivity It was agreed to review the Operational Rules within the LT.  It was further discussed what can be done to support NTPs, e.g. some of the more active NTPs can share learnings and experiences.  Action: Prepare a table mapping the NTPs, mentioning how we’re funded.  GR – raised whether the NTPs shall do something together in terms of funding? CG outlined previous exploration, e.g. of a EUREKA Cluster. The main issue is that someone needs to invest time and take responsibility to progress a possible proposal.  Susanne Coles presented some suggestions for POTENTIAL JOINT ACTIVITIES:   1. Joint Brokerage/Consortia Building Event. ACTION arising: Identify suitable dates and call topics 2019// Priority Areas.– SC will prepare a proposal. It was mentioned that Open Innovation Test Beds could be of interest and relevance to NTPs, however most are 2018 call topics and turn around times for a proposal are tight. 2. Possibility to form a consortium on H2020 call topics of common interest. GR raised the issue of writing the proposal and suggested looking at suitable consultancies. ACTION arising: Get a list of consultants that we know, and the fees they charge. Collate input Top 3 Priority call topic 2019 (for our own participation) for each NTP . 3. Mapping of    1. How each NTP is funded and resources dedicated to the NTP    2. National priorities as a country – where does Chemistry and Sustainability fit??    3. What kind of activities are being undertaken?    4. What value does SusChem provide at NTP level   It was discussed how compiling this data can help share experiences between NTPs as well as identify common interest for collaboration.   1. Smart Specialization - Thematic Network (ACD presentation on EMIRI S3 Platform). SC reported that the EC would be interested to see if activities could be initiated, e.g. around the work done under the European Sustainable Chemicals Support Service (ESCSS) and the self-assessment tool for EU Regions 2. Thematic area /priority for collaboration. It was discussed that priority areas vary between different countries and that it would be useful to capture (*c.f*. point 3.b.)   ACD presented progress made by EMIRI towards a S3 Platform – Proposal for applying for a new S3 Thematic area under industrial modernisation Platform : advanced materials and nanotechnologies for low carbon energy :   * Regions have to apply. Structural funds dedicated to innovation * To convince the regions (slide 5-7):   + Clean Energy   + Innovation Ecosystems   + Industrial Presence * Added value for the Regions (slide 6)   What we need at this stage is a support letter from interested regions (if NTPs wish to apply subsequently for funding, it needs to be ensure their region participates). ACD to send further information on the proposal, next steps and the deadline. | | | |
| 5. | **12:30-13:30** | Lunch | All |
| 6. | **13:30-14:30** | FP9-Missions | All |
| ACD presented an update on FP9 and suggested Missions. A consultation between end 2017 and May 2018 on FP9 is planned by the EC, but only on Impact Assessment. By summer 2018 some indications on how FP9 will look like should be available.  Currently there is still opportunity to put forward ideas on Missions. Missions should be developed with clear milestones and KPIs, Title needs to be understandable by anyone including Society.  It is expected that there will be missions on zero waste for plastics, and most probably on batteries .  NTPs are asked to use the opportunity to suggest Missions and some ideas were discussed.  Missions should not only focus on chemistry, but where chemistry has a big contribution – when sending a mission title it should be explained how the chemical industry will contribute.  EXAMPLE Mission title : “ZERO WASTE FACTORIES BY 2050”  A deadline of submission of NTP ideas for Missions was given as 31st of October. | | | |
| 7 | **14:30-15:00** | New SusChem identity update -NTPs communication -web pages | EA/all |
| An update was presented on the use of the new branding by the various NTPs. It was noted that there is room for improvement and it should be checked with NTPs currently either not or incorrectly using the new branding if support is needed.  It was discussed that a light version of pptx and docx should be sent with the secondary font, which is Arial.  It was highlighted that there is a SusChem LinkedIn account. It could be a good opportunity to promote events/news in the different countries.  It was further discussed how can we communicate better together to achieve greater stakeholder reach: e.g. Videos of projects, explain better what SusChem does, further info of NTPs on the European website.  The meeting closed at 3pm. | | | |