

# Sector Social Dialogue Committee of the European Chemical Industry



## Work Programme 2016-2017

This two-year programme agreed between the European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG) and industriAll European Trade Union (industriAll Europe) at the plenary meeting of the Sector Social Dialogue Committee of the Chemical Industry on 13 October 2015, is to be linked to the Social Partners Roadmap 2015-2020. In line with the European Commission's criteria and agreement of 3 March 2015 for project VS/2015/0033, the Roadmap serves to implement this work programme partially or in full.

The Commission supports 2 working group meetings and 1 plenary meeting of the Sector Social Dialogue Committee per year. These will be devoted to the following topics.

| TOPICS  | ACTIONS   | WHO   | OBJECTIVES                          | TIMELINE       |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Competitiveness, RDI and management of change    | Initiatives of the European Commission on RDI:<br>- follow & support  | ECEG & industriAll Europe Secretariats          | Joint Statement on innovation       | September 2016 |
|   | Digitisation:<br>-Joint assessment  | National associations (TBD)                     | Case based studies                  | End of 2017    |
|   | Nanotechnology<br>EESC CCMI initiative on "Nanotechnology for a competitive chemical industry":<br>-disseminate EESC opinion                                | ECEG & industriAll Europe Secretariats          | Joint circular letter/press release | January 2016   |
|   | Impact assessment on possible review of REACH Annexes:<br>- follow up and contribute  | ECEG & industriAll Europe members of the SSDC   | Joint opinion if necessary          | Early 2016     |
|   | EU Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring (COM (2013) 882):<br>-follow up, involve and consult our respective national associations | ECEG & industriAll Europe Secretariats          | TBD                                 | TBD            |
|   | Rubber Sector:<br>- pursue cooperation<br>- joint action if possible  | ECEG & industriAll Europe Secretariats          | TBD                                 | Early 2017     |
| 2. Occupational Health and Safety, Responsible Care | Responsible Care:<br>Develop wider active platform  | ECEG & industriAll Europe Secretariats<br>CEPIC | New memorandum of understanding     | End of 2016    |

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| 3. Employment and demographic change          | Sustainable employment and career development   | ECEG & industriAll Europe members of the SSDC                   | Voluntary agreement          | End of 2016   |
| 4. Education, training and lifelong learning  | Cooperation with ESCO & CEDEFOP:<br>-promote better anticipation of future skills needs<br>-help bridging the skills gap  | ECEG & industriAll Europe Secretariats<br>National associations | TBD                          | End 2016  |
|   | European Alliance for Apprenticeship<br>-follow up<br>- share best practices and develop apprenticeship programmes + specific programmes for young people without school leaving certificates | ECEG & industriAll Europe Secretariats<br>National associations | TBD                          | TBD   |
| 5. Framework Agreement on Competence Profiles | -dissemination of the Framework Agreement at national and company level, especially to SMEs   | ECEG & industriAll Europe Secretariats<br>National associations |                              | 2016  |
|   | - monitoring of the Framework Agreement   | Plenary   |                              | 2017  |
| 6. Industrial and climate change policy       | COP 21, EU ETS, energy & climate change policy:<br>- follow up and contribute   | ECEG & industriAll Europe members of the SSDC                   | Joint position on energy/ETS | 2017  |
| 7. Roadmap 2015-2020                          | Follow up:<br>- receive progress reports from project evaluation & steering group   | ECEG & industriAll Europe members of the SSDC                   |                              | February, September, December 2016<br>March, June, October 2017 |
|   | -decide on possible corrective actions  | WGs & Plenary   |                              |   |

ECEG and industriAll Europe agree that changes to the subjects listed in this work programme will be possible, if and whenever both parties agree on it. This work programme is valid until the end of 2017.

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