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The products powered by chemistry are all around us, from the water we drink and the food we eat, to the clothes we wear, the cars we drive and the energy used to heat and light our homes. Chemistry is involved in over 95% of all manufactured goods. Many of the life-improving breakthroughs of the last century in areas such as health and medicine, food and agriculture, energy and the environment have been heavily dependent on advances in chemical knowledge.

A frontrunner in research and development, the chemical industry creates and inspires the innovative must-have solutions for a sustainable future. It is a critical enabler of technologies that can significantly accelerate the transition to a resource efficient, low-carbon and circular economy.

The chemical industry is also one of the European Union’s most competitive and successful industries, embracing a wide field of processing and manufacturing activities. It is vital for a competitive business landscape, a valuable part of Europe’s economic infrastructure.

Safety is at the core of the chemical industry’s operations, from initial R&D to managing materials at their end of use. Beyond a rigorous legal framework, we have highly demanding operational management systems to ensure safe use of substances, to minimise risks and prevent harm to staff, local communities and the environment.

2nd largest chemicals producer in the world

16% of world chemical production

1.2 million jobs

29,000 small, medium and large companies

4th largest producer in EU manufacturing

The industry of industries: supplying products to all sectors

The largest investor in EU manufacturing (46 billion euro)

21.6 billion euro in capital spending
THE EUROPEAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
A MAJOR PROVIDER OF SOLUTIONS

-61% GHGs
-50% energy use
almost 22,000 substances
> 90,000 registrations
roofs
paints
windows
efficient lighting
insulation
in 70 countries

Advancing wind & solar energy
Reducing emissions
Powering the buildings revolution with smart materials & processes
Making REACH work
Implementing Responsible Care®
Ensuring health and well-being
Capturing & converting CO₂ into a useful resource
Ensuring smart mobility of the future
Helping design fully recyclable products that never go to waste
Turning waste into valuable resources
Contributing to all 17 UN SDGs
Enabling the Bioeconomy

THE EUROPEAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
A MAJOR PROVIDER OF SOLUTIONS AND A PILLAR OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY

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CEFIC, THE VOICE OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
A COMMITTED PARTNER FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

On behalf of the industry, Cefic interacts daily with all European Institutions, non-governmental organisations, stakeholders and media. Its mission is to set up a transparent and constructive dialogue and contribute its scientific, environmental, regulatory and economic expertise to create the future of Europe.

Working together with all the national chemical industry associations, it is devoted to promoting a thriving chemical industry that is broadly recognised to:
• provide sustainable, safe and resource efficient solutions,
• foster prosperity, growth and investments in Europe,
• meet the challenges for future generations.

The 90 Cefic sector groups deal with the full spectrum of substances.

Based in Brussels since its founding in 1972, and registered in the EU Transparency Register n° 64879142323-90, Cefic is a non-for profit-making organisation. Cefic is striving to be the best respected and most trusted association in Europe and is a committed partner to the future of Europe.
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A EUROPEAN NETWORK OF

5,000 industry experts
600 member companies
90 sector groups
30 national associations
OUR INDUSTRY ACROSS EUROPE

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YOUR INSIGHT INTO THE EUROPEAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

The chemical industry’s pioneering technologies and efficiency win customers around the world, provide 1.2 million jobs, and help generate wealth for us all.

The European chemical industry is a foundation of the continent’s economy. Its research centres, factories and logistics chains are woven across the continent, providing the ideas and clever materials that enable manufacturers to turn out products that keep us clean, safe and comfortable in our homes and as we go about our daily lives.

More info on www.chemlandscape.cefic.org
A JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE
The European chemical industry has recently issued a report describing a plausible path towards a prosperous, more sustainable Europe in 2050. That’s only two investment cycles away for an industry that thinks in decades. This vision of our industry at mid-century is our invitation to discuss the urgent decisions we are all facing – the prerequisites to a world that is cleaner and healthier and more inclusive, where the costly transition to climate neutrality has been socially fair and just, and in which Europe maintains its global relevance.

We serve society with products that people value and support people’s natural desires for better lives, a healthy planet, peace and prosperity. We produce everything from soaps to solvents and sealants and from biofuels to plastics and vitamins and active ingredients for pharmaceuticals (to name just a few). As an ‘industry of industries’ we help downstream industries and value chains from construction to transportation and energy achieve their goals. We are part of the fabric of progress, sustainably producing the raw and high-tech materials on which a modern, resource-efficient society is built.

See the mid-century vision brochure as a pdf
CEFIC’S EXPERTISE AT YOUR SERVICE
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Cefic is a partner to the European institutions and other interested parties. You can count on our support and contact the team any time. We look forward to our dialogue.

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