



# HLG Chemicals Status October 2007

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# HLG on chemicals mandate

## Commission decision

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**1 - ...to conduct economic and statistical analysis of the factors determining the structural changes in the chemicals industry...**

**...as well as others factors that influence the competitive position of the chemicals industry in Europe”**

**2 - ...to assist the Commission on questions related to the competitiveness of the chemicals industry...The Commission may consult**

**3 - ...to formulate a set of sector-specific policy recommendations.**

# HLG membership

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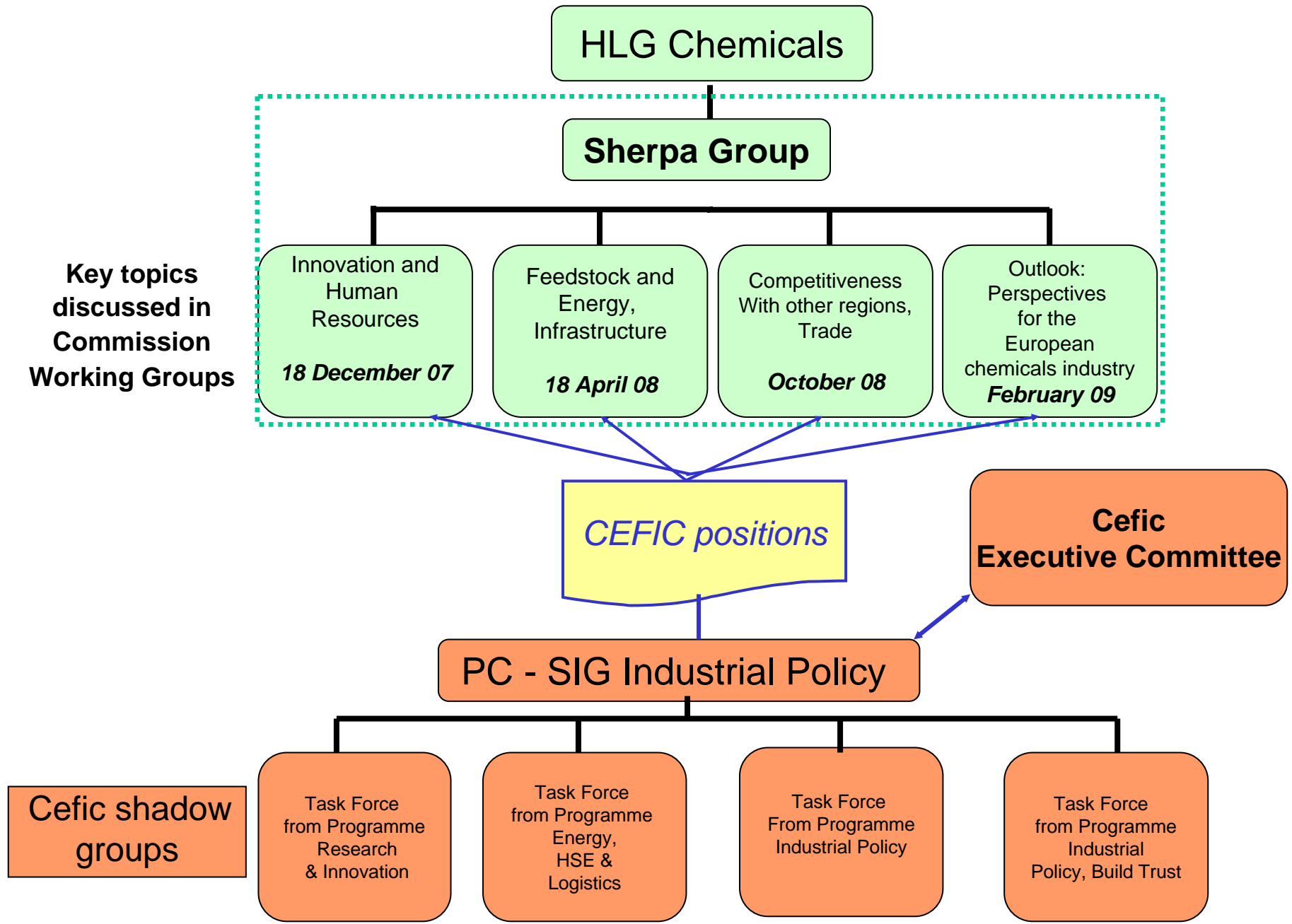
Categories	Members	Organisation/Company - Function	Sherpas	Status participation
Commission	Gunther Verheugen	Vice-president	Patrick Hennessy	Confirmed
Commission	Jacques Barrot	Commissioner Transport	not confirmed yet	Confirmed
Commission	Stavros Dimas	Commissioner ENVI	not confirmed yet	Confirmed
Commission	Peter Mandelson	Commissioner Trade	not confirmed yet	Confirmed
Commission	Andris Piebalgs	Commissioner Energy	not confirmed yet	Confirmed
Commission	Janez Potocnick	Commissioner Science and Research	Andrea Tilche	Confirmed
Member States	...	Belgium, Flemish Minister of Economic Affairs, Energy, Foreign Trade and Scientific Policy	Jean-Pierre Feyaerts	Confirmed
Member States	Martin Riman	Czech Republic, Minister of Industry and Trade	Miomiroslav Krejci, Member of the Board Unipetrol	Confirmed
Member States	Michael Glos	Germany, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology	Jürgen Meyer	Confirmed
Member States	Juan Trullén	Spain, Secretary General Ministry of Industry	Timoteo de la Fuente	Confirmed
Member States	Hervé Novelli	France, Minister of State, the Ministry for the Economy, Finance and Employment	Mr Rousseau, Director of the French DGE	Confirmed
Member States	Maria van der Hoeven	The Netherlands, Minister of Economic Affairs	Guido Biessen, Director Industrial Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs	Confirmed
Member States	Piotr Grzegorz Wozniak	Poland, Minister of Economy	Renata Znamirska-Orzechowska	Confirmed
Member States	Stephen Timms	United Kingdom, Minister for Competitiveness and Consumer Affairs	Richard Carter	Confirmed

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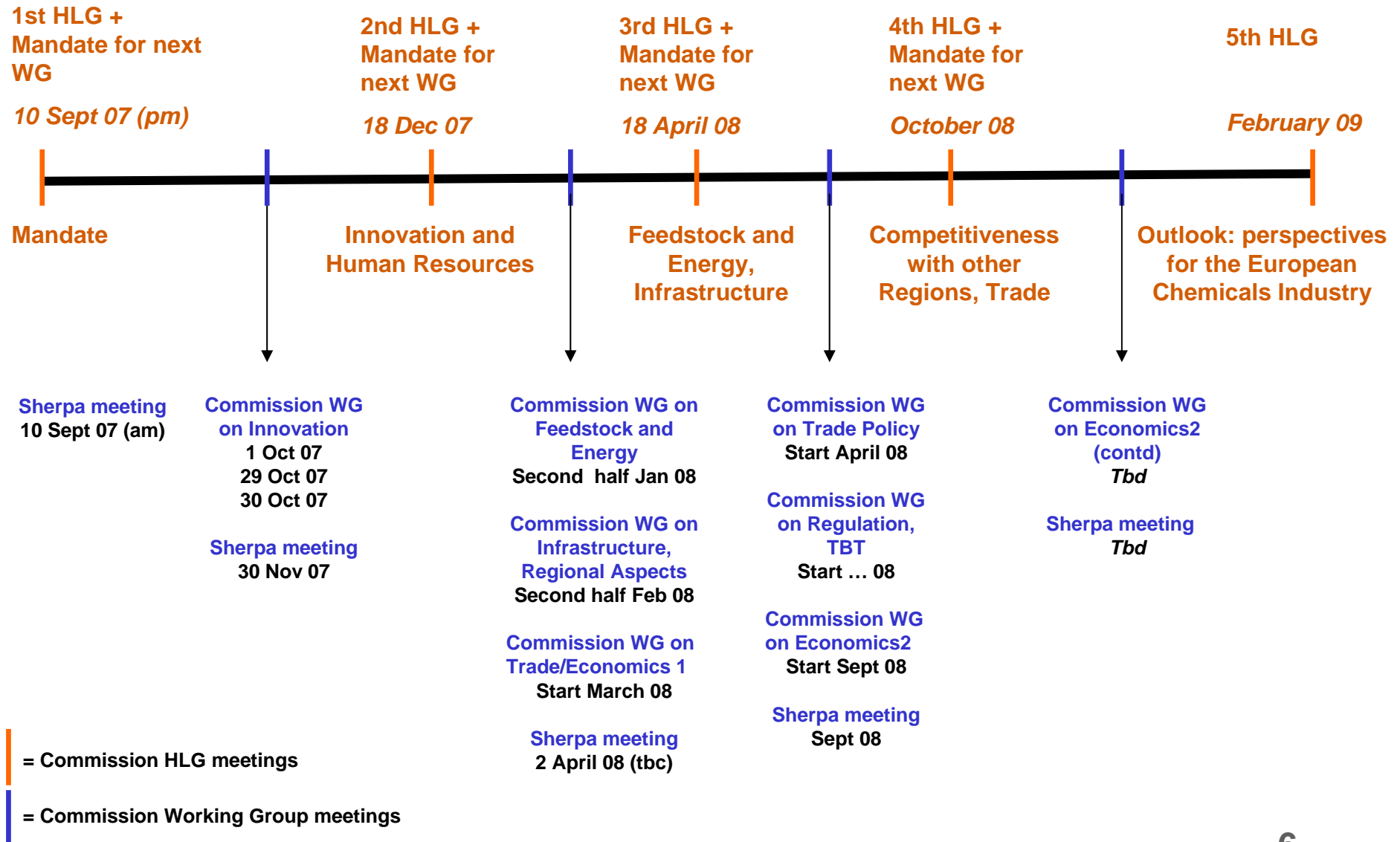
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Industry	François Cornélis	TOTAL Petrochemicals, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee and President of Chemicals	François Fierens	Confirmed
Industry	Jürgen Hambrecht	BASF, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors	Thorsten Iske	Confirmed
Industry	Thierry Le Hénaff	ARKEMA, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer	Nicolas de Warren	Confirmed
Industry	Ben Van Beurden	SHELL chemicals Europe, Executive Vice-President	Rob Colmer	Confirmed
Industry	Giorgio Squinzi	MAPEI, Chief Executive Officer	Vittorio Maglia	Confirmed
Industry	Tony Bastock	Contract Chemicals, Group Managing Director	Alan Eastwood	Confirmed
Other industry	David Duncan	Unilever, Senior Vice-President of Home & Personal Care Research & Development	Fabio Marchetti	Confirmed
Traders / distributors	Johan von Knorring	Bang & Bonsomer Group, President	Hendrik Abma, FECC	Confirmed
European Environment Bureau	Mikael Karlsson	Swedish society for Nature Conservation, President	Stefan Scheuer	Confirmed
BEUC (consumers)	Mette Boye	Danish Consumer Council, Head of Policy	Willemien Baks, Deputy Director General BEUC	Confirmed
Trade unions	Reinhard Reibsch	EMCEF (European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers' Federation), Secretary-General	Thomas Nieber, Chairman Industrial Policy	Confirmed
Academic	Karin Markides	Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, President	Göran Dahlberg	Confirmed
Chemical Regions	Reiner Haseloff	European Chemical Regions Network, President	Thomas Wobben, ECRN	Confirmed



# Timeline of meetings of the HLG Chemicals and Commission Working Groups (indicative)



# High Level Group on the Competitiveness of the Chemicals Industry in the European Union - *Draft Work Programme*



## Year 2007

HLG Meetings	Main Topic of the Meeting	Preparatory Ad hoc Groups, Sherpas	Schedule of Preparatory activities
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b> 10 Sept. 2007 (p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Opening, The State of the European Chemical Industry</b> (Main document: thought starter)</p>	<p>None Informal Sherpa Meeting (organisation, procedures)</p>	<p>10 Sept 2007 (a.m.)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b> 18 Dec. 2007 (3 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Innovation and Human Resources</b></p>	<p><u>Ad hoc Group Innovation and Human Resources</u> (pls. refer to draft mandate and agenda) <u>Sherpa Meeting:</u> - Preparation of HLG Meeting Innovation and Human Resources - Discussion of Ad hoc Group Mandates: - <i>Feedstock and Energy</i> - <i>Infrastructure, Regional Aspects</i> (Establishing the Group depends on demand from participants and material available) - <i>Trade / Economics 1</i> Development of the global trade flows</p>	<p>01 Oct 2007 29 Oct 2007 30 Oct 2007 30 November 2007</p>

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## Year 2008/ 2009: indicative

HLG Meetings	Main Topic of the Meeting	Preparatory Ad hoc Groups, Sherpas	Schedule of Preparatory activities
3 18 April 2008	<b>Feedstock and Energy, Infrastructure</b>	<u>Ad hoc Group Feedstock and Energy</u> <i>Potential themes:</i> - Impact of rising prices and shortage of traditional feedstocks and energy - Potential for improvements of energy intensity - Potential for alternative feedstocks - Impact of measures to address climate change	Start second half Jan 2008
		<u>Ad hoc Group Infrastructure, Regional Aspects</u> <i>Potential themes:</i> - Specific infrastructure and logistical needs of industrial locations outside of the main clusters - Specific problems of New Member States	Start second half Feb 2008
		<u>Ad hoc Group Trade / Economics 1</u> <i>Potential themes:</i> - Assessment of the development of the main trade flows in the light of the strategies of the main players (Middle East, Russia, China, India, Japan, US)	Start March 2008
		<u>Sherpa Meeting</u> - Preparation of meeting on Feedstock and Energy - Discussion of Ad hoc Group mandates: <i>Trade policy</i> <i>Technical barriers to trade</i> <i>Trade/Economics 2: investments, growth</i>	Late March 2008



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4 October 2008	<b>Competitiveness with other Regions, Trade</b>	<u>Ad hoc Group Trade Policy</u> <i>Potential themes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global trade instruments</li> <li>- Sectoral agreement on chemicals</li> <li>- Bilateral trade agreements</li> <li>- Trade defence instruments</li> </ul> <u>Ad hoc Group Regulation, Technical Barriers to Trade</u> <i>Potential themes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International chemical policy on regulatory convergence</li> <li>- Regulatory dialogues with third countries</li> </ul>	Start April 2008
		<u>Ad hoc Group Economics 2</u> <i>Potential themes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Future main trends in the light of previous discussions on innovation, societal demands, energy, etc.</li> </ul> <u>Sherpa Meeting:</u> Preparation of HLG Meeting on international competitiveness and trade, First considerations on organisation of final phase/ reporting – consideration of need for other themes to be discussed.	Start Sept 2008  Sept 2008
5 ca. February 2009 Final meeting	<b>Outlook : Perspectives for the European Chemicals Industry</b>	<u>Ad hoc Group Economics 2 (cont)</u> <u>Sherpa Meeting:</u> Preparation of final report, recommendations (probably at least two meetings)	Tbd

## Innovation

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- **HLG Innovation and Human resources : 18 December**
- **Sherpa meeting of the HLG: 30 Nov 07**
- **Commission WG (= ad hoc task force) on Innovation**
  - 29 Oct 07**
  - 30 Oct 07**
- **Cefic is exploring the need for a further discussion on the Human Resource issues delinked from innovation, e.g. shortage of scientific and technical skills**