

# High Level Group Chemical Industry

**Official start:  
10 September 2007**



# Background

- EU Commission announced setting up of a working group in Communication on Industrial Policy already in 2005
- As HLG was not intended to be involved in REACH, debate kick-off was postponed several times
- It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> HLG after Automotive Industry and Energy/Environment

# Task

- Fixed in decision of the EU Commission from 24 June 2007:
  - „to conduct economic and statistical analyses of the factors determining the structural changes in the chemical industry as well as other factors that influence the competitive position of the European chemical industry
  - to assist the Commission in questions related to the competitiveness of the chemical industry
  - to formulate a set of sector-specific policy recommendations addressed to policy makers at the Community and national level, industry and society organizations“

# Members

- Members of the HLG have been appointed by the EU Commission for a period of 2 years
- 8 representatives from industry, 8 from member states, 3 from EP, 5 from societal organizations including 1 mandate for trade unions – 6 members of the EU Commission will be involved
- Demand from the social dialogue to be involved was neglected
- List and further information is available on the homepage of the EU Commission

# Kick-off meeting

- First meeting has taken place on 10 September 2007
- Program of the HLG including the setting up of subgroups was discussed and adopted
- First subgroup will deal with innovation and human resources
- EMCEF will nominate one member for this group

# More information

- Documents from the HLG will be published by the EUCommission:

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/chemicals/hlg/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/chemicals/hlg/index_en.htm)