



Implementation of the High Level Group Recommendations
– Initiatives taken by Industry –
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Innovation and Research



- Chemical industry offered to take a leading role in the innovation partnerships set under Innovation Flagship Initiative (Rec 1)
- GRANT-IT service set up by Cefic for chemical SMEs (Rec 2)
- Suschem structure and management completely revised so as now to cover the knowledge triangle research, innovation and education (Rec 3)
- Active role chemical industry in HLG KET (Rec 4)
- Dialogues and information (Rec 6):
 - Nano dialogue in various countries
 - Inclusion of sustainability in RC reporting
 - ICCA IT portal for Global Product Strategy
 - Cooperation and dialogues started throughout value chain (retailers, cars, consumer groups)
 - Academia and NGOs (e.g. Animal Rights)

Smart Regulation – Intellectual Property Rights



- **Regulation :**
Cefic continued to advocate for consistency and efficiency of EU chemical legislations, especially about a link between RoHS and REACH.
A new opportunity may be offered by the review of REACH.
- **IPRs :**
Cefic encouraged initiatives to enhance protection of CBI/data protection in trade secrets

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Human Resources



- Industry initiative Xperimania to promote chemistry at primary and secondary schools (Rec 14)
- Year of Chemistry with an extensive focus on young people
- In order to demonstrate innovation driver: Exhibition planned for July 2011 in Berlaymont on innovation and societal solutions (Rec 14)
- Cefic study into critical skills needs defined by company executives and initiation of dialogue with academia, development of action plan by Cefic and SusChem (Rec 15)
- Retraining of existing workforce after identification of skills needs (Rec 16)
- Social dialogue with EMCEF (Rec 16)

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Energy and Feedstock and Climate Change



- Industry willing to move in the direction of biobased feedstock but AP related barriers continue to exist (Rec 20)
- Energy efficiency CARE+ project to promote energy efficiency in chemical SMEs (Rec 22)
- Cefic actively explored possibility for global chemical sector approach based on benchmarks to reduce CO2 emissions (Rec 24)
- Cefic coordinated ICCA study on global carbon life cycle assessment (Rec 25)
- Cefic provided data and methodology recommendations for implementation of ETS (Rec 26)

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Logistics



- Cefic is developing an inventory of gaps in existing intermodal network for chemical industry (Rec 28)
- Cefic is advocating the continuation of single wagon operations which are under threat (Rec 29)
- Cefic is advocating an increase of allowable vehicle weights to 44t (Rec 30)
- Note: It is difficult for industry to act in isolation on the various recommendations regarding logistics in the absence of a global approach to clusters led by authorities.

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Globalisation, International Competitiveness and Trade



- Cefic advocates chemical sector tariff liberalisation agreement in the Doha Round (Rec 32)
- Cefic actively contributing to new Commission Market Access Working Group on Chemicals (Rec 32)
- Cefic actively advocates Free Trade Agreements (Korea, India, etc.) (Rec 34)
- Cefic provided information on discriminatory practices relating to raw materials (yellow phosphorous, fluorspar, rare earths) (Rec 38)
- Cefic submitted proposals to ensure level playing field regarding access to renewable feedstock from third countries (bio-ethanol, sugar/carbohydrates) (Rec 39)

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HLG on Chemicals: Context for implementation in 2010 and beyond



- HLG recommendations largely integrated in work plans of Cefic Programmes and roadmap developed
- Overall good progress noted on innovation and trade related recommendations
- Mixed picture regarding energy and feedstock related recommendations
- Lack of progress on regulation and logistics related recommendations
- Need for regular review of implementation

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