## Evolution of Responsible Care in the Chemical Industry

Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee – Brussels

08-12-15 Hartwig Wendt



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# Cefic – Voice of the Chemical Industry in generation Europe

- Based in Brussels since 1972
- Representing chemical companies in Europe
  2.2 million jobs – 16,7% of world chemicals production.
- One of the most active networks of the business community
- Interacting every day with stakeholders on behalf of their members

A growing membership: about 230 new members joined Cefic in the last 5 years

Four industry sectors representing 106 sector groups



### The Responsible Care Global Charter



THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHEMICAL ASSOCIATIONS

#### Responsible Care® Global Charter

**Responsible Care** is the global chemical industry's unifying commitment to the safe management of chemicals throughout their life cycle, while promoting their role in improving quality of life and contributing to sustainable development.

As a signatory to the Responsible Care Global Charter my company will actively strengthen the Responsible Care initiative worldwide and is committed to:

Company

Approved by the ICCA Board of Directors, May 29, 2014

**CEO** Signature

A Corporate Leadership Culture that proactively supports safe chemicals management through the global Responsible Care initiative

Safeguarding People and the Environment by continuously improving our environmental, health and safety performance; the security of our facilities, processes and technologies; and by driving continuous improvement in chemical product safety and stewardship throughout the supply chain

Strengthening Chemicals Management Systems by participating in the development and implementation of lifecycle-oriented, sound-science and risk-based chemical safety legislation and best practices

Influencing Business Partners to promote the safe management of chemicals within their own operations

Engaging Stakeholders, understanding and responding to their concerns and expectations for safer operations and products and communicating openly on our performance and products

Contributing to Sustainability through improved performance, expanded economic opportunities and the development of innovative technologies and other solutions to societal challenges

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•	A unifiving and inspiring
	document

- 6 clear elements
- A clear connection to Sustainability
- 536 CEO letters of support received by ICCA as of Oct. 6th (number still growing up)



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Responsible Care



Competition launched in 2004



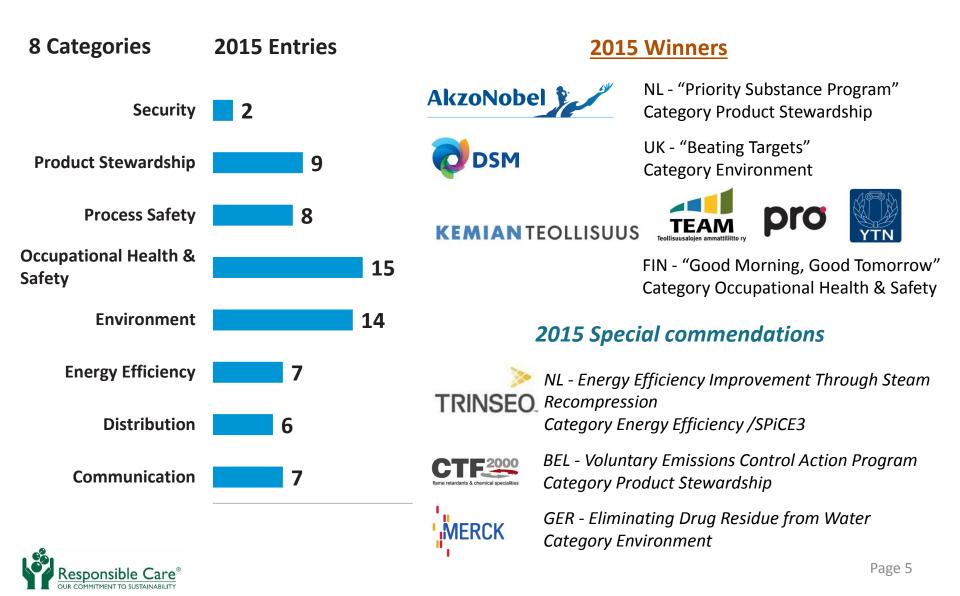
accomplishments in applying Responsible Care principles

Giving **recognition** for efforts and achievements which

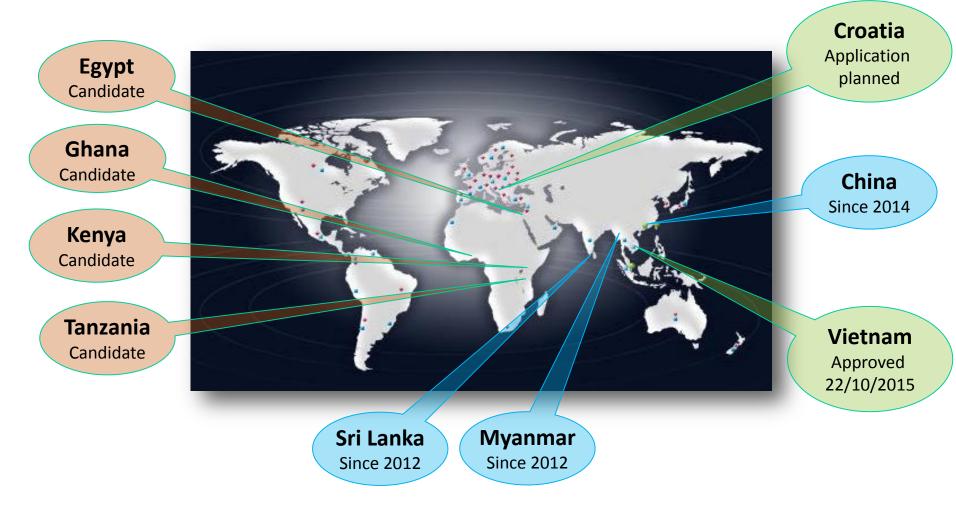
contribute to the Responsible Care objectives

#### The Awards Winners in 2015





## Responsible Care, a growing community 🔹



#### End 2014, 58 Member Associations worldwide



## **Capacity Building in Europe**



Workshops co-organized by Cefic / local federations

- Zagreb (Croatia) 15/09/15
  - Theme: "How to organize and manage Responsible Care in companies"
  - 29 attendees from 13 companies
- Bucharest (Romania) 15/10/15
  - Theme: "Raising Responsible Care awareness"
  - 30 attendees from 24 entities including 2 Government agencies

#### Under discussion, Moscow (Russia) – in 2016

- Theme: "Best practices to develop Responsible Care programs for the chemical industry"
- Floor will be open to OPCW

