



Introduction



Dear reader,

Thank you for your interest in the ECRN! The European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN) was originally set up as a joint initiative of six regions with a high concentration of chemical sector businesses. Today, the ECRN consists of 21 chemical regions representing about one million employees within the European chemical industry.

The network provides added value by enabling regular exchange of experience and best practice between regions, e.g. in applying the high number of EU regulations whilst competing with non-EU regions outside the scope of these regulations. The ECRN also raises awareness among European policymakers on the interests and challenges faced by the chemical regions.

From my point of view, the ECRN has evolved into a significant European stakeholder advocating the interests of the chemical regions. For instance, the ECRN was invited to the High Level Group on the Competitiveness of the Chemicals Industry in Europe as a representative of the regional perspective. This was a big success for the network, as it was the first time that chemical regions were integrated in the European level policy dialogue. This work should continue, as regions will play a significant role in shaping and implementing the EU policies on the ground, particularly in their innovation efforts throughout the value chain.

I warmly invite you to get in touch with us for more details on our activities – and of course I will also be pleased to welcome new members in our network.

Yours sincerely,

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ECRN member regions

Asturias, ES
Bavaria, DE
Brandenburg, DE
Cheshire West and Chester, UK
Flanders, BE
Hesse, DE
Ida-Viru, EE
Limburg, NL
Lombardy, IT
Lower Saxony, DE
Mazovia, PL
North Rhine-Westphalia, DE
Novara, IT
Rhineland-Palatinate, DE
Rhône-Alpes, FR
Saxony-Anhalt, DE
Schleswig-Holstein, DE
Scotland, UK
Ústí Region, CZ
Wallonia, BE
Yorkshire and The Humber, UK



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What is the ECRN?

European Chemical Regions Network

Who are our members?

Public authorities from regions who deal with aspects of the chemical sector

How is the ECRN organized?

Registered association with a Network Secretariat in Brussels

Who are our experts?

Representatives from ministries and related institutions in the member regions

The European chemical regions are faced with similar challenges deriving e.g. from new legal framework conditions, globalization, and change of business structures.

Therefore, altogether 21 chemical regions from 10 different countries are currently working together in the ECRN to address these challenges and to represent common interests with a single voice in the European arena.



Objectives of the ECRN

- Fostering **European cooperation** of regional actors in the chemical field
- Improving **regional development** strategies in chemical regions
- Articulating the **common interests** of chemical regions towards the European institutions
- Ensuring recognition of the ECRN as **a strong regional chemical stakeholder** at the European level



The ECRN is engaged in various activities with its members and other partners. The network welcomes new members and is open to new partners or project initiatives and other forms of collaboration.

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ECRN activities

- Ongoing **INTERREG projects** „ChemLog“ (on chemical logistics) and „ChemClust“ (on chemical clustering)
- Working on **joint solutions** on changing legal and economic framework conditions and fostering exchange of experience and **best practice** among the European chemical regions
- Participation in the “**High Level Group (HLG)** on the Competitiveness of the Chemicals Industry” as official representative of the regional perspective
- Actively supporting the **implementation of the HLG recommendations**, e.g. organising conferences and events, sharing information, and cooperating with the European Commission on the HLG implementation review
- Fostering **cooperation** with the European institutions, as well as national and European chemical stakeholders, incl. CEFIC, EuCheMS, EMCEF, ECEG, EPCA, science and research bodies, and national chemical associations