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**11th Congress of the European Chemical Regions Network
Maastricht, 24th October 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the ECRN and the region of Limburg, we warmly welcome you to the 11th Congress of the European Chemical Regions (ECRN) on 24th October 2014 in Maastricht (MECC, Forum 100, 6229 GV Maastricht).

Our theme this year is “**Demand driven innovations through triple helix cooperation in chemical regions**”. Innovation plays a central role in the long-term prosperity and sustainability of Europe, its regions, and the European chemical industry. At the 11th ECRN Congress, we will discuss different approaches to enabling and facilitating innovation and cooperation, highlight best practices from regions in addressing these issues, and seek to align better the European policies and regional realities. We hope to bring concrete and tangible examples to the discussion, both through the keynote speeches and presentations given by our speakers, and by the regional representatives who will share their stories and give examples of their ongoing activities at our “Market of Ideas”.

Collaboration for the future is becoming more important than ever before, and as in previous years, our Congress aims to support the exchange of views and experiences from different chemical stakeholders. Our network currently brings together 19 chemical regions from different parts of Europe, and we look forward to welcoming a range of high-ranking representatives from politics, business, academia, and public authorities to our Congress. We anticipate inspiring discussions during the Congress with representatives from the European Commission, the European chemical industry associations, unions, industry and businesses, and representatives from our member regions. We are glad that you will be joining us for this event!

A detailed programme for the Congress is attached to this letter and you can find more information from the ECRN website (www.ecrn.net). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ECRN Secretariat in Brussels (tel.: +32 (0)2 7410 947, e-mail: ecrn@ecrn.net).

We look forward to seeing you in Maastricht!

Yours sincerely,

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