



## 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007

**Morning:** ECRN Working Group *(only open to member regions)*

9.00–12.00 ECRN Working Group Meeting

**Afternoon:** ECRN Congress

13.00 Press Conference and Dissemination Seminar

14.30–16.00 Opening session

Welcome Speech by Dr. Reiner Haseloff,

*ECRN President, Minister of Economy and Labour Saxony-Anhalt*

Welcome Speech by Hendrik Hering,

*Minister of Economics, Transport, Agriculture and Viniculture Rhineland-Palatinate*

“New High-Level Dialogue on the Competitiveness of the Chemical Industry in Europe”

*Klaus Berend, European Commission, Head of Unit DG Enterprise and Industry G.2-Chemicals*

**Moderator:** Frank van Lissum, Province of Limburg

**Translation:** English and German

16.00–16.30 Coffee Break

16.30–18.00 Workshops (Topics 1 and 2)

**Workshop 1:**

“Regional Strategies in Skills Development”

*George Ritchie, North East Process Industry Cluster (NEPIC)*

*Frans Dierckx, General Manager Essencia-Flanders*

*Gianluigi Possanzini, SC Sciluppo Chimica Spa*

*Dr. Frank Schmidt, EBG gGmbH*

**Moderator:** Eduard Figuerola, Ministry of Innovation, Universities and Enterprise, Catalonia, Secretariat for Industry and Enterprise

**Translation:** English and German

**Workshop 2:**

“European Technology Platform – Challenge for the ECRN”

*Andrea Tilche, DG Research responsible for Technology Platforms*

*Dr. Kicherer, BASF ETP SusChem*

*M<sup>a</sup> Eugenia Anta Espada, FEIQUE Directora de Desarrollo Tecnológico e Innovación*

*Thomas Wobben, Director of the Representation of Saxony-Anhalt to the EU (Presentation of ECRN II approach)*

**Moderator:** Bert Kersten, Minister of the Environment

Province of Limburg

**Translation:** English and German

18.00–20.00 **General Assembly** *(Members only, voting)*  
**BASF Visitor Center** *(Optional for participants)*

20.00 Evening Dinner

Welcome Speech by Dr. Bernhard Nick,

*Senior Vice President Strategic Planning, (as of 01.01.2008: President for the division Verbund Site Management Europe)*

Welcome Speech by Dr. Eva Lohse,

*Lord Mayor of Ludwigshafen*

Place: Gesellschaftshaus der BASF

## 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007

**Morning:** Continuation of ECRN Congress

9.00–10.30 Workshops (Topics 3 and 4)

**Workshop 3:**

“Energy Strategies in Chemical Regions”

*Frank van Lissum, Province of Limburg*

*José Ramón Fernández, Association of Chemical Industries of the Principality of Asturias (AIQPA)*

**Moderator:** Mark Pembleton, Environment Department Cheshire County Council

**Translation:** English and German

**Workshop 4:**

“From Bulk to Speciality Chemistry”

*Prof. Dr. Alois Schlarb, head of Institute for Composite Materials, Kaiserslautern*

*Dr. Rüdiger Baunemann, Plastics Europe*

**Moderator:** Karl-Uwe Bütof, ECRN Vice President, Ministry of Economics North Rhine-Westphalia

**Translation:** English and German

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.00 Final Session of ECRN Congress

“European Chemical Policy – Lessons for the Regions”

*Dr. Marian Mours, Innovation Manager CEFIC*

*t.b.a., Member of the European Parliament*

Adoption of Congress Declaration

Closing Address of Dr. Reiner Haseloff,

*ECRN President, Minister of Economy and Labour Saxony-Anhalt*

**Moderator:** Michael Hack, ECRN Director

**Translation:** English and German

12.00 Final Lunch for all Participants

13.00 – 14.00 Site Visit to BASF Location

## Further Details

**Accommodation**

We recommend two hotels in Ludwigshafen for the time of your stay. By using the keyword “ECRN Congress” at your reservation in one of these hotels you will get the rooms at a special price:

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Price (single room

with breakfast): 85,- EUR

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