



To the members of the ECRN
and representatives and stakeholders from the European Chemical Regions

**10th Congress of the European Chemical Regions Network
Warsaw on 5th-6th December 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the ECRN and the region of Mazovia, we hereby invite you to the 10th Congress of the European Chemical Regions (ECRN) on 5th and 6th December 2012 in Warsaw (Airport Hotel Okęcie, 17 Stycznia 24, 02-146 Warsaw, Poland).

Our Congress theme this year is "Facing the changes – new challenges for the competitiveness of the European chemical industry". Europe and its regions, along with the chemical industry, are facing numerous changes and challenges regarding both the immediate impacts of the economic crisis as well as long-term sustainability and prosperity. At the 10th ECRN Congress, we wish to discuss these issues, highlight best practices from the regions in addressing the challenges, and seek to align better the European policy discussions and regional realities.

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 stakeholders in the chemical sector at the European level. 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. Hence 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.

A detailed programme for the Congress will be available from the ECRN website (www.ecrn.net), where you will also find more information about the event as well as the online registration form.

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 welcoming you to our Congress!

Yours sincerely,

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