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STATEMENT: ECRN welcomes Antonio Tajani as the President of the European Parliament

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The European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN) welcomes the election of Antonio Tajani as the President of the European Parliament.

"Congratulations to my friend and newly-elected European Parliament President Antonio Tajani! With his strong European experience and profound knowledge of both the challenges the European Union is facing and the competitive landscape in which the European industry operates, we are positive that President Tajani will show understanding to the issues tackled in the European chemical industry and addressed in the European regions", states Fabrizio Sala, ECRN President and Vice President of the Lombardy Region and Minister for House, Social Housing, Expo and Internationalization of Enterprises (Lombardy, Italy).

President Sala underlines that "Cooperation across sectors, regions and institutions is vital to find solutions to our common problems. Regional, clusters and networks play an important role in catalyzing future growth and prosperity. We are prepared to contribute to new European solutions and look forward to good collaboration with the new President. As president of ECRN network, I am sure that President Tajani will pay close attention also to the chemical industry, one of the main pillars of the economy of European regions."

The European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN) is an association of regional authorities from across Europe. Originally started as an INTERREG project in 2004, the ECRN has now a permanent Secretariat in Brussels and is registered as an association under German law. ECRN is recognized as a European stakeholder for regional issues concerning the chemical industry and policies. The network represents regions where chemical industry is an integral part of the local economy and seeks to bring regions together to tackle the challenges by exchanging information and exploring solutions to common problems. The aim of the ECRN is to improve the competitiveness of chemical regions, facilitate collaboration between regions, and to represent the common interests of the chemical regions in Europe.

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