Press Release

4th European Chemistry Partnering in Frankfurt: The chemical industry on course for the future

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The 4th European Chemistry Partnering (ECP) brought together several hundred industry representatives from the chemical industry and other sectors in Frankfurt am Main to discuss product innovations, development potentials and concrete cooperative steps into the future.

The event kicked off with a keynote address by Fernando J. Gómez, head of the program for the chemical and materials industry at the World Economic Forum. He underlined the need for global cooperation in view of the future sustainability challenges and the 17 sustainability goals of the United Nations. More than 1,300 pre-arranged partnering discussions as well as several company workshops and presentations in the exhibition area of the Kap Europa Congress Center at Messe Frankfurt provided the substantive input for the day. Once again, this created the particularly intensive, yet open and productive laboratory atmosphere of the ECP with 650 participants from 27 nations.

The ECP Job Exchange, organized for the first time, provided additional stimulation and offered graduates the opportunity to make direct contact with large companies and start-ups in a unique environment. In the concluding panel discussion, high-ranking industry representatives addressed the future of the financial ecosystem and picked up on the focus on sustainability already set in Fernando J. Gómez's keynote speech.

Dr. Holger Bengs, CEO of BCNP Consultants GmbH and initiator of the European Chemistry Partnering, summed up: "Especially in economically difficult times, it is important that large companies as well as start-ups take the lead to achieve sustainable business. Getting to know each other personally creates the basis for openness, trust and the willingness to cooperate and to succeed together".

The 5th European Chemistry Partnering will take place on 23 February 2021 in Frankfurt am Main.

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Background:

97 percent of all products contain at least one chemical process step: renewable raw materials, enzymes, industrial biotechnology, new processes, products from residual materials, digitization, etc. are changing the processes in chemical value creation: starting with purchasing logistics on to production and finally marketing and sales. Interdisciplinary exchange is gaining in importance. With the ECP, an international chemistry community is growing that wants to derive more innovation from what already exists.

Further information: [https://european-chemistry-partnering.com](https://european-chemistry-partnering.com)

European Chemistry Partnering: A brief overview

The European Chemistry Partnering is an event format in which the focus is on discussion about innovation along the chemical value chain. It is aimed at decision makers, innovation managers and investors in the chemical industry and its user industries, as well as industry-focused stakeholders and qualified service providers and consultants. The ECP consists of the elements: Keynote Speech, Partnering, Pitches, Exhibition, Workshops and Final Panel. Companies can describe their innovations in short presentations (Pitches) and arrange appointments via a software tool in advance (Partnering). The ECP always begins at the Get-Together on the evening before and it ends with a joint breakfast on the next day. Satellite events organized with partners emphasize its importance as both marketplace and meeting point for decision makers. The European Chemistry Partnering was conceived and initiated by Dr Holger Bengs, CEO of BCNP Consultants GmbH. The first event took place in 2017 and has been now organized twice a year since 2018.

Further information:
- [twitter.com/euchempa](http://twitter.com/euchempa)
- [www.linkedin.com/groups/8675175](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/8675175)
- [www.t1p.de/euchampa](http://www.t1p.de/euchampa)

BCNP: A short profile

BCNP Consultants is a Germany-based Consultancy that specializes in the areas of Biotech, Chemistry, Nanotechnology and Pharmaceuticals (BCNP). BCNP's core competences include scientific and technical expertise, strong networks and industry knowledge. The company provides Strategy, Communication and Sales consulting services via its divisions BCNP strategy and BCNP connect. Specialist areas are market and technology analyses as well as Innovation scouting. Since 2015 BCNP has published the annual Compass to Europe’s Innovative Chemical Companies ([www.chemistry-compass.eu](http://www.chemistry-compass.eu)) to encourage entrepreneurship in the chemical industry. In 2017 the marketplace “European Chemistry Partnering” was initiated to bring together and engender dialog among creative minds and decision makers on an international stage.

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