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State of Implementation of the Recommendations of the High Level Group on the Competitiveness of the European Chemicals Industry

## PROGRAMME

Morning

### INTRODUCTION

- 09.30 - 09.45** Antonio Tajani, *Vice President of the European Commission – Commissioner for Industry and Entrepreneurship*
- 09.45 - 10.00** Janez Potočnik, *Commissioner for Environment - (tbc)*
- 10.00 - 10.15** Balázs Hidvéghi, *Deputy State Secretary, Ministry for National Economy - Hungary*
- 10.15 - 10.30** Giorgio Squinzi, *President of the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)*
- 10.30 - 10.45** Alberto Cavalli, *Vice President of the European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN)*
- 10.45 - 11.00** Reinhard Reibsch, *Secretary General of the European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers' Federation (EMCEF)*
- 11.00 - 11.15** Luis Oro, *President of the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS)*
- 11.15 - 11.30** **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 - 11.45** **FIRST WORKING SESSION: INNOVATION**  
**Chair: Klaus Berend, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission**
- 11.45 - 12.00** **Chemical industry and the future innovation partnerships**  
José-Lorenzo Valles, *DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*
- 12.00 - 12.15** **What can the chemical industry contribute to innovation partnerships?**  
Gernot Klotz, *European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)*
- 12.15 - 12.30** **Supporting innovation in the chemicals industry**  
Alan McClelland, *Centre for Process Innovation, North East England*
- 12.30 - 12.45** **A Public Private Partnership for bio-based materials**  
Francesco Degli Innocenti, *Novamont SpA*
- 12.45-13.00** **Questions**
- 13.00 - 14.30** **Lunch break**

Afternoon

- 14.30 - 14.45** **SECOND WORKING SESSION: HUMAN RESOURCES**  
**Chair: Peter Baur - DG Education and Culture, European Commission**
- 14.45 - 15.00** **New skills for new jobs: a strategy for the chemical industry**  
Manuel Hubert, *DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission*
- 15.00 - 15.15** **New skills: what chemical companies need**  
Cristina Gonzalez Alonso, *Federacion Empresarial de la Industria Quimica Española (FEIQUE)*
- 15.15 - 15.30** **How to get businesses and school education closer to each other**  
Ralph Angermund, *Ministerium für Innovation, Wissenschaft, Forschung und Technologie - North Rhine Westphalia*
- 15.30 - 15.45** **Enhancing cooperation between industry and academia**  
Pavel Drasar, *European Chemistry Thematic Network Association*
- 15.45 - 16.00** **Attracting talented people to chemical studies**  
Agueda Gras-Velazquez, *European Schoolnet*
- 16.00 - 16.15** **Questions**
- 16.15 - 16.30** **Conclusions**  
Gwenole Cozigou, *Director, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission*

