

Press Release

More innovative, interactive and international: First digital European Chemistry Partnering – 3rd ECP Summer Summit – exceeded all expectations

- 123 start-ups from 24 countries met at the first two-day Industry Business Speed Dating of the Chemical Industry.
- Record attendance: 430 participants and more than 1,000 online partnering conversations
- 43 nations from all over the world represented: Participants from Australia to Venezuela, from Japan to South Africa, from Chile, to Morocco, from the USA to Thailand, and of course Europe.
- The 5th European Chemistry Partnering will take place from February 24 to 26, 2021 – again as a digital and now three-day event.

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The 3rd ECP Summer Summit took place on September 17th and 18th. For the first time it was organized as a two-day online event. More than 400 participants from all over the world met online around the clock in workshops, in pre-arranged partnering discussions, in seven Thematic Networking Rooms or spontaneously at the "virtual coffee machine" for informal exchange.

After the official welcome by ECP initiator Dr. Holger Bengs, Dr. Daniel Teichmann, founder and CEO of Hydrogenious LOHC Technologies, gave fascinating insights into scientific and business aspects of the successful implementation of the novel hydrogen technology. In his keynote speech he described how sustainable alternatives to the oil-based economy can be developed thanks to a successful interaction of science, investors and companies.

In the panel "Sustainability: How does our financial ecosystem influence innovations in chemistry" Kristina Jeromin, Head of Group Sustainability of Deutsche Börse Group, Florian Theyermann from Fox Corporate Finance, Peter van Gelderen from Icos Capital and Frank-Andreas Hatzack from the Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies discussed the topic. They all agreed that sustainability is becoming a decisive criterion in the allocation of venture capital. It also became clear that despite all the major advances in the chemical industry, the development towards CO₂ neutrality must continue. In addition, in view of the diversity of relevant technologies, uniform criteria for the evaluation of sustainability are needed.

Transparency and a holistic approach to the development of sustainability criteria and eco-labels were also identified as key levers in the workshop "Sustainability in the Coatings Industry" organized by ORONTEC together with partner companies. Without these, Ulf Stalmach of ORONTEC argued, end-customers will find it difficult to seriously evaluate sustainable processes.

In addition to keynote speeches, panels, workshops and the partnering discussions, participants were also able to make contacts in several thematic networking rooms on issues like Circular Economy, Technology Transfer and Patents and IPO. Additionally, two flash sessions, the "virtual coffee machine" and "the escalator" provided informal meeting points. The virtual exhibition with company stands, which had already opened six days earlier, as well as the digital job exchange sponsored by BCNP Consultants GmbH offered further opportunities for networking.

"ECP is digital: the baptism of fire has been passed", says Dr. Holger Bengs, initiator of ECP, "Despite the Corona crisis: people from all continents met here to make the world a better place. We need innovations, and we need them fast, in view of climate change and our environmental and health challenges. The ECP is now firmly established, supported by the ECP foundation ipOcean – The Trust Network as a legally secure marketplace for the exchange of ideas and innovations. We stay confident, but in line with the situation, the 5th ECP in February 2021 will remain digital."
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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>

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. Since September 2020, the ECP is also available in a digital version.

Further information:

www.ecp2020.com

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www.t1p.de/euchempa

www.european-chemistry-partnering.com

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www.ecp-summer-summit.com

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) 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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