

Press Release

Minister Andreas Pinkwart is the Patron of the ECP Summer Summit

- European Chemistry Partnering now twice per year
- Participants from 13 nations already registered.
- Event location: Henkel KGaA in Düsseldorf, September 25, 2018

September 6, 2018, Frankfurt am Main

Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart, Minister for Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitization and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, has assumed patronage of the first ECP Summer Summit. The summer version of the European Chemistry Partnering will take place on September 25, 2018 at the consumer and industrial goods company Henkel in its capacity as the main sponsor of the event.

“The chemical industry is a pillar of prosperity and employment. This is especially true for North Rhine-Westphalia as one of the world's leading regions for chemical R&D and production” said Minister Andreas Pinkwart in his welcome address. “That is why I was delighted to be asked to become the Patron of the ECP Summer Summit in Düsseldorf, where not only the chemical industry but also its many user industries such as health, mobility and energy can be found”.

The ECP Summer Summit is the summer version of the European Chemistry Partnering, which takes place every February in Frankfurt: Short presentations, so-called pitches, and partnering, i.e. the exchange of innovation along the chemical value chain, are the focus of the event. The ECP pursues two goals: On this day, participants have the opportunity to meet with many interested parties and investors in order to lay the foundation for further discussions. At the same time, participants come from very different sub-sectors of the chemical industry, thus enabling them to broaden their horizons beyond day-to-day business.

Dr. Holger Bengs, initiator of the European Chemistry Partnering and the ECP Summer Summit, is delighted: “It is a great honor for us to have won Professor Pinkwart as Patron in his function as Economics Minister of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). In particular, NRW which is an outstanding chemical location, is predestined to host an international innovation meeting such as the European Chemistry Partnering. The Minister summed it up very well: Interdisciplinary exchange is crucial if even more innovation is to be developed from existing products and existing technology over a short period of time. Discussions, which are the core of the ECP - the leading speed dating event for the chemical industry and its many user industries, serve this end.

The European Chemistry Partnering and the ECP Summer Summit are aimed at decision-makers from industry and investors. Representatives of large corporations, medium-sized companies as well as young growth companies and Start-ups all use the ECP format to engage in intensive exchange and generate new business contacts.

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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:

www.ecp-summer-summit.com

Welcome address by Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart, Minister for Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitization and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

<https://ecp-summer-summit.com/welcome-speech-de/>

The reference is solely the German text:

The Minister's Press Photo:

<https://www.wirtschaft.nrw/minister>

Further photos of the 2nd European Chemistry Partnering can be downloaded free of charge here:

<https://european-chemistry-partnering.com/gallery/#photo>

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 and Final Panel. Companies can describe their innovations in short presentations (Pitches) and arrange appointments via a software tool in advance (Partnering). The European Chemistry Partnering was conceived and initiated by Dr. Holger Bengs, Managing Director of BCNP Consultants GmbH. The first event took place on 16th February 2017 in Frankfurt am Main. From 2018 onwards the ECP will occur twice a year. In February the venue is Frankfurt. In late summer, the ECP Summer Summit takes place in changing locations.

Further Information:

www.ecp2019.com

www.european-chemistry-partnering.com

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BCNP: A short profile

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