

Introducing the ChemSkills newsletter...



Dear reader,

We are thrilled to launch the first issue of the ChemSkills' newsletter, conceived to regularly update you on the latest news of the project.

In a nutshell, the ChemSkills initiative, “Enabling the green and digital skills transformation of the chemical industry”, is a co-EU-funded project that marks a turning point in the chemical industry. With a dynamic consortium of **33 project partners**, including education providers, public entities, trade unions and industry representatives, **our mission is to respond to the current green and digital skills needs**, alongside developing expertise to produce “safe and sustainable by design” chemicals.

Our ambition does not stop here as the project scope goes beyond the present time. **We are also delving into future skills requirements**, aligning with major policy initiatives like the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability (CSS), the European Industrial Strategy, the Circular Economy Package, the European Green Deal, and many more.

In this framework, **the project will offer valuable insights to policymakers for the development of the skills agenda in the chemical sector.** Meanwhile, it will create a roadmap of future scenarios while delivering advanced training courses and cutting-edge curricula. As we step into the sixth month of our four-year journey, we are glad to see the enthusiasm and hard work of our consortium partners to make this project a resounding success.

Enjoy the reading and stay tuned for more updates and exciting developments of this journey towards a greener and digital future for the chemical industry!

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We're launching the Future Skills Survey!



The ChemSkills project is launching the Future Skills Survey, and we want YOU to be part of this industry-shaping initiative!

Your active participation in this survey is critical for evaluating current trends, understanding drivers of change, and pinpointing skills and competence needs across sectors such as plastics, consumer chemicals, fertilizers, rubber, pharmaceuticals, and petrochemicals. By contributing your insights, you play a vital role in bridging the gap between skills needs and available training opportunities.

Join us in shaping the future of the chemical industry!

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and contribute your valuable insights.

Your data will be anonymised and used responsibly.



Mechanical, chemical, advanced or molecular recycling?

It can be very confusing even for workers in the chemical industry to find their way in the many buzzwords and terminologies surrounding plastics recycling.

Following article gives a compact overview of what it all means – or doesn't mean – in line with European legislation.

[Find out more here!](#)



The kick-off meeting

**13th - 15th
September 2023**

The ChemSkills project embarked on its transformative journey during the kick-off meeting held from 13th to 15th September, orchestrated by the European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG) in the vibrant city of Brussels, Belgium.

With over 40 participants, the event provided a platform to delve into the project's future, fostering collaboration across 10 work packages. Emilia Venot, ChemSkills' Project Officer at the European Commission, graced the occasion, highlighting the project's significance and urging partners to contribute their best.

Upcoming events...



16th - 17th April 2024, Brussels

ChemSkills is set to host a meeting in Brussels, organized by the European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers Association (ETRMA).

This gathering aims to fortify relationships among diverse sectors and partners within the ChemSkills consortium. An opportunity to delve into the workings of different Work Packages and foster collaboration, this meeting promises to be an enriching experience for all involved.

Breaking away from virtual discussions, this in-person meeting holds the key to enhancing understanding and cooperation. We are excited about the prospects this meeting and look forward to the meaningful exchanges that will shape the future of ChemSkills. Stay tuned for the news.



ECRN has been invited to speak at the two-day Biennial Skills Forum under the Pact for Skills.

21 – 22 March 2024

The Skills Forum will take place in a physical (in-person) format in Brussels, with live-streamed sessions online. ECRN will focus on the ERASMUS+ projects and the presentation of the **Regional Partnership for Skills in the Chemical Sector** achievements.

The event will provide a platform for members and potential members of the Pact – at European, national, and regional levels - to strengthen their commitment to upskilling and reskilling, building on the momentum of the European Year of Skills. Additionally, members and potential members will have a unique opportunity to hear from different stakeholders of the Pact for Skills and showcase their good practices of upskilling and reskilling measures as well as share their ideas and recommendations for future activities to further increase the impact of the Pact for Skills in the future.

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