

## Boosting European innovation networks on advanced materials Final Workshop of the Materials Common House MATCH

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Materials Common House (MATCH) gathers key stakeholders in EU Materials community to meet, discuss and set the next steps for European innovation networks on materials at EuroNanoForum 2017, Malta. The effective two-hours MATCH workshop on June 23 brings up selected prime examples of advanced materials activities in Europe and disseminates the key results of this highly inclusive EU H2020 project with 19 partners including 6 platforms and key research & innovation players from 9 countries. MATCH was set up to consolidate the innovation efforts in EU on advanced materials and their many application fields throughout the innovation value-chain and boost application of new, sustainable high-value materials for the benefit of European industry and society. Identifying and analysing the bottlenecks & best practices in R&D collaboration, specific needs & challenges in industries, and building effective collaboration of national, regional and European networks MATCH has formed an active hub of materials networks.

The MATCH Final workshop (Workshop 1: European innovation networks on advanced materials June 23, 9:00 - 11:00, David Bruce Hall) consists of two sections [see programme](#)

**Section 1 Materials Forum** will bring three different selected highlights from European industry:

- **Anne Chloe Devic**, European Chemical Industry Council – Cefic will focus on circular economy aspects in chemical & process industry.
- **Keith Simons** from Elastopoli will bring an SME case example discussing on accelerated product development of novel biocomposite materials for automotive industry and
- **Markku Heino** from Spinverse will present results of application driven digitalized materials R&D in an intensive industry-driven ecosystem of 60 companies.

**Section 2 MATCH Results highlights** gives the audience a good overview of the wide range of studies & results of the MATCH project over last three years, served through six short & sharp presentations:

- **Jerome Gavillet** from CEA will describe the results of mapping the Europe-wide materials Research & Innovation activities including a great amount of Nationally and European funded collaborative projects over last 8 years. This was done in order to identify competencies, develop synergies between collaborative projects, networks, clusters and infrastructures (national/regional and European) and identify key application areas where to build up strategic roadmaps.





- **Alberto Alberdi**, IK4-TEKNIKER will focus on the results of a systematic study of the main National and Regional research funding programmes in the area of materials covering about 300 funding programmes from 30 different European countries which were identified and included in the Programme Database available at the MATCH website.
- **Angelica Lopez** from Tecnalia will present the MATCH Observatory, one of the concrete elements created in the MATCH project to share relevant, fresh information and news on advanced materials both from research and in different industrial application fields such as construction, energy, health, transport and creative industries.
- Based on a survey and desk research on established materials stakeholder networks at EU, national and regional level, the presentation of **Lutz Walter** from The European Apparel and Textile Confederation will highlight best practices and provides recommendations to policy makers, material researchers in industry and academia on how to set up successful, long-lasting networks and how to generate value for all stakeholders involved.
- The future views of the Materials Common House Approach will be discussed by **Margarethe Hofmann-Antenbrink** from The Federation of European Materials Societies (FEMS). In MATCH, a lot of data was collected, experts interviewed, workshops conducted and evaluations of the materials & data landscape developed. Expert groups representing various industry sectors are now established to translate the many data and information into a future research and innovation strategy and to make suggestions and recommendations for politicians, managers and researchers at research facilities and universities.
- **Rodrigo Martins** representing E-MRS will tackle in his presentation the relevancy of materials as enablers and promoters of all expected developments in science and technology and so in the cutting edge of the expected renaissance of Europe towards a new era of eco-sustainable growth that has to consider all components of a consolidated value chain.

**The MATCH project** (Materials Common House) is coordinated by Italian **Centro Sviluppo Materiali** and the whole consortium consists of 19 partners from nine countries representing the **six related European Technology Platforms** and several major European material research organisations. The project started in January 2015 and will continue for 30 months until June 2017. This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under **Grant Agreement No 646031**.

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