

## Press release

### **Clariant to present six company pitches on Circular Plastics Economy at the 4th European Chemistry Partnering on February 27, 2020**

- More than 1,000 decision makers, more than 2,000 networking meetings and 50 pitches are expected at the 4<sup>th</sup> European Chemistry Partnering in Frankfurt
- Early bird discount offered until 15 December 2019
- Networking starts at the Get-Together on the evening before

*4 December 2019, Frankfurt am Main*

*At the 4th European Chemistry Partnering (ECP) on 27 February 2020, the 17 sustainable development goals of the U.N. will play a key role. More than 1,000 participants from the chemical industry and its user industries will meet to discuss future projects and potential collaborations. In the special workshop „New Technologies Enabling a Circular Plastics Economy” hosted by Clariant, six Companies will present pitches, followed by a discussion led by Richard F. Haldimann, Head of New Business Development at Clariant and other experts.*

Clariant is Diamond Sponsor of the 4<sup>th</sup> European Chemistry Partnering (ECP). As one of the leading manufacturers of specialized chemicals worldwide and headquartered in Switzerland, Clariant is heavily involved in R&D in crucial areas such as energy efficiency, renewable resources, emission-free mobility and careful treatment of the environment. Start-ups that have registered at the 4<sup>th</sup> ECP and have booked a pitch slot can apply to present their pitch in this workshop that will become the focus of this year’s event. All six pitches will be filmed and made available later on the ECP website for all participants.

Richard F. Haldimann, Head of New Business Development at Clariant, explains the workshop: “We are excited to be partnering with ECP to lead the session on “New Technologies Enabling a Circular Plastics Economy”. Having a strong partner with ECP opening access to high quality companies with leading technologies in this area perfectly fits with our strategic circular plastics initiative EcoCircle.”

Dr. Holger Bengs, CEO of BCNP Consultants GmbH and Initiator of the European Chemistry Partnering says: “We are very proud to have Clariant as Diamond Sponsor of the 4<sup>th</sup> ECP on our side. It is fantastic that Clariant is also engaged in shaping the event. The workshop will set important impulses in a decisive area. This is another excellent example of developing perspectives live at the ECP.”

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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](http://www.ecp-summer-summit.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.

Further information:

[www.ecp2020.com](http://www.ecp2020.com)

[twitter.com/euchempa](https://twitter.com/euchempa)

[www.linkedin.com/groups/8675175](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8675175)

[www.t1p.de/euchempa](http://www.t1p.de/euchempa)

[www.european-chemistry-partnering.com](http://www.european-chemistry-partnering.com)

[www.facebook.com/EuChemPa](https://www.facebook.com/EuChemPa)

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## 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](http://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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