

S3Chem Project finally closed

Final Interegional Project Meeting in Tarragona

After six years of policy learning and exchange of best practices related to the chemical and process industry in main European chemical regions, the final conference of the S3Chem project was held in Tarragona on 14 September 2022.



Project Partners and Regional Stakeholder at the S3Chem Final Event in Tarragona on 14th September

Scientists and regional authorities from the seven European regions participating in the project met at the Institute for Chemical Research of Catalonia (ICIQ) to discuss innovation and the future of chemistry.

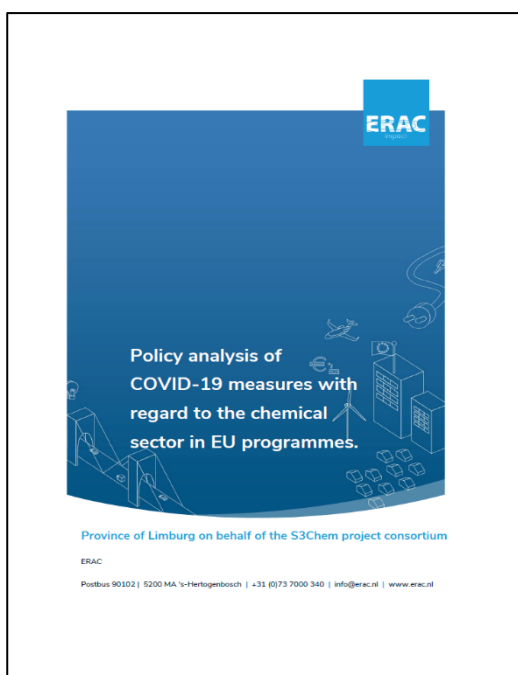
The event, organised by project partner ACCIÓ, the agency for business competitiveness of the Generalitat de Catalunya, began with a panel discussion on the future of chemistry. In the debate, regional representatives from industrie, academia and public authorities commented on the challenges in the process industry, on the search for a change in the energy mix, the transition to a circular economy and other hot topics in the regional chemical sectors.

Subsequently, two other panels presented the latest trends in biological materials, CO₂ capture and storage and the importance of chemical recycling. Stakeholders from the partner regions discussed latest research with the interested audience.

Previously, on the afternoon of the previous day, a visit had been made to the port of Tarragona, a key point for the chemical industry in the Tarragona Petrochemical Complex, which has a specific platform for ships loaded with crude oil and its derivatives.

Successful conclusion of the S3Chem project extension

The S3Chem project extension lasted from 01.10.2021 to 30.09.2022 with a budget of 354 KEUR, 301 KEUR of which are financed by ERDF funds. All seven partners of the previous project consortium continued to participate in the project extension, which aimed to analyse the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the chemical and process industry and the innovation landscape in the partner regions.



As main output of the project extension, the S3Chem partners elaborated a joint analysis on the regional COVID19 measures with regard to the chemical sector in EU programmes. Here, the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on innovation funding and the derivation of suitable instruments to make the innovation funding environment in general, and its custom fit instruments in particular, in every partner region resilient for future crisis have been evaluated.

In particular, the S3Chem project identified needs and gaps for the transition of the industry and corresponding policy instruments to face common challenges of the crisis in order to speed up the recovery of the chemical related industry after the pandemic.



The [joint analysis](#) is available on the project website.

The Interreg Europe project S3Chem aimed to improve the implementation of the Regional Innovation Strategies with focus on chemical related topics in an interregional cooperation and learning process between public authorities. In all seven partner regions from Poland, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Germany specially the promotion of innovation in the chemical industry has a high priority, as the chemical and process industry has a long tradition and is an important industry sector in all these regions.

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