

## Article - European social partners launch new project on digitalisation and innovation in the European chemical industry

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On 19 January 2018, European social partners of the chemical industry, industriAll European trade union and the European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG) launched their new social partner project. The project will deal with “The impact of innovation and digital transformation in the workplace: a sector-specific study of the European

chemical, pharmaceutical, rubber and plastics industry”.

Based on an EU-wide research survey and expert interviews, project partners aim to formulate a social partner joint action plan as to how to anticipate, prepare and manage change in the workplace as a result of innovation and digital transformation in three domains: skills, working patterns and health & safety.

Over a period of 24 months, 16 experts out of 8 EU Member States will steer the project, each bringing their specific sectoral knowledge and experience from national trade unions and employer associations in the areas of social dialogue, digital transformation and employment policy.

The next project group meeting is scheduled for 17-18 May. A stakeholder conference is envisaged for 18-19 October.

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