

1st SusChem-AT Meeting

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The European Technology Platform Sustainable Chemistry has as integral part of its organization national technology platforms in several European countries. Starting 2015, the Austrian technology platform SusChem-AT was created. In 2016, the strategy board was installed and developed a draft position paper as well as made some efforts to involve further stakeholder in this platform.

The 1st Suschem-AT meeting – operated by the BioNanoNet - took place on September 13th 2017 in Laßnitzhöhe, Austria. SusChem-AT is the Austrian Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry. The strategy of SusChem-AT is to strengthen the interaction of relevant stakeholders on national level (industry, academia, society, national politics, ministries) to address Europe's and especially Austria's societal challenges with chemical and biotechnological innovations. The meeting was mainly oriented to further develop the strategy and structure of the platform, taking into account the very valuable comments and ideas of the participants. Based on the preparation which has been done by the strategy board, an intensive discussion took place and led to the visualisation of the platforms structure and to the first selection of the most important domains for the Austrian platform. This will be formalized within the next months, complemented in an iterative way, and thus be the fundament for

communication efforts from national to European level. Key activities of SusChem-AT will be the bi-directional communication of topics which are most relevant for Austrian community, to represent and support those needs on European and national level, and to install a continuous information flow towards our members about any important SusChem-relevant action in Europe.



A very important step towards optimization of Austrian stakeholders on European level and hence for SusChem-AT will be its upcoming role becoming one of the three representatives of the NTPs in the board of the ETP SusChem. For our young and highly motivated NTP, this is a perfect signal to further expand its community and to hopefully get involved all relevant organizations in Austria within the next 1-2 years.

Hence, I would like to kindly invite you to join SusChem-AT by becoming member of Bio-NanoNet community and to be represented with your needs and requirements in the most effective way.

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