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Chemical raw materials in Europe - Trends & Challenges

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Presentation outline

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- 2. Chemical raw materials in Europe situation & trends
- 3. Challenges & uncertainties
- 4. Summary



Petrochemicals Europe - Who we are

- = the association of petrochemical producers in Europe, an industry sector of Cefic
- European producers of base chemicals and derivatives
- ~ 90 members across Europe representing 90% of total EU28 market;
 25% SME
- Our vision: The petrochemical industry to be recognised as the foundation of future economic success in Europe, fuelling innovation, manufacturing and employment

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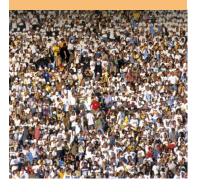
Our Full & Affiliated members are:





Why chemicals do matter ...

Health & Nutrition



9 billion people will live on earth by 2050!

- How can we guarantee food and water supply for everyone?
- What are possible benefits and contributions of plant science?

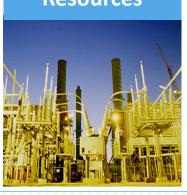
Construction & Housing



67% of the world population will live in cities by 2025!

- What does future architecture look like?
- Which materials are needed to make energy consumption more efficient?

Energy & Resources



50% more primary energy needed in 2030!

- What is the ideal energy mix of the future?
- How big is the stake of renewable energy?

Mobility & Communication



1.2 billion cars will drive on earth by 2020!

- How can we reduce emissions and fuel consumption?
- What will future cars be made off?



Significant economic contribution of the chemical industry

In 8 European countries, the chemical industry belongs to the top 5 industrial performers in terms of value added



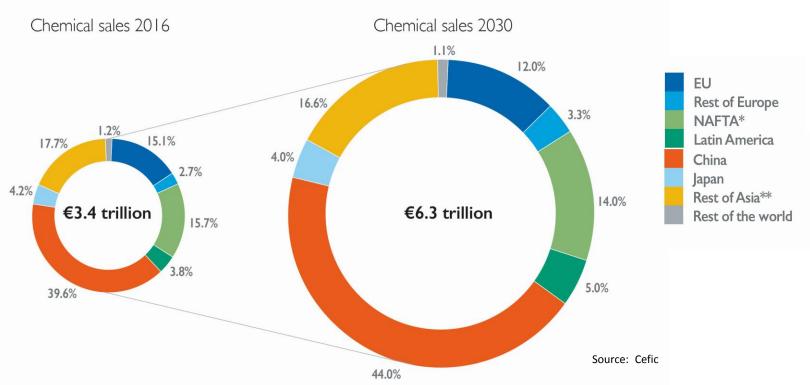
Source: Eurostat SEC 2010 unless other specified. National accounts by 64 branches), 2012 data. Chemical industry excluding pharma IRL, FIN, UK, BG, PT, PL, CYP based on SEC 1995. Estimate for SWE and ES based on Eurostat SBS







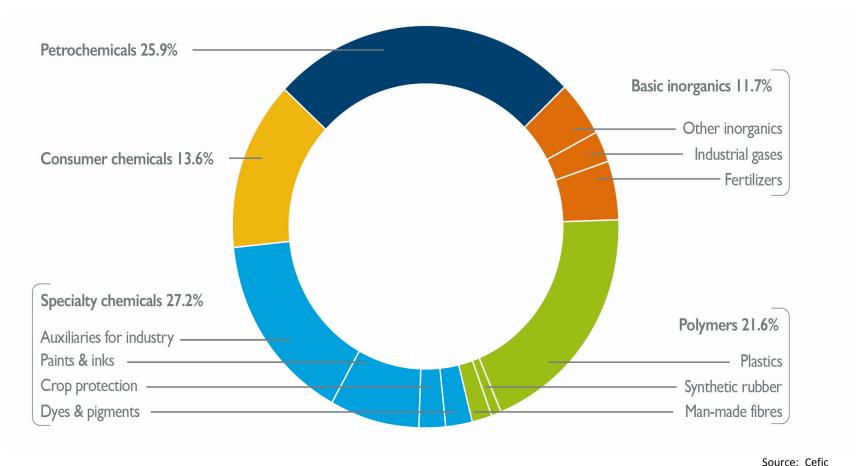




overall chemical growth expected to continue - EU share goes down

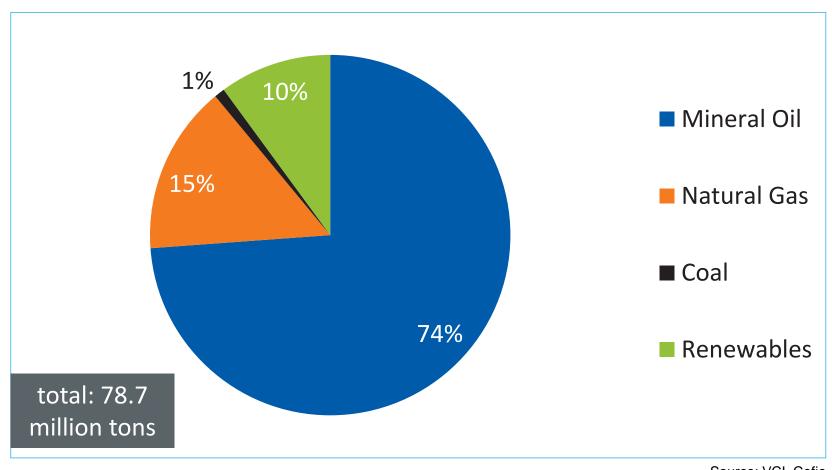


EU chemical industry sales by sectoral breakdown





Raw materials used in the European chemical industry (2015)

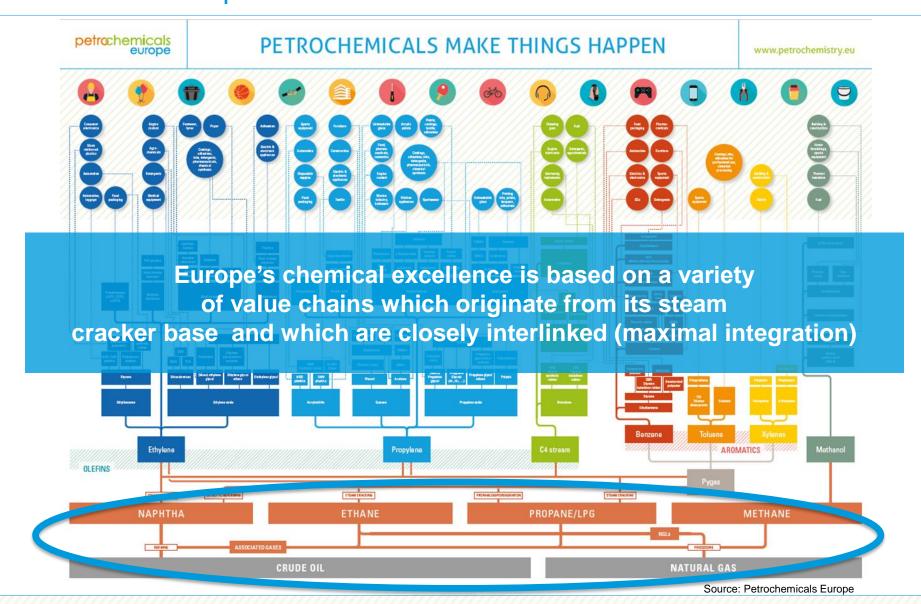


Source: VCI, Cefic

With 74% refined products constitute the predominant feedstock

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Europe - home of petrochemical excellence





The Petrochemical Industry in Europe - A Short Portrait

Refineries and steam crackers in EU-28



red bullet points: Steamcrackers/reds stars: refinery + steamcracker

More than 50 steam crackers in operation in EU 28, homogenous geographic coverage

> 300,000 direct employees; 1,2 million incl. multiplying effects

contribution to overall European GDP: 155 bn € (= 155,000,000,000 €)

energy intense:

> 80% of production costs related to oil & gas as feedstock and energy

capital-intense (steam cracker > 1,5 bn €)

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Petrochemicals as enabling industry for many sophisticated solutions

- > 95% of all manufactured goods are based on petrochemicals, such as electronics, furniture, appliances, textiles, and many more
- → benefits: sustainable solutions to energy savings and comfort, for example insulation, durable, light-weight and resistant composites, etc.





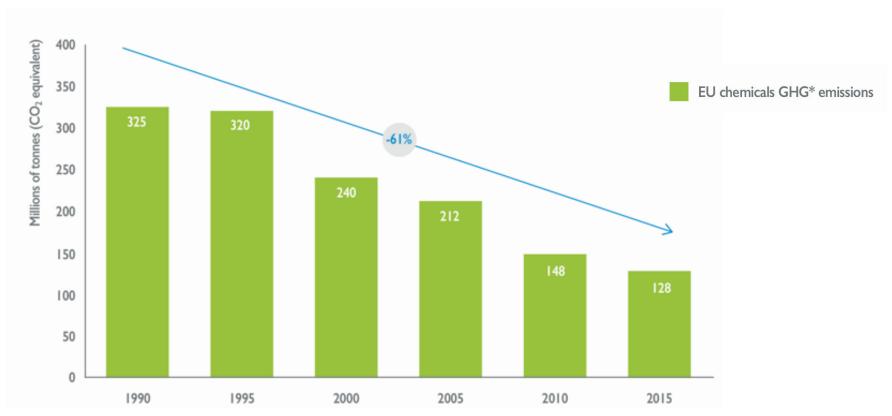


... but:

Highly exposed to international competition (commodity business)



Total greenhouse gas emissions of the EU chemical industry 1990-2015



Source: European Environment Agency (EEA)

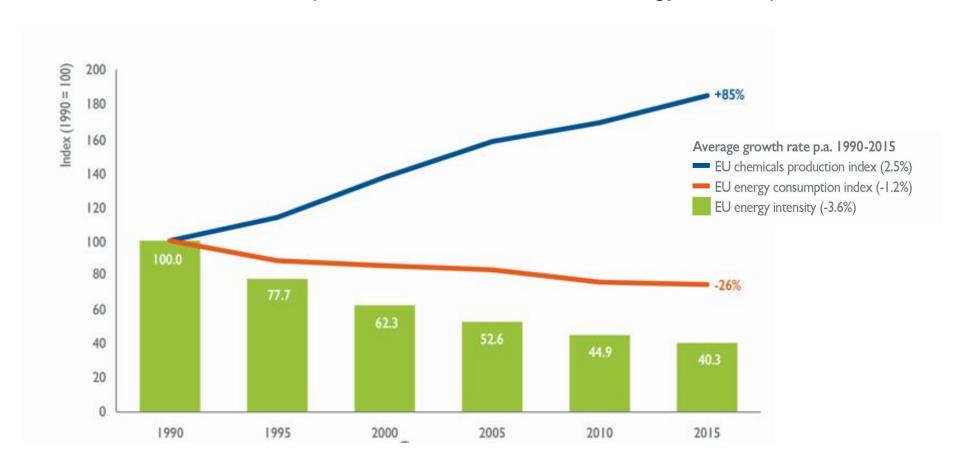
* GHG = Greenhouse gas
Unless specified chemical industry excludes pharmaceuticals
Unless specified EU refers to EU28

The eco footprint of Europe's chemical industry has substantially improved: ~ 85% more production with 60% less GHG emissions!



Energy intensity of the chemical industry...

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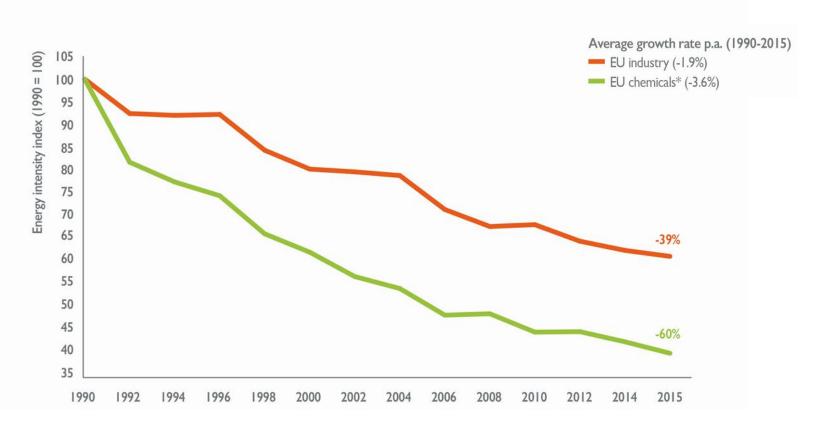
Source: Cefic Chemdata International

* Energy intensity is measured by energy input per unit of chemicals production (including pharmaceuticals)

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Energy intensity: chemicals* versus total industry



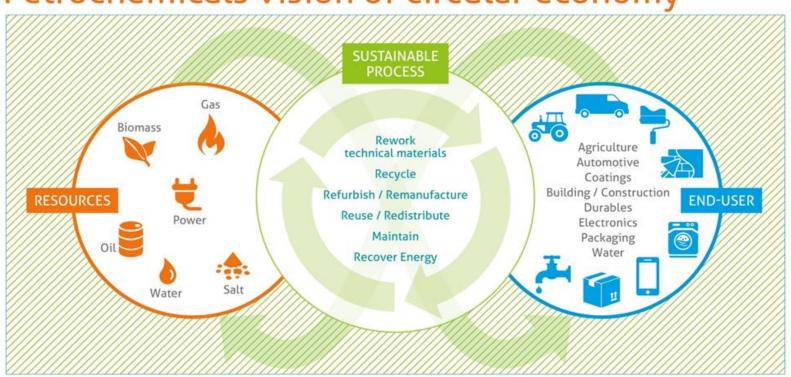
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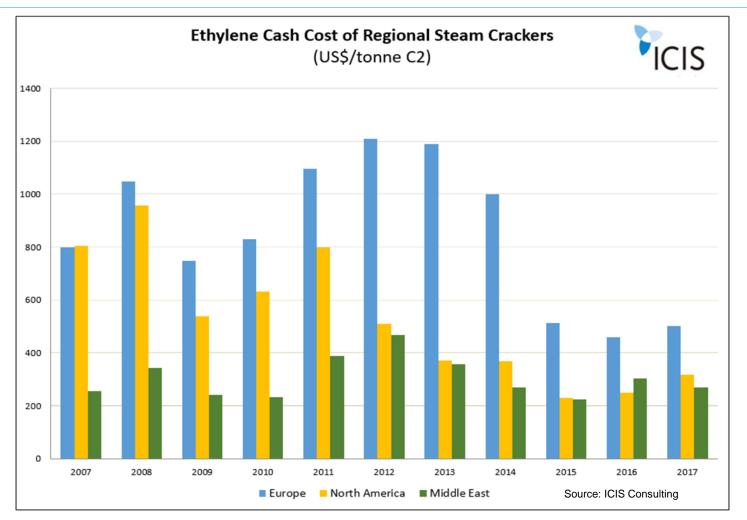
The circular economy

Petrochemicals vision of circular economy





The competitiveness challenge



The oil price drop has brought some welcome relief; however, some structural challenges in Europe remain.

Challenges ...

Wide-spread public opinion on sustainability:
Bio/renewable = sustainable versus fossil/carbon = unsustainable

→ full life-cycle analysis?



- a) where shall all the renewable energy/bio-material come from?
- b) competition for food and arable land for a growing world population
- c) major technological break-throughs needed
- d) is society ready to accept the changes and to pay for them?
- e) significant infrastructural investments needed \rightarrow societal costs





... and uncertainties



1) The US agenda:

- a) COP21/climate change?
- b) Free trade
- c) Corporate tax reform
- d) Border adjustment tax (BAT)
- e) Infrastructural investments



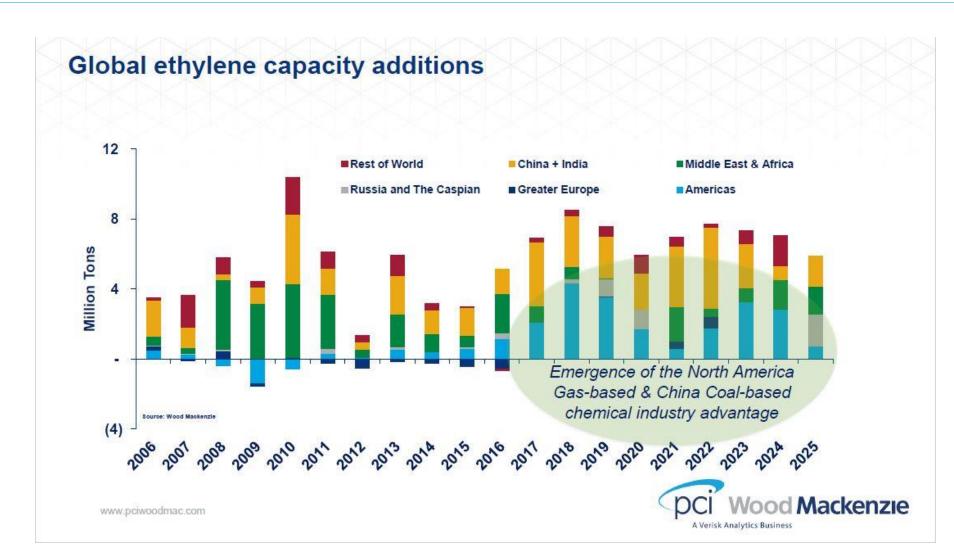
2) Brexit

Petrochemicals = 30% of chemical trade between UK and EU





New investments - everywhere outside Europe



Summary

Competitiveness Pros and Cons for Europe

- Large integrated domestic market with strong customer industry clusters
- High international orientation and global network to external customer industries
- Until now availability of skilled and motivated workers and scientists
- Continued strategic restructuring efforts (flexibility to globalised markets)
- Strong innovation efforts will generate new growth clusters: Efficient Energy use, health and new materials which could solve upcoming societal mega challenges

- Low "new consumers" population growth in the EU => low demand growth for chemicals in general elderly population, shrinking working age classes, high saturation levels.
- High energy and feedstock costs vs. Middle East and now the US => EU is facing an upcoming wave of petrochemical capacity additions, especially in Middle East and US
- High Regulatory Compliance Costs (e.g. REACH, Seveso, IED, 7th EAP...)
- Further enhancements in "Common Industrial Policy" and "Common Energy Policy" needed enhanced



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