

A Grain of Salt

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EUsalt searches for inspirational speakers for General Assembly 2018



EUsalt holds its General Assembly 2018 in Basel, Switzerland from 7 to 9 March 2018. It is the networking event focusing to share developments and insights on salt, salt production technologies, services, innovation as well as best practices in salt production.

The event programme holds several simultaneous parallel break-out sessions in which external experts provide insights into new innovations, processes, applications or services and this in close interaction with the salt experts. We are still looking for experts who would like to present and interact on their innovation to the salt industry and this in the fields of green logistics, transportation for the future, winter maintenance and de-icing in the future. If you have an expertise in one of the above-listed topics, and you would like to be part of the presenters to share the insights and expertise, please contact EUsalt at wouter.lox@eusalt.com

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Joint Industry Action #Industry4Europe



On 27th February, EUsalt signed a joint declaration, along with 127 other EU trade associations, calling for an EU-wide industrial strategy which you can read [here](#).

The 13th of September, shortly after European Commission (EC) President Jean-Claude Juncker's 2017 State of the European Union, where he stated: "I want to make our industry stronger and more competitive. The new Industrial Policy Strategy we are presenting

today will help our industries stay or become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation.", the European Commission published a communication on *Investing in a smart, innovative and sustainable Industry: A renewed Industrial Strategy for Europe*. The communication outlines measures to facilitate a new industrial age and unlock sustainable growth.

EUsalt sees this EC communication as a good starting point and looking forward together with a coalition of industry associations to give a joint reaction for further implementation.

Emissions Trading System (ETS) reform 2021-2030

Political negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council of the EU are still ongoing, as the third trilogue took place on 27th June 2017.

The salt sector is preparing for the carbon leakage's risk assessment that the European Commission will have to update in view of the new carbon leakage list for the period 2021-2030.

On 13th September a trilogue negotiation meeting between the European Parliament and the Council took place to discuss the finalization of the ETS-reform based on the commission draft proposal. The fifth round of trilogies did not show any

progress in negotiations and the sixth round of trilogies is now scheduled for 12th of October.

Related to the dossier of ETS, would be to obtain compensation for the indirect emitters. EUsalt will continue to support the sector being recognized as a sector facing a genuine risk of carbon leakage also from the perspective of indirect emissions. In the review of the State Aid rules foreseen in 2020, a provision to assure competitiveness of the European salt industry is essential for the competitiveness of the chemical industry in Europe. Salt is an essential building block for a long chain of transformations in chemical components used in every aspect of our daily life.

Fighting Iodine Deficiency



EUsalt is partnering with [World Iodine Association](#), to raise the attention on Iodine deficiency prevalence in Europe.

Low iodine intake and micronutrient malnutrition are prominent in Europe. The higher intake of certain nutrients is at high political attention in many national public health policies. However low iodine intake, leading to iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), is still not getting the same attention. Several strategies against Iodine deficiency have been launched by WHO and UNICEF, like the strategy of universal salt iodization (USI).

In Europe, other strategies are may be required to raise the profile of the importance of Iodine deficiency, as well as the legislative instruments required to alter the prevalence of Iodine deficiency. In Europe, Member States' national health policies prevail, making Europe a scattered, uncertain market for food producers applying iodine fortification. EUsalt is a stakeholder contributing in the fight against iodine deficiency by defining regulatory strategies and helping to communicate in raising the awareness on iodine deficiency. WIA is holding in this perspective a scientific conference taking place from 15-17 November 2017 in Pisa (Italy). Read more about it [here](#).

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European Minerals Day (EMD) Launch Event

The European minerals sector – an alliance of industry associations that includes IMA-Europe, CEMBUREAU, EuroGeoSurvey, Eurogypsum, Eurométaux, UEPG, and EUsalt that participates in the organisation of the European Minerals Day, with a support of European Commission, took part in the EMD launch event in Estonia from 21 to 22 of September 2017.

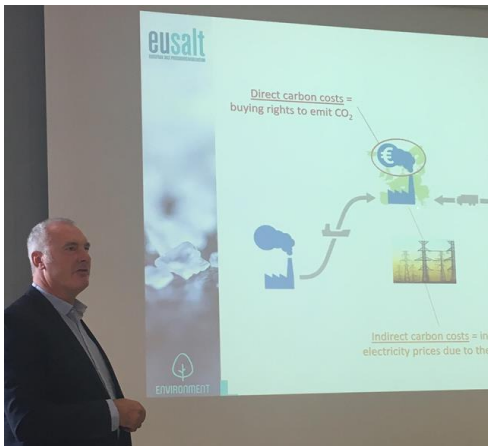
The European Minerals Day is an excellent way to inform, educate and enthuse European citizens about the importance of the minerals sector in providing raw materials that are essential for so many everyday products. From 22-24 September, more than 130 quarries and plants in 27 countries opened their doors welcoming around 30.000 children and adults to celebrate European Minerals Day and have the rare opportunity to explore the world of minerals and experience how they are sustainably extracted. Typical activities include school visits, guided tours, workshops, exhibitions, biodiversity projects, and much more. For more information please check [here](#).

The EMD edition 2017 was the 10th Anniversary of this pan-European awareness-raising initiative. The launch event, kindly hosted by under the Estonian EU Presidency, Nordkalk and Kunda Nordic Tsementevent told the story of the minerals industry's contribution to sustainable regions and well-being of the local communities while making the link to the EU Industrial Policy Strategy and EU Action Plan for People, Nature and the Economy. For more information please check the official EMD [website](#).



EVENTS

EUsalt participation in international events



During the month of September, EUsalt proudly participated and gave a presentation in two different conferences.

The first one, on History of salt which took place in Basel, Switzerland from 6 to 9th of September, where Wouter Lox, the EUsalt Managing Director gave a presentation on the **Salt Industry in Europe**.

The second one where EUsalt was honoured to take part in Belgrade, Serbia, from 9 to 12 September celebrating the 40th annual meeting of the European Thyroid Association. On this occasion, Wouter Lox, gave a speech on the following topic: **Iodine Deficiency in Europe: the utopia of having a European Health Policy**.

EUsalt General Assembly 2018 Call for Sponsors

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EUsalt General Assembly
"Roadmap to the future"



The next annual meeting will take place from 7 till 9th March 2018 in Basel.

The programme, focuses on best practices exchange in different fields and with different technology or service providers providing discussions amongst the salt experts and industries on topics like e.g. de-icing and winter maintenance services, Safety-education not only at workplace but

also in private life, efficient solution mining, efficient logistics, storage & traceability, marketing and sales, symbiosis with other business that can be developed on sites, sharing practices, biodiversity and nutrition & health. Should you wish to sponsor the event please contact info@eusalt.com.

Our Calendar of Events

4th-5th October	The EU Business@Biodiversity Platform and the Global Nature Fund conference (<i>Frankfurt, Germany</i>)
4th-6th October	Quo Vadis Salt Conference (<i>Wieliczka Salt mine, Poland</i>)
11th October	EUsalt Board meeting
7th November	Euromines safety conference (<i>Luxemburg</i>)
7th – 9th November	Raw Materials week (<i>Brussels, Belgium</i>)
9th – 10th November	Herbsttagung Conference (<i>Berlin, Germany</i>)
14th-15th November	Salt 2017 Middle East (<i>Marriott Hotel, Dubai</i>)
15th-17th November	World Iodine Association General Assembly (<i>Pisa, Italy</i>)
21th-22th November	Healthy Workplaces Summit - EU OSHA (<i>Bilbao, Spain</i>)
22nd November	EU Nutrition and Health Policy: Who's in the driving seat? organised by ESA - European Parliament (<i>Brussels, Belgium</i>)
7th-9th March 2018	<i>EUsalt's General Assembly (Basel, Switzerland)</i>
5th-6th April	International Saltworks Symposium (<i>Arc-et-Senans, France</i>)
2nd-4th May	Sustainable Mining Conference (<i>Portugal</i>)
19th-21th June	World Salt Symposium (<i>Park City, Utah, U.S.A.</i>) (more information)