

A Grain of Salt

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Save the date for our 2019 Health & Nutrition Conference #saltmatters



On **24 May 2019** EUsalt is organising a scientific Health & Nutrition conference in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. At this occasion, EUsalt will also celebrate its 15th anniversary!

The detailed programme will follow later, but we can already reveal that the conference will focus on the science and narrative of Salt and Health and will refer to new scientific reports.

We will include a session on salt and nutrition where we aim to bring together the different stakeholders: associations like WIA and IGN, patient groups, the food industry and WHO-Europe on the issue of Iodine nutrition and the consequent required European health policies to be installed.

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Joint Industry Action #Industry4Europe



Early June EUsalt accepted to be part of the signatories of the **Joint Paper on “A Governance Structure for an ambitious EU Industrial Strategy”** that will be published early July in response to the official request of the upcoming Austrian Presidency of the Council.

This Joint Paper provides concrete recommendations to ensure that Industry is dealt with as a top political priority by all EU Institutions during the next institutional cycle.

The coalition is currently discussing with the Austrian Presidency the possibility to present this Joint Paper on Governance to the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Margarete Schramböck (at the occasion of her hearing by the ITRE Committee in July) and to all Member States (during a meeting of the Council Industry Working Party in September).

Following the last Franco-German Ministerial Council, both countries’ Ministers of Economy Peter Altmaier and Bruno Le Maire issued this week a joint Paper on *Enhancing the competitiveness of the EU* in which one of their key recommendations is to “develop a long-term and forward-looking Strategy for the EU Industrial Sector up to 2030 and beyond”.

EUsalt will be part of the new *Industry4Europe Advocacy Group* where the lobbying strategy and action plan will be discussed with the objective to ensure that the next European Commission will have a strong Industry portfolio and Industry as a real top political priority from the very beginning of the mandate. The first meeting will take place on the 5th of July.

Emissions Trading System (ETS) reform 2021-2030

The salt industry is at risk of CL. In order to prevent it, EUsalt advocates for the protection of the salt industry for both direct and indirect emissions for the next phase (IV) (2021-2030).

The salt sector has until **8 August** to submit their application for the qualitative assessment.

The final list of carbon leakage sectors is expected for the end of 2018. The EC foresees to limit the sectors on the carbon leakage list 2021-2030 following the assessment based on the updated and available data on the reference period 2014-2016.

Later on, the EC **DG COMP** is expected to revise the EU Guidelines for State Aid with regard to environmental policies. The sectors at risk of carbon leakage will be able to request financial compensation from their government for high electricity prices.

Fighting Iodine Deficiency

EUsalt partners with the [World Iodine Association](#) and [IGN](#) to push the salt iodization agenda forward and to support Harmonized Salt Iodization(HIS) as the route to pursue to eliminate Iodine Deficiency 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 connection to emissions reduction, the European Commission is expected to establish a Zero Net Emission Strategy for 2050. The draft would be published in November 2018 and would feed on the stakeholder event that will take place on 10-11 July 2018. A public consultation will be organised in that regard between July and November.

EUSALT PROJECTS

GDPR General Data Protection Regulation



EUsalt is GDPR compliant!

The following procedures, notices and policies are in place and available where necessary:

- Data Processing Register
- Newsletter Privacy Policy
- Privacy Notice
- Member Notice
- Retention & Destruction Procedures
- Response Procedure to Data Subject Requests

Contracts with third parties have been signed, our website has been adapted, databases have been cleared out

Plastics & Microplastics Communication project

The EC presented the Communication for a European strategy for plastics on 16 January. The EP ENVI Cmt held an exchange of views on the strategy on 20 March 2018. The outcome of the session will feed into the committee's Own-initiative report. The EP held a workshop on how to combat marine litter on 3 May 2018.

The EP ENVI committee welcomed the draft report by Rapporteur Mark Demesmaeker.



The Council of the EU adopted its [Conclusions](#) on 25 June. MEPs from the ENVI committee will vote on the report on 9-10 July 2018. The EP will vote in plenary the week of 10 September (most likely).



EUsalt is working on a communication campaign starting with visuals to show the purity of salt. Follow us on our social media platforms. To be continued...

Official Partnership with EU-OSHA campaign “Healthy workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances”

EUsalt, has been accepted as an official partner of the ‘*Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances*’ Campaign 2018-19.

Over the coming two years we will be working closely with the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) to promote the effective management of dangerous substances in the workplace. The campaign was officially launched on 24th April 2018 during a press conference hosted by Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility.

In the meantime the campaign has received a very warm welcome by the national and European press, and the campaign hashtag #EUhealthyworkplaces is setting an unprecedented record of engagement across the broad EU-OSHA

community, and more is to come. In the next two years the ‘Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances’ Campaign will be the focus of hundreds of events organised at the national and European level, (especially during the annual European Week for Safety and Health at Work in October 2018 and 2019) and millions of information sheets, DVDs and other campaign material will be made available for free.



EUsalt on the road

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On April 17th, our Managing Director, Wouter Lox, visited our member Salinity in Göteborg, Sweden. This was the reaction we got from them:

"We were happy to welcome Wouter Lox to our office in Gothenburg and had a very interesting dialogue together with some members from our management team regarding EUsalt's focus areas. Mr. Lox then gave our staff a comprehensive presentation about EUsalt which was greatly appreciated."

*Mira Olausson
Head of Corporate Communication & Sustainability*

The Salt Family is expanding: new members joining EU salt

NEW FULL MEMBER

A warm welcome to our new full member Locatelli, Saline di Volterra, Italy. Salt mines in Volterra (Pi), have been cultivated since the time of ancient Etruscans, spread over an area of 65,000 m². It is the headquarter of Locatelli Saline di Volterra. Since 1985 they are active in the world of salt, 30 years of experience and expertise. Today the plant produces about 150,000 tons/year of recrystallized salt, intended for the production of tablets and the agri-food industry, with a minimum purity of 99.99 %.

Here is a link to the website: www.idrosal.it



NEW ASSOCIATED MEMBER



We are happy to welcome our new associated member Khak Ab Sazeh from Iran. The company has been designing, constructing and exploiting 1812 hectares of Persian Gulf shores since 1997, making them now the first producer of industrial salt from sea water in Iran with a production of 800.000 tonnes of salt.

More info on their website: www.dolphinsalt.com

EVENTS

EU salt at the World Salt Symposium

The World Salt Symposium has been held periodically since 1962 and represents an international gathering of salt producers, researchers, journalists, business leaders and academics from all regions of the globe. Over time, the technology for producing salt and the understanding of its uses have developed dramatically. To capture new developments, salt industry leaders and scientists developed international World Salt Symposia. All aspects of salt, its uses and production are presented including the geology, mineralogy, geochemistry and tectonics of salt. The important areas of water conditioning, winter maintenance and the environment are also included.



Our President, Hubert François, on stage at the opening session of the World Salt Symposium where he was recognized as a regional leader, addressing the participants.

EU salt participation in other international events

Roskill – London SALT 2018
10-11 April – London – UK

The Circular Economy Concept in Europe – Future Threats to the Salt Market

Wouter Lox, our Managing Director presented on Circular Economy, A business case for the salt sector.



Here is the link for the press releases issued during the symposium and all the images:

<http://www.worldsaltsymposium.org/tenth-salt-symposium/>

Calendar of upcoming Events

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| 11-12 September | Global Chlor-Alkali Conference (Bordeaux, France) |
| 11-15 September | III International Congress on the Anthropology of Salt
(Salinas de Anana, Spain) |
| 20-21 September | EFLA Congress (Hamburg, Germany) |
| 10-13 October | Quo Vadis Salt Symposium (Uniejów-Kłodawa, Poland) |
| 22-24 May 2019 | EUsalt General Assembly (Rotterdam, The Netherlands) |
| 24 May 2019 | EUsalt Health & Nutrition Conference - #saltmatters
(Rotterdam, The Netherlands) |

For more information on these events, have a look at the agenda on our website.