





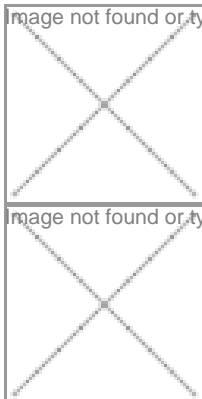
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**On Thursday 13 December 2018, A.SPIRE organized a joint workshop with DG RTD and Carbon Market Watch on 'Towards a Thriving Carbon Neutral Industry in Europe' at the COP24 in Katowice. In addition, A.SPIRE had the opportunity, together with DG RTD, to host a joint meeting with the representatives of the Polish industry and research organizations.**

*COP24 Joint Workshop*

The joint workshop on 'Towards a Thriving Carbon Neutral Industry in Europe' focused on how CO2 emissions could be reduced in European industries through industrial symbiosis and a circular economy, while ensuring the societal benefits stemming from innovative and climate-friendly products.

The event was launched with the key note address of MEP Peter Liese, followed by a panel discussion with Daniel Gauthier, the President of A.SPIRE; Marco Mensink, the Director General of Cefic; Femke de Jong, the Policy Director at Carbon Market Watch; Jürgen Tiedje, the Head of Unit at Directorate-General for Research and Innovation; Martin Porter, the Executive Chair at CISL Brussels (Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership); and Philip Gass, the Senior Policy Analyst at International Institute for Sustainable Development.

Discussion focused on how the transition towards carbon neutrality could be accelerated, and which barriers and challenges could industry be faced with. The achievements of the SPIRE projects funded under Horizon2020 were examined, as well as the potential of the outcomes of these projects as an important contribution in reaching carbon neutrality by 2050. The panel also looked at how to increase the involvement of public authorities, stakeholders and society, and at improving European, regional and national cooperation in order to achieve carbon neutral industry in Europe.

The workshop was closed by an intervention from Markku Markkula, First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions

#### *Meeting with Polish Stakeholders*

The purpose of this meeting was to strengthen collaboration with Polish stakeholders during the implementation of the SPIRE Public-Private Partnership. The meeting was co-organized by the Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes in EU and hosted by Główny Instytut Górnictwa in Katowice.

The meeting agenda tackled topics such as research and innovation strategies and priorities for process industry at national level in Poland, a brief overview of the European Commission's Long Term Strategy on reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and its relevance for energy intensive industries, a state of play of Horizon Europe preparation activities, a presentation of the new SPIRE Vision 2050, as well as possibilities for Polish companies and organizations to contribute to the ambitions of SPIRE Vision 2050 and implementation of SPIRE Roadmap 2050.

Daniel Gauthier, the President of A.SPIRE, and Àngels Orduña, the Executive Director of A.SPIRE, emphasized the crucial importance of this key moment to join forces with other A.SPIRE members and sectors to contribute to the future of the Process Industry. Members will have the opportunity to start providing input to the SPIRE 2050 Roadmap, that will be kicked off early 2019. Daniel Gauthier invited Polish companies and organizations to become significant actors of SPIRE PPP and join the creation of SPIRE 2050 Roadmap from the early start.

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