

Make a Wish

The SusChem 2017 Stakeholder Event brought together different experts and stakeholders from the chemical sector. The “wishing tree” created a unique opportunity to share people’s thoughts and ideas. We asked the question:

“If the European Commission could grant you on improvement wish for the successor of H2020, what would you like it to be?”

Here is a selection of the quotations:

“Simplification and transparency, NMBP-Programme shall be expanded, Nano-Medicine shall become a new funding programme.”

“Easier for startups to participate and more flexible procedures.”

“Provide sufficient funding for collaborative research projects at low TRL: they are think tanks for innovation.”

“Don’t focus on the problems, focus on the possibilities and success factors and success stories.”

“Use KPIs from success stories and use it for better impact evaluation.”

“Even greater funding for cross-sectoral collaboration leading to commercialisation of more sustainable products and processes, jobs and growth.”



“Make the input flows (from PPPs) leaner, and create better coordination between calls so they are more coherent and create better synergies.”

“Flexibility in changing members of the consortium in order to focus during the development and to increase impact.”

“Make research and innovation a co-creation with getting both industry and citizens on board!”

“I wish that citizens outside of the research community will connect with it and understand its value for their societies.”

“More 2 stage proposals, which would make it a lot easier for us SMEs to participate.”

“I wish a higher flat rate for indirect costs in the FP9 framework programme, eg from 25% to 40%.”

“Help SMEs to offer better products by a deeper understanding of customer needs, supporting a faster pace of growth whilst being focused on keeping development agile.”



“Higher percentage of participation of companies (large & SMEs), both in the PPPs and in the regular programmes.”

“Further increase industry participation in FP9 to maximise impact of EU and MS funding on societal needs.”

“I would definitely create a better system for the evaluator’s selection. This is one of the most important parts of the Programme and needs to be improved according to the importance/value/richness of the H2020/FP9.”

“FP9 should involve citizens in shaping proposals, projects and programmes. Therefore a better communication is needed.”

“Have a database with all funding opportunities for SMEs and be able to select area domains of activity.”

“FP9 should represent continuity with the past and include changes reflecting the nature of innovations. Industrial participation is fundamental.”

“See cascading of funding (Part K) more widely embedded across the programme as SME enabler.”

“For me, the most important improvement would be to better align the programme with the innovation chain to bridge the innovation gap.”

