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SusChem Welcomes German CO2 Research

SusChem welcomes a German government initiative to inject 100 million euro over five years into research into the use of carbon dioxide as a raw material. This high-tech research programme offers opportunities for international cooperation and is expected to be an important contribution to SusChem, the EU Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry.

The German 'Technology for Sustainability and Climate Protection' programme aims to put the positive into CO₂ by researching its potential as a raw material and in the development of production processes which reduce the use of energy and resources and reduce carbon emissions. The German ministry recognises the key role the chemical industry has to play as it is at the start of so many value chains.

The research programme is expected to develop new processes using CO₂ as a base chemical, for example for the development of high-value polymers which have a number of applications including insulation.

Gernot Klotz, Executive Director, Cefic Research & Innovation said "As SusChem, we welcome any contributions to the sustainable future of chemistry. This new initiative from the German government is particularly interesting as it turns the CO₂ problem on its head and looks for a solution".

To download the German Ministry of Education and Research press release , go to www.bmbf.de/press/2634.php.

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