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**Press Release – Final Conference of the EU Social Partners’ project “*On the Road to Climate Neutrality 2050 - the Role of Social Partners in the Decarbonisation of the Chemical, Pharmaceutical, Rubber and Plastics industries*”**

Today, the European Social Partners of the chemical, pharmaceutical, rubber and plastics industries, the European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG) and industriAll European Trade Union (**industriAll Europe**) held their **final conference**, which wrapped up the EU-funded project “*On the Road to Climate Neutrality 2050*”. In its framework, different scenarios of industry’s transformation towards net zero production by 2050, the technological transition, the impact of thereof on companies and workers and the role of social partners’ in assisting the transitional process were investigated. The final research study with key findings are available [here](#).

Social partners have also presented the toolbox which was developed by the project’s steering group during the workshops. It consists of 5 tools:

- 1) “Storytelling”;
- 2) Checklist for social partners at company level;

- 3) Project glossary;
- 4) Environmental coordinators;
- 5) Agendas for kick-off events for regional cooperation.

ECEG's Board member, Csaba Szabo, MAVESZ, Hungary who greeted participants on behalf of the association said: *"The contacts that you have made are the most valuable outcome of this project. It is the base on which I will encourage social partners from across Europe to continue building a solid social dialogue. We hope that the jointly developed toolbox will be an additional tool to assist transition be it at a national, regional or company level."*

Looking beyond these conclusions and the final conference, the social partners of the chemical, pharmaceutical, rubber and plastics industries are determined to contributing to the transition towards 2050 climate goals.

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About ECEG

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