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## Welcome to the all new European Chemistry Thematic Network

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### President of the European Chemistry Thematic Network

In October 2021 in the General Assembly in Perugia, I was proclaimed President of the European Chemistry Thematic Network. A very proud moment for me indeed. Fifteen years participating in a variety of ECTN activities, not just mere networking but positive friendship building.

My vision for the future of the ECTN is a transformation into a self-running (producing and consuming), intellectually and economically sustainable network in constant evolution and expansion and though it may sound very Star Trek, **Boldly** going where no Chemist has gone before.

Excellence in University Teaching is the name of our game and its pursuit our labour of love. With this as our objective the metamorphosis of our network is underway.

In 2022 we have set up four new working groups

- Lecturing Qualifications. This working group will be responsible for setting up a system of Eurolecturer labels. Quality in teaching with a European dimension.
- Image of Chemistry. This group will engage with society of all ages and backgrounds in the positive aspects of chemistry in our everyday life.
- Updating Core Chemistry will revisit our original Tuning project and update it in this fast and everchanging technological age.
- Developing Online Teaching Material. From videos, podcasts, webinars to MOOCs, online exams and virtual laboratories, this group will produce it.

The Standing Committees will be directly linked to the outputs of our working groups

- Labels: A promotional campaign will be undertaken to publicize our Eurolabels and increase applications

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- The Virtual Education Community will work to renew the EChemTest libraries and to increase its use amongst our members. An ECTN digital platform will also be set up for own use.
- Quality Standards in Teaching will concentrate its efforts on three aspects:
  - Quality assurance in teaching and learning in higher education Chemistry.
  - Bridging the Gap between secondary and tertiary education
  - Quality in official STEM Teaching Training Degree Programmes

Finally, the ECTN are also partners in two active Erasmus+ projects.

(i) [STEM Continuous Professional Development at European universities](#). The aim of this project is to promote discipline-oriented Continuous Professional Development among STEM lecturers ([Road Map](#)).

(ii) [Digital Support in Chemistry Teaching](#). The aim of the project is to support digitalization of European chemical faculties.

So, all that is left for me to do is to encourage you to participate in the activities of the European Chemistry Thematic Network.

# We need your reaction!

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