

## The Voice of Europe's Chlorine Industry

Euro Chlor successfully combines various, previously separate, chlorine-related associations for derivatives, solvents and paraffins into a strong, united organisation representing the chlor-alkali industry.

In the debate on chlorine's role in society, Euro Chlor effectively represents the interests of chlorine producers in Europe. It works hard to provide a focus for communications with key influence groups on chlorine issues and benefits. Euro Chlor promotes also the best practices in safety, health and environmental protection throughout the industry and has proved a sound defender safeguarding appropriate and essential applications.

Despite all this activity, the chlorine industry needs to maintain its efforts if the sector is to retain public confidence and be allowed to operate successfully. For this reason, all chlorine chemistry stakeholders - producers and users of chlorine and its derivatives as well as chlorine-related associations - are encouraged to join forces within Euro Chlor in order to safeguard vital, sustainable applications of chlorine chemistry.

### Role of Euro Chlor

An active industry federation, Euro Chlor is an affiliate of the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) and supports members by:

- Providing European chlorine producing and consuming industries with a forum to represent their interests and communicating consistent messages to opinion formers on key issues faced by the industry;
- Collaborating with international (e.g. the European Institutions and United Nations agencies) and national organisations to provide industry input and aid informed decision-making;
- Promoting best practices in safety, environmental and health throughout the industry in accordance with the principles of *Responsible Care*;
- Funding research necessary to provide scientific answers to questions on health or environmental risk associated with chlorine and its derivatives.

## **Euro Chlor Provides:**

- A broad network of contacts with authorities, scientific experts, the media and user industries throughout Europe and the world;
- Working parties of independent and industry specialists to undertake expert studies, create guidelines and prepare statements and position papers;
- An extensive on-line library of technical, safety and environmental protection recommendations; workshops and seminars sharing best practice in manufacture, storage and transportation;
- Information and assistance on industry standards, regulatory concerns and critical chlorine-related issues;
- Access to a global Extranet providing extensive information and news to industry contacts throughout the world.

Euro Chlor's mission is to ensure a healthy and sustainable future for chlorine chemistry. To achieve this, an organisation has been developed to permit the active participation in federation activities by producers and users of chlorine and chlorine derivatives and by chlorine-related associations.

The Euro Chlor Secretariat, which embraces the European Chlorinated Solvent Association, consists of eight executives with six support staff. Working with the Secretariat are more than 30 committees and working groups. These regularly meet to discuss plans, set priorities and work closely with the Secretariat on implementation or action programmes within the framework of overall strategies set by the Management Committee and budget approved by the Annual Assembly of members.

Euro Chlor offers three types of membership:

### **Full Membership**

Open only to:

- Industrial scale producers of chlorine with facilities in a country in Europe.

### **Associate**

- Individual companies not eligible for Full Membership, but engaged in the production of chlorine-related chemicals (non captive use of chlorine) or interested in the application, use or development of the chlor-alkali and derivatives industry;
- European and other international associations of chlorine-related chemicals producers or users;

- National chlorine groups of chemical industry associations in Europe.

As with Full Membership, an Associate has the right to participate in and contribute to all Euro Chlor activities and to receive most information issued by Euro Chlor.

### **Technical Correspondent**

- Interest groups and companies such as chlorine and derivatives producers outside Europe, engineering companies and suppliers of equipment to the chlorine industry.

This membership level allows access to Euro Chlor experience and know-how on matters related to chlorine production, storage and transport.

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# Associate Membership

## What are the benefits of Associate Membership?

In practical terms, Associates are offered the same benefits as Full Members of Euro Chlor within the strategy, scope of activities and budget determined by its Management Committee. Associate Members are eligible to:

- Forward opinion to the Management Committee on proposals concerning Euro Chlor policies and programmes;
- Provide contributions and participate in committees, working groups and ad hoc groups;
- To be part of official delegations representing Euro Chlor with external bodies (e.g. regulatory authorities);
- Receive copies of all official Euro Chlor publications, position papers, statements and communiqués (except restricted-distribution documents);
- Use all services provided by the Secretariat to Full Members.

## Who can become an Associate?

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- National chlorine groups in chemicals associations in Europe.

## What are the terms and conditions?

Associate Members are expected to:

- Inform Euro Chlor about any scientific, technical or regulatory developments, which could have a major impact on chlorine-based industries;
- Adhere to policies and position papers and implement agreed standards and recommendations.

## What is the cost?

Associate Members pay an annual membership fee, which is determined by the Management Committee. This fee is currently EUR 6,000 per annum.

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# Technical Correspondent

## What are the benefits of being a Technical Correspondent?

Technical Correspondents receive free direct access to the Euro Chlor technical library of more than 150 guidelines and similar advisory documents produced to help members run their chlorine production and distribution operations effectively, safely and with due care for the environment. These technical recommendations, position papers and presentations to technical seminars are available online to members, associates and technical correspondents and are located in a specific section of our password protected SharePoint intranet. Authorised users can search for documents according to the main topics (safety, health environmental protection, general) and their subtopics or via a full text search engine.

This provides your organisation with an opportunity to obtain information on health, safety and environmental issues related to chlorine production and handling. In addition, Euro Chlor organises workshops and seminars on these topics every 3 to 4 years, with presentation from members and technology suppliers, and accompanied by an exhibition of chlorine specific equipments.

With the status of Technical Correspondent, Euro Chlor enables suppliers to be better informed about industry developments and issues. Companies and manufacturers outside the European Union can also share information on progress in health, safety and environmental matters.

## Who can become a Technical Correspondent?

Technical Correspondent Membership is open to companies with a particular interest in the health, safety and environmental aspects of chlorine handling. These include:

- Interest groups and companies such as chlorine and derivatives producers outside Europe;
- Industrial consumers of chlorine outside Europe;
- Users of chlorine for inorganic applications;
- Engineering companies and suppliers of equipment to the chlorine industry.

## What is the cost?

The annual fee for Technical Correspondent Membership is EUR 1,500.

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