

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN THE SPIRE ACTIVITIES?

There are many opportunities to get involved in the SPIRE cPPP, depending on your commitment level and resource possibilities...

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### WHAT IS A.SPIRE?

A.SPIRE aisbl is an international non-profit association formed to represent the private sector as a partner in the Sustainable Process Industry through Resource and Energy Efficiency (SPIRE) Public-Private Partnership (cPPP) launched as part of the Horizon2020 framework programme.

A.SPIRE represents 8 process industry sectors: cement, ceramics, chemicals, engineering, minerals, non-ferrous metals, steel and water. Through purposeful cooperation across all sectors and regions, A.SPIRE has developed a multi-year, strategic and dynamic industry-led roadmap that will address research and innovation activities as well as policy matters. Currently the association represents more than 140 industrial and research industry stakeholders that play an important role in innovation and market-focused approaches along the innovation chain.

### HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF A.SPIRE?

There are three types of membership:

- **Industry Membership** is open to industrial and commercial companies and trade associations active in the field of process technologies and process manufacturing in general;
- **Research Membership** is open to research institutes and universities active in the field of process technologies and process manufacturing in general;
- **Associate Membership** is open to trade associations, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders that have an interest but are not playing an active role in process technology and process manufacturing (membership without a voting right).

All members have to be legal entities established in European countries.

### YOUR ORGANISATION DOESN'T FIT IN THE ABOVE CATEGORIES?

A.SPIRE can offer you the possibility to become **a SPIRE supporter** and be in contact with the broad SPIRE community.

SPIRE supporters may enjoy the following benefits:

- Receiving the periodical SPIRE newsletter and news of the association;
- Invitation to thematic events which are of interest to the industrial sectors of SPIRE;
- Participation in open events and open brokerage activities

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- Exchange of communication materials and messages between the association and the *supporters*;
- Possibility to circulate announcements/expressions of interest to the SPIRE community through the A.SPIRE office;
- Possibility to take part in surveys or consultations organised by the association;
- Exchange of information on SPIRE-relevant Horizon2020 calls and projects through partial access to the SPIRE knowledge platform.

## WHY JOIN A.SPIRE?

### SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE PROCESS INDUSTRY AND ADDRESS ITS R&I NEEDS

- Let your voice be heard by participating in the first-ever influential public-private partnership (cPPP) that has united European authorities and eight major process industry sectors towards promoting the competitiveness and sustainability of manufacturing in Europe.
- Provide input and shape the EC R&I working programmes to contribute to the successful implementation of the SPIRE cPPP.
- Access the SPIRE calls and bring your project ideas to practice in order to benefit from the success of the SPIRE PPP by leveraging the network of process industry.
- Put forward the strategic directions of your organization's research & innovation agenda and discuss with the other industrial sectors how to best tackle the common challenges and reach the common objectives.
- Define the strategic directions of SPIRE to help drive innovation in resource & energy efficiency in the European process industry (at technology level and at political level).

### NETWORK AND FIND PARTNERS IN EIGHT MAJOR PROCESS INDUSTRY SECTORS

- Find partners from research, industry and academia in the European SPIRE network through member-only brokerage activities.
- Benefit from synergies among different sectors and cooperate with entire value chains.
- Enter an enriching discussion with fellow stakeholders and policy makers.

### ACCESS INFORMATION ON TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS, FUNDING AND EU STRATEGIC AGENDA

- Access to information on technological and non-technological developments in the SPIRE community.
- Share best practices.
- Get coaching for SMEs on leveraging relevant funding mechanisms.
- Access to the SPIRE Knowledge Platform.

### GET VISIBILITY ACROSS DIFFERENT SECTORS AND PLAYERS

- Have your sector's voice heard as contributor to the resource efficiency policy debate.
- Make your business/organization visible through SPIRE website, EC portal, events, publications, etc.
- Participate in and host events on relevant topics.
- Benefit from the SPIRE platform for dissemination of project results, relevant at European but also at national levels.
- Outreach to a larger range of actors of European stakeholders in various political and industrial fields.