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Chemspec Europe 2025 opens next week: Europe's top event for fine and speciality chemicals set for strongest edition to date

From 4–5 June, thousands of industry professionals will gather in Cologne for the 38th edition of Chemspec Europe – the leading marketplace for fine and speciality chemicals in pharma, life sciences, and industry. Taking over two sold-out halls, this year's event will host more than **410 key suppliers from 24 countries**, showcasing a wide array of fine chemicals, bespoke solutions, and specialised contract services across the full spectrum of chemical manufacturing and distribution.

With its strategic location in the heart of the Rhineland chemical region, a newly curated conference programme, and an upgraded on-site experience, the 2025 edition is set to deliver significant impact at a pivotal moment for the global chemicals industry.

"As the sector adapts to market shifts and regulatory pressures, Chemspec Europe offers a vital opportunity to regroup, share ideas and move forward to new technologies and growth markets," says Christiane Beck, Event Director for Chemspec Europe at RX. "We have listened closely to the needs of our community, and this year's event reflects that – with a stronger focus on pharma innovation, expanded networking facilities, and a refreshed speaker programme that delivers critical market intelligence and strategic insight. The response so far has been incredibly positive, and we are expecting a vibrant, highly engaged edition."

Strong industry presence signals momentum and progress

The recent surge in exhibitor bookings points to a dynamic industry on the move. The impressive [exhibitor line-up](#) includes major players such as **Albemarle, Arxada, CABB, Curia, ESIM Chemicals, Evonik, IMCD, Johnson Matthey, Lanxess, Midas Pharma, Miltitz Aromatics, PI Industries, Saltigo, SEQENS, SRF, WeylChem**, and other industry frontrunners. The majority of suppliers hail from Europe's major chemical regions – including Germany, France, the UK, Switzerland, and Belgium – alongside strong international participation from the USA, India, and Japan.

Making its debut in Hall 5.2, the **New Exhibitor Zone** will shine a spotlight on standout newcomers from Europe and overseas, including promising start-ups and young companies. Chemspec Europe has long championed innovation and new talent, and this dedicated space continues that tradition – offering exclusive access to emerging providers and broader sourcing opportunities.

Also located in Hall 5.2, the **Czech Pavilion** – organised by the Ministry of Industry and Trade – will present 10 leading suppliers, showcasing the strategic strengths of the Czech chemical sector. Meanwhile, Hall 4.2 will feature the **North American Pavilion**, hosted by the American association SOCMA, bringing together 10 expert companies specialising in custom manufacturing, toll processing, and speciality chemical solutions.

What's next: Expert talks on global trends and future technologies

The 2025 Conference Programme will present nearly **30 hours of keynotes, panel discussions and feature sessions** running across the show's four conference stages, with more than 60 contributing speakers.

Highlights include:

- Global Market Drivers – keynote panel with SOCMA, Fecc, and EFCG
- Sustainable Manufacturing – keynote from Medicines for Europe
- Scaling innovation in the bioeconomy – with BCNP, ECBF, and start-ups ZAITRUS, ai-predict, and CellX Biosolutions
- AI-driven data management – with LabV
- From geopolitics to niche deals – M&A panel with MarketChemica, Oriento, JF Chemical, and Dorra Europe

The [full speaker agenda](#) for all four conference stages – Pharma and Regulation in Hall 5.2, Insights and Agrochemical in Hall 4.2 – is available on the official show website.

Tailored connections in a refined setting

Promoting collaboration and good supplier relations has always been a central focus of Chemspec Europe. The event's **Matchmaking Programme** uses smart technology to connect visitors and suppliers with complementary interests and business goals – making it easy to find key contacts and set up meetings in advance. Visitor PLUS ticket holders benefit from additional features, including exclusive use of the dedicated **Matchmaking Lounge** for meetings with suppliers and fellow visitors.

New lounge areas, expanded seating, and tailored catering zones further enhance the on-site experience – creating a comfortable and professional setting for networking, exchange, and deal-making. In addition, the popular **Careers Clinic** in Hall 5.2 is making a return, offering free drop-in sessions for any chemical sector professional looking for a job or general career advice.

Smart event: seamless, paper-free networking

All exhibition stands and feature areas are equipped with **Colleqt QR Codes**, enabling visitors to instantly share contact details and save exhibitor information directly to their smartphones – making networking faster, easier, and entirely paper-free. Also supporting the visitor experience onsite is the **Chemspec Europe App** with a suite of user-friendly features, including interactive way-finding and real-time event alerts. The app is free to download from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

About Chemspec Europe

Chemspec Europe is the industry's premier sourcing event for fine and speciality chemicals, offering direct access to global innovation leaders in chemical development, manufacturing, and distribution. Visitors can explore a broad spectrum of products and services – including custom solutions, additives, ingredients, APIs, contract manufacturing, regulatory support, and lab equipment. The two-day event attracts a diverse range of chemical buyers and their target markets, such as pharmaceuticals and life sciences, cosmetics and personal care, food and agriculture, paints and coatings, water treatment, electronics, battery technology, and many other application sectors.

Key information for visitors

Chemspec Europe 2025, the 38th International Exhibition for Fine and Speciality Chemicals, is held from 4-5 June at Koelnmesse in Cologne, Germany, occupying Hall 4.2 and Hall 5.2. Opening times are 9am to 5pm. Visitors can register and purchase tickets online. On-site registration is possible but incurs a higher entry fee. The official website provides extensive information on the exhibition profile and show visit, including [Exhibitor List](#), [Product Directory](#), and [Event Programme](#).

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