

**As stakeholders from the European process industry continue their search for measures to facilitate the transfer of innovation, the HARMONI project has acted as a catalyst, bringing together over 150 experts to foster innovation activities.**

On 16-17 January, the 2019 HARMONI Summit successfully took place, and was organized by the H2020-project [HARMONI, which is funded by the European Commission](#). The objective was to encourage dialogue on an effective framework to facilitate and foster innovation. More than 150 experts engaged in the exchange of ideas, coming from all sectors of the process industry, the European Commission and European standardization bodies.

Summit Summary:

The summit addressed solutions for non-technological challenges that hinder innovation and the transfer of solutions, such as regulation, standardization needs and the lack of innovative business models. Based on the HARMONI project, the selected priority areas for the summit included innovation transfer and the harmonization of EU regulation and EU standardization.

Six sessions took place during the two-day workshop, dealing with context specific priority areas, such as the circular economy, CO2 valorization and waste management. The selection was based on earlier research and the [six identified fiches](#). Each session included experts, Q&A's, as well as working groups and discussion panels. This allowed for a hands on evaluation of possible solutions for industry needs, at the same time giving a voice for representatives of the European Commission in an open and transparent dialogue.

HARMONI, in the words of the DG Research and Innovation, **“can play a very interesting role in the future of the Horizon Europe Programme”**, especially due to its good practice of integrating regulation and standardization.



What's next:

The HARMONI project will continue until October of 2019. The results of the project are mainly addressed to regulatory bodies, standardization bodies and industry. Identified priorities and results of the working groups will serve to provide recommendations from the HARMONI project to the responsible authorities. For any further contribution, you are welcome to contact the HARMONI team. We are looking forward to engaging with you in order to move towards a sustainable and competitive European process industry.

You will be updated about upcoming events and results in the next [HARMONI Newsletter](#).