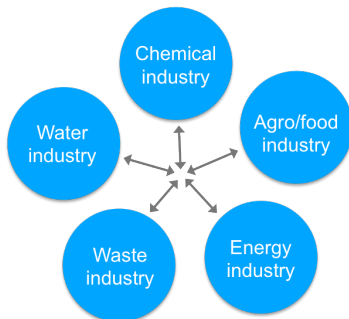




Call for Partners for the European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform

The European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform initiative came out of the European Sustainable Phosphorus Conference, March 2013, at which more than 300 companies, knowledge institutes, governments and NGOs alongside European Commissioner for the Environment, Janez Potočnik, called for **European-wide action on sustainable phosphorus and recycling**.

Over 150 organisations signed the [joint declaration](#) calling for a European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform, including companies and knowledge institutes in the fertiliser, animal feeds, phosphate chemicals, waste and water management, recycling, food and agricultural sectors, national nutrient platforms and regulators.



Cross-sectoral cooperation throughout the P value chain

The goal of the platform is to **speed up the transition towards sustainable phosphorus management and recycling, green jobs and the circular economy**, by enabling knowledge and experience sharing, networking and pre-competitive collaboration to strengthen innovations, value chains, technologies and markets.

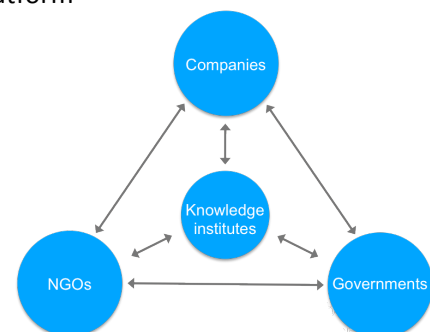
The European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform is now **looking for partners, to further develop the network and support an interim action plan for the coming year**. The goal of the interim period is to progress towards the establishment of the platform as a permanent structure in 2014.

Role of partners

The platform's partners are companies, industry associations, knowledge institutes, governments, national nutrient platforms and NGOs that contribute to funding the platform's interim action plan. Please see the interim action plan attached.

Benefits for partners are:

- **Recognition as a front-runner** in sustainable phosphorus management in Europe
- **Visibility in the platform's communications as a partner** on the platform website, newsletter and other publications
- **Presentation of your actions** on the platform's website
- **Access to and participation in the platform's network** of experts, R&D projects, phosphorus user and management industries, regulators and other stakeholders
- **Up-to-date information** on technologies, projects, implementation, bench-marking and regulatory developments
- Direct participation, during this crucial set-up phase, **in defining the permanent objectives, actions and organisation** of the platform



Bringing together stakeholders within the 'triple helix'

Initial actions

In order not to lose the momentum of first European Sustainable Phosphorus Conference, actions will already be engaged during the interim period to move forward the platform's objectives including network building, communications, technical meetings and supporting national/local value chain structuring. Please see the [interim action plan](#) for more information.



Avenues towards sustainable phosphorus management

Interim organisation

The objective is to establish the European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform's permanent structure in Spring 2014 (independent or within an existing organisation). During the interim period necessary to define and organise this, a 'light' secretariat will implement the interim action plan, coordinate relations between platform partners and networks and facilitate communications

The platform's interim budget will be managed by European Partners for the Environment (EPE), Brussels <http://epe.be/> with registered and audited accounts. Partners will receive an invoice or statement as requested from EPE. If total funds collected exceed the interim budget, excess will be used to fund 2014 Platform actions, and can be deducted on request proportionally from partners' 2014 membership fees or contribution.

Becoming a partner

The European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform is open for all organizations that support the development of the platform's network and activities for sustainable phosphorus management. The partner contribution to cover the interim period is

€10,000 for national governments

€6,000 for companies and industry associations*

€2,000 for knowledge institutes*, NGOs*, small businesses and other types of organizations*

* in some cases, contribution in kind may be possible

If you are interested in becoming a partner, please send an e-mail with your contact details to the secretariat:

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Interim action plan for the European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform

ESPP's vision and objectives

These are defined as below by the joint declaration signed by over 150 persons and organisations at the European Sustainable Phosphorus Conference, Brussels, 6-7 March 2013:

- *Bring together knowledge, innovation and experience for better stewardship of phosphorus, more efficient use, phosphorus recycling and to create green jobs within the framework of a circular economy*
- *Contribute to formulating a knowledge agenda which can be connected to the research and innovation agendas of Horizon 2020 and the EIPs on Raw Materials, Water and Sustainable Agriculture*
- *Circulate information and promote sustainable phosphorus management and related job creation*
- *Work together closely in the precompetitive phase of innovation, to exchange experience, best practice and benchmarking*

ESPP's initial actions

The joint declaration also indicated initial actions for the European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform:

- *Networking and exchange to monitor, share information, develop input, feedback and representation on*
 - *phosphorus data collection: phosphorus flows, resources, recovery potential, uses, including information on contaminants;*
 - *policies and regulations, new technologies, interferences, impact assessments, monitor P-recycling and P-stewardship policies and international benchmarks of processes, cost models, product norms;*
 - *business models and experience, business cases, barriers and opportunities to implementation, viable routes of P-recovery and –treatment in the context of a developing market*
- *Economics and jobs: identify policies to develop jobs and industries involved in the context of geopolitical and market developments*
- *Develop joint proposals for project funding*
- *Circulate information by newsletters, website and a project and experience data base*

1. Interim period – defining the future

This interim action plan covers the period necessary to define the objectives, operational organisation and business plan of the platform and prepare their implementation. This phase will run to Spring 2014, when a 3-year business plan will be adopted and (if appropriate) a formal structure established.

However, in order not to lose the momentum of the first European Sustainable Phosphorus Conference, actions will already be engaged during the interim period, with the platform's partners, to move forward the platform's objectives, including building networks, communications, facilitating advocacy, technical meetings and supporting national/local value chain structuring.

The platform's secretariat for this interim period will thus have the roles of:

- preparing the platform's future
- organising actions (as proposed below)
- ensuring information access and networking for partners

The interim period necessitates an operating budget to cover costs of secretariat, first actions and communications, where possible using input in kind to reduce costs (eg. for website hosting and management, meeting etc.)

2. Secretariat and communications

- **Preparing the platform's business plan** through exchange with partners and other stakeholders: define long-term societal objectives, operating methods, organisation and if appropriate formal structure and conditions of membership for the European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform. Establish corresponding budget and funding, including in kind contributions
- **Networking:** outreach to potential new platform partners, links with networks and organisations susceptible to contribute to forwarding the objective of P-stewardship, information exchange with organisations and experts within and outside the EU
- **Circulation of information to partners** concerning regulatory, technical, industry and societal developments relating to phosphorus management and recycling
- **External communications:** website, emailing contact list, Newsletter on P-stewardship and on platform actions (SCOPE Newsletter upgraded), social network tools ...
- **Projects:** develop project proposals to contribute to funding of the Platform's future activities, circulate information concerning tenders, funding opportunities, joint projects between partners, facilitate consortium and project building by partners
- **Secretariat and transparency:** consultation and implication of partners, transparency to other stakeholders.

3. Organise technical meetings for Platform partners

Sept 2013 – Feb 2014, maybe by webinar to limit travel/expenses, in coordination with P-REX where areas are already being covered by this project

- **Regulation:** provide information and training to partners on implementation of regulation for recycled phosphate products: REACH, End-of-Waste, fertiliser regulations, transport, import/export. Identify needs for modifications or clarifications of regulations and policy.
- **P-recycling markets:** for recycling technologies and recovered phosphate products
- **Recycled P in the human food chain:** societal implications, involving environmental NGOs, farmers, food industry, supermarkets, organic farming organisations, recycled P producers etc.
- Other to be defined if useful by platform partners

4. Promotion of sustainable phosphorus management

- **Facilitate partners' input to policy consultations and initiatives:** at least during the interim establishment period (no legal structure, no voting system), the platform's role will be to facilitate advocacy by partners, not to carry out its own advocacy or take its own positions, except to promote the general principle and awareness of phosphorus stewardship. The platform's role will be to inform partners of consultations or policy discussions underway where advocacy input would be timely, provide information as to issues at stake and how to respond, enable exchange of information to allow partners to prepare optimally their own advocacy positions and actions or preparation of joint positions between several partners. Possibly, in some cases, and only if acceptable to all platform partners, to prepare and put forward a consensus position
- **Economics and employment:** develop and promote positions on economic and job creation aspects of phosphorus stewardship and recycling
- **Research agenda:** in coordination with existing global networks and in close consultation with stakeholders, identify priority areas where new R&D or collation and analysis of existing data are needed (a global 'research agenda'), non-exhaustive but identifying generally agreed priority areas and questions. This should provide input to programme definition for R&D funding organisations (EU, national, private) and to project preparation for knowledge institutions and R&D consortia
- **Development of national/regional value chain actions:** promote the creation of national/regional phosphate/nutrient platforms to authorities and stakeholders; provide information, contacts, experience transfer

5. Catalogue of value-chain industry actors, knowledge and experience

- **Value-chain catalogue:** pre-competitive data base tool of companies managing phosphorus streams, producers and users of recovered and recycled phosphates
- **Knowledge and services:** listing of technology and service providers, knowledge institutes, governmental and non-governmental agencies, and of pilot/full-scale experience reports and ongoing R&D projects (coordinate with P-REX), publications (reference list), networks
- **Calendar of meetings and events** relevant to sustainable phosphorus and P-recycling

6. Estimated interim budget**Interim secretariat**

Secretariat	
- secretariat time and costs, to March 2014	80 000 €
- President and Ambassador travel costs	8 000 €
- EPE (European Partners for the Environment) hosting and accounting	10 000 €
- reserve and other operating costs	9 000 €
Prepare ESPP project funding proposals (Partners for Innovation*)	8 000 €

Interim actions

Three technical meetings	
- fees and costs expert speaker x 3	9 000 €
- meeting room and hosting	in kind
Coordination, support, etc	covered under Secretariat and Communications
Communications	
- Logo, headed paper, visiting cards	3 000 €
- website provider	in kind (Netherlands Nutrient Platform)
- Newsletter emailing list	in kind (ESPC, Cefic SCOPE listing*)
- Newsletter emailing subscribe/unsubscribe and emailing system	3 000 €
- coordinating content, writing Newsletter	covered under Secretariat
- collating website content, including B5 value-chain catalogue, writing and maintaining website (Cranfield University UK* or FHNW Switzerland*)	20 000 €
Total	150 000 €

Proposed funding – platform partners

Partner governments / national Nutrient Platforms	
- 10 000 € x 5	50 000 €
Company partners:	
- 6000 € for large companies x 12	72 000 €
- 2000 € for small companies x 8	16 000 €
Non-EU partners	
- 6000 € x 2	12 000 €
Total	150 000 €

*Notes: Not included above: organisation of a second European Sustainable Phosphorus Conference, probably in Berlin 2015. * = to be confirmed. Partner status is also open to knowledge institutes and NGOs/similar which make contributions in kind*