

Chemical industry confirms commitment to climate through French Business Climate Pledge.

Among the 99 companies signatory of the French Business Climate Pledge announced today at the meeting of Entrepreneurs of France, several members of France Chimie have confirmed their mobilization in favour of climate. Air Liquide, Arkema, Armor, DRT, Sanofi, Seqens, Solvay and Total have made a first assessment of the actions carried out since their signature of the French Business Climate Pledge in December 2017 and renew their commitment today.

Two new members joined the signatories of the French Business Climate Pledge. L'ETI Kem One and the SME Orrion Chemicals Orgaform formally commit, in their turn, to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Kem One, second European producer of PVC, is already committed to improving his energy performances and reducing carbon footprint of its activities. Certified ISO 50001, the company is continuing to invest in less emitting processes. Since 2013, Kem One has reduced its CO₂ emissions by 25% and today emits 5 times less CO₂ per ton of PVC than most of its Chinese competitors.

Orrion Chemicals Orgaform, specialized in production of industrial adhesives, coating products and release agents, is committed to halving the CO₂ emissions per kilogram produced by 2023. The company will continue to develop its R&D actions and implement measures to achieve energy saving and optimize waste management.

France Chimie reminds that the chemical sector as a whole, 3 300 companies in France, has made very significant progress last years. Factories have invested heavily and innovated to optimize their energy efficiency and reduce their environmental footprint. Since 1990, Chemistry has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by more than 60 %. Chemistry is also at the heart of several of the major challenges of the ecological transition : It allows to design dwellings and sustainable means of transport, to meet the issue of lightening materials and to develop the use of renewable resources. It contributes to responsible consumption by being a key actor in the circular economy.

« The Chemical industry is firmly committed to fight global warming and to meet the challenges of resource sustainability. We will continue to offer innovative solutions and to support the steps taken in this direction by our companies, thus contributing to the reduction of the carbon footprint of France. » says Luc Benoit-Cattin, President of France Chimie.