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PRESS RELEASE

Defossilisation through Innovation: One Week left to Submit Abstracts for the Renewable Materials Conference

Renewable Materials Conference from 22–24 September 2026 in Siegburg/Cologne (Germany): 80 presentations, 20 panel discussions, 16 workshops and an exhibition offer comprehensive networking with 400–500 participants

Hürth, 09 March 2026: The Renewable Materials Conference 2026 (RMC), taking place from 22–24 September 2026 in Siegburg/Cologne, Germany, is the outstanding international meeting place for innovators, companies and brands, investors and policymakers to develop and shape the future renewable carbon economy. As in previous years, the conference organiser nova-Institute expects 400–500 participants from around the world. RMC is the leading global event on the renewable carbon economy, showcasing the latest progress and outlook in bioeconomy, CCU and recycling for the defossilisation of chemicals and materials with renewable carbon. All brands, large suppliers, SMEs and start-ups are invited to present their latest innovations in a wide range of formats, including presentations, workshops, exhibition booths, posters or sponsorship. Numerous networking breaks throughout all conference days, as well as two evening events, provide comprehensive opportunities for in-depth exchange and networking.

All information about the Renewable Materials Conference can be found here:

<https://renewable-carbon.eu/news/renewable-materials-conference-2026-save-the-date-22-24-september-in-siegburg-cologne-germany/>

Your Contribution to the Conference Programme

There is still the opportunity to secure one of 75 speaker slots across the five topic areas of defossilisation of the chemical industry, fossil-free plastics, policy and framework, regenerative business models, and biodegradation over the three days of the conference and in two parallel session strands. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 15 March 2026: <https://renewable-materials.eu/call-for-abstracts/>

As another option, interested participants can request one of the 16 **workshop** slots that run parallel to and complement the conference programme. Workshops are a highly attractive format for presenting and discussing topics with other experts and potential clients. More information is available here: <https://renewable-materials.eu/workshops/>

There are several further opportunities to become part of the conference. Companies and organisations can join as **exhibitors** (<https://renewable-materials.eu/exhibition-booking/>), apply for the Innovation Award “Renewable Material of the Year 2026” (deadline 3 May; <https://renewable-materials.eu/award-application/>), become a sponsor of the conference (<https://renewable-materials.eu/sponsoring/>). Associations are invited to become partners of RMC (<https://renewable-materials.eu/become-partner/>).

In addition, participants can already register for the conference and benefit from a 20% discount on the ticket until 15 March, or 10% until 16 August (<https://renewable-materials.eu/registration/>).

See you in Siegburg to jointly shape the future of the chemical and material sector.

Thank you to the Sponsors and Partners of RMC 2026

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RMC is supported by industry and trade associations, non-profit organisations, research institutions and interest groups that are thematically linked to the conference: AVK (DE), BCNP (DE), C.A.R.M.E.N.(DE), ChemCologne (DE), ChemieClusterBayern (DE), CLIB (DE), CO2Value Europe (EU), European Bioplastics (EU), IBB Netzwerk (DE), kunststoffland NRW (DE), NRW.Energy4Climate (DE), Plastics Europe (DE), Renewable Carbon Initiative (EU).

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Since the mid-1990s, the nova-Institute has been dedicated to sustainability and today focuses primarily on renewable carbon cycles. As an independent research institute, it supports companies – particularly from the chemical, plastics, and materials industries – in the use of renewable carbon derived from biomass, direct CO₂ utilisation (CCU), and recycling.

With a multidisciplinary team of scientists, the nova-Institute participates in international innovation projects and provides science-based management consulting. The institute follows a holistic approach: its experts analyse which technologies and raw materials are suitable for specific products, in which markets their application is feasible, which regulatory frameworks apply, how sustainable the solutions are, and how they can be successfully positioned in the market.

Based on these analyses, the team develops tailored strategies to support the transformation from fossil to renewable carbon. Around 50 experts from various disciplines work together to drive the defossilisation of industry – for a climate-neutral future.

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