Evonik Oxeno issues White Paper: More resilience for Europe's petrochemical industry

- **Petrochemical companies can strengthen competitiveness through better resilience**
- **Efficiency, innovation and AI, partnerships and skilled employees are key**
- **Competitive energy prices and faster permits are a must**

Marl, Germany. Evonik Oxeno has published its second White Paper on the future of the European petrochemical industry. The publication outlines key levers for more resilience that companies can pull to remain competitive in an increasingly challenging market.

The publication comes at a time when resilience has moved to the center of the European petrochemical debate. Under the theme "Rethinking Resilience", the upcoming 60th Annual Meeting of the European Petrochemical Association (EPCA) will address how Europe can strengthen competitiveness, advance sustainability and maintain global connectivity. Oxeno's White Paper contributes to the discussion by identifying and promoting key drivers that companies can deploy to strengthen their competitiveness in a changing market environment.

The European petrochemical industry is undergoing a profound transformation as market dynamics and geopolitical developments reshape the environment. At the same time, Europe's strengths – integrated production networks, decades of process expertise, a highly skilled workforce and close cooperation across value chains – continue to provide a solid foundation for building resilience and creating long-term value.

"In the petrochemical industry, resilience is the ability to remain competitive and profitable in the face of disruptions," says Frank Beissmann, Managing Director of Evonik Oxeno GmbH & Co. KG. "Many of the factors that determine resilience are firmly embedded in our industry. The challenge is to keep strengthening them and to translate them into long-term competitiveness."

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The White Paper identifies levers including efficiency, innovation and Artificial Intelligence, strong partnerships across the value chain and regional production networks to navigate increasingly uncertain markets. Beyond company level, the White Paper also highlights the importance of a supportive policy framework to enable the industry's long-term competitiveness across Europe. "Building resilience is a joint effort," says Beissmann. "Petrochemical companies must continuously work on their strengths, while policymakers must create a framework that allows Europe to remain attractive for industrial production."

The White Paper "*Building Resilience in the Petrochemical Industry*" is available for download at: https://c4-chemicals.evonik.com/en/media/oxeno-whitepaper-2026-311148.html

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