



AGREEMENT

POLE CHIMIE LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON [LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON CHEMISTRY CLUSTER]

FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

"Chemistry serving man and his environment"

Presented by:

- **Université de Montpellier 1 [Montpellier 1 University]**
- **Université de Montpellier 2 [Montpellier 2 University]**
- **Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Montpellier [French national graduate school of chemistry, Montpellier]**
- **CEA Marcoule [French atomic energy organisation, Marcoule]**
- **CNRS [French national centre for scientific research]**



Between the Parties referred to hereinafter as:

The UNIVERSITE MONTPELLIER 1 represented by its President,

The UNIVERSITE MONTPELLIER 2 represented by its President,

The ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE DE CHIMIE DE MONTPELLIER represented by its Director,

The CNRS represented by its Director General,

The CEA represented by the Director of CEA Marcoule,

Referred to collectively hereinafter as the “Parties”.

Whereas:

The Parties are currently finalising the creation of a research federation encompassing four institutes, the *Institut de Chimie Moléculaire et des Matériaux Charles Gerhardt* (Charles Gerhardt institute of molecular chemistry and materials, UMR UMII/ENSCM/CNRS), the *Institut des Biomolécules Max Mousseron* (Max Mousseron institute of biomolecules, UMR UMI/UMII/CNRS), the *Institut Européen des Membranes* (European membrane institute, UMR ENSCM/UMII/CNRS) and the *Institut de Chimie Séparative de Marcoule* (Marcoule institute of separation chemistry, UMR UMII/ENSCM/CEA/CNRS).

They have decided to unite their skills within the Languedoc-Roussillon region to create a chemistry cluster for sustainable development that will unify their potential and their ambitions in the following broad areas:

- Energy and materials,
- Preservation of resources and protection of the environment,
- Chemistry for human health and wellbeing.

The major and immediate objective is to propose, within the Languedoc-Roussillon region, an ambitious project for the development of chemistry, which could be programmed initially within the framework of the *Contrat de Projets Etat/Région 2007-2013* (state-region project contract).

The Parties have furthermore agreed to apply for a *Réseau Thématique de Recherche Avancée* (RTRA: thematic network for advanced research).

The Parties wanted to enter into this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") here and now in order to formalise their common commitment.

The Parties agree as follows:

Article 1 – Subject

The Parties agree today to create a Chemistry Cluster for sustainable development in Languedoc-Roussillon, called "Chemistry serving man and his environment" in order to concentrate their efforts and resources on three objectives:

- to define the objectives of the cluster as regards research, teaching and continuing education, and to exploit research findings,
- to complete the study for the Chemistry Campus real-estate project and to implement it,
- to realise the ambition of the cluster by supporting the creation of an RTRA; the application required for its creation will be submitted to the Ministry for approval within two years of this Agreement being signed.

Article 2 - The undertaking of the Parties

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- As soon as they sign this Agreement, the Parties constitute a **Steering Committee** consisting of their five representatives, of two representatives of the State appointed jointly by the Languedoc-Roussillon *Préfet de la Région* (regional prefect) and the *Recteur d'Académie, Chancelier des Universités* (director of education) and of two representatives of the Languedoc-Roussillon regional council appointed by the *Président du Conseil Régional Languedoc-Roussillon* (president of the regional council). **The chairperson** of the Steering Committee is appointed jointly by the *Président du Conseil Régional Languedoc-Roussillon*, the *Préfet de Région* and the *Recteur d'Académie*.

The Steering Committee appoints a **Project Director** who represents the Cluster to outside parties, within the limits of the directions received from the Steering Committee, and leads a **project team** composed in particular of the Directors (or their representatives) of the four aforementioned institutes and the chairperson of the working parties mentioned below.

The Steering Committee sets up **working parties**, particularly those responsible for drawing up the contracts corresponding to the objectives defined in article 1 above, which will be signed by the Parties.

The working parties are supported by the specialised departments of the signatories.

The Project Director leads and coordinates the working parties and makes sure that their actions are consistent with the Region's deliberations in these areas and, in particular, within the PRES (*Pôle de Recherche et d'Enseignement Supérieur*: research and higher education cluster).

The Project Director reports to the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee validates the dossiers that formalise the proposals of the working parties.

In its first meeting the Steering Committee establishes the **detailed timetable** setting out the various steps required to achieve the three objectives of this Agreement.

The first milestones are:

- 31 January 2008, the **Steering Committee** is set up and the **Project Director**, the working parties and their chairpersons are appointed,

- 31 March 2008, the **Conseil des Personnalités Extérieures** is formed (advisory committee of outside persons).
- 31 May 2008, the **schéma directeur immobilier** (real-estate master plan) is proposed to the Steering Committee,
- 30 June 2009, **finalisation of the application required to create the RTRA, to be submitted to the Ministry for approval.**

2.2- The Parties also set up a **Conseil des Personnalités Extérieures** (of French or foreign advisors) which assists the Steering Committee in its deliberations and participates in defining the strategy of the Languedoc-Roussillon Chemistry Cluster.

The *Conseil des Personnalités Extérieures* is composed of six to twelve members chosen by the Steering Committee.

Article 3- Duration

The duration of this agreement is identical to that of the four-year contracts for establishments: Wave A (2007-2010).

The parties agree to review its implementation at the end of 2010 and to examine together whether its content needs to be changed.

Signed at Montpellier on 19 December 2007

For the UM1

For the ENSCM

For the UM2

For the CNRS

For the CEA

**This Agreement was signed under the auspices of the State
and the Languedoc-Roussillon Region.**

**The Président de la région
Languedoc Roussillon**

**The Préfet de la région
Languedoc Roussillon**

**The Recteur de l'Académie de
Montpellier, Chancelier des
Universités (director of
education for Montpellier)**