Strengthening collaboration and including more organisations from Poland and other countries from the region in implementing and advancing the Sustainable Process Industry through Resource and Energy Efficiency (SPIRE) initiative is the purpose of a joint meeting that will take place on 13 December 2018, 8:30 – 11:00 in Katowice, Poland.

The meeting will be attended by Mr. Jürgen Tiedje, Head of Unit in the Directorate General for Research and Innovation at European Commission, Mr. Daniel Gauthier, A.SPIRE President and Ms. Àngels Orduña Cao, A.SPIRE Executive Director.

The discussion will tackle research and innovation strategies and priorities for process industry at national and European level, in particular in the context of SPIRE Vision 2050 with an increased level of ambition to increase competitiveness and help the EU process industry position itself as leaders of the transition towards a carbon neutral and circular economy and society.

Jürgen Tiedje from the European Commission, DG RTD will provide an overview on the Commission’s Long Term Strategy for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and its relevance for energy intensive industries (to be released on 28 November) and state of play on Horizon Europe, in particular as regards partnerships with industry.

The meeting should result in conclusions on how organisations from Poland and neighbouring countries may contribute to the ambitions of SPIRE Vision 2050 and become significant actors of SPIRE Initiative.

SPIRE is a contractual Public-Private Partnership (PPP) dedicated to innovation in resource and energy efficiency enabled by the process industries. SPIRE brings together cement, ceramics, chemicals, engineering, minerals and ores, non-ferrous metals, steel and water sectors, several being world-leading sectors operating from Europe. SPIRE projects have received support from European Commission reaching 900M€ under the HORIZON 2020 Framework Programme.

A.SPIRE association represents over 140 industrial and research stakeholders from over a dozen countries throughout Europe, and is committed to manage and implement the SPIRE PPP. For more information, please visit www.spire2030.eu.

The event will take place at the Glowny Instytut Gornictwa (GIG), pl. Gwarkow 1, Katowice.

Participation in the meeting is free of charge. To obtain the invitation contact Jaroslaw Piekarski, National Contact Point for Research Programmes of EU, Jaroslaw.Piekarski@kpk.gov.pl, tel. +48 664 032 133, best before 6 December 2018.
Draft agenda

8:15 – 8:30  Registration and welcome coffee

8:30 – 8:45  Opening, Process Industry Research & Innovation priorities
- Prof. Stanisław Prusek, Director of Glowny Instytut Gornictwa (tbc)
- Daniel Gauthier, A.SPIRE President

8:45 – 9:15  R&I strategy and priorities for process industry in Poland – PL Industry representatives

9:15 – 9:40  Àngels Orduña Cao, A.SPIRE: What SPIRE PPP is in practice, SPIRE VISION 2050;

9:40 – 10:00  Jürgen Tiedje, DG RTD, European Commission:
- European Commission Long Term Strategy for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and its relevance for energy intensive industries;
- Horizon Europe - state of play

10:00 – 10:45  Moderated discussion on
- Common points of PL process industry priorities and SPIRE Vision2050
- how could the industry and RTOs from Poland and neighboring region contribute to the ambitions of SPIRE Vision 2050
- benefits from of long-term partnership and involvement in SPIRE activities (roadmapping and implementation)
- methods for effective involvement into the SPIRE community.

10:45 – 11:00  Summary and Conclusions