

PRESS RELEASE

VIO Chemicals awarded with European Commission's Seal of Excellence

Zurich, 4 April 2019 – The European Commission has recently awarded VIO Chemicals with the Seal of Excellence, a high-quality label for first-class innovation ideas worthy of investment. With this award the European Commission recognizes VIO Chemicals as a highly innovative enterprise with clear potential to compete internationally in high-growth markets.

“For us at VIO Chemicals, it is an honour to have our efforts recognized. The recognition is more fulfilling as it comes by an international panel of independent experts in a highly competitive evaluation process in terms of excellence, impact, quality and efficiency of implementation”, commented VIO Chemicals CEO and founder, Dimitris Kalias. “We are very proud that our project scored highly against nearly 3,000 applicants and this award reinforces our commitment to integrating innovation as a value and approach in all of our work”.

The Seal of Excellence is the Certificate of high quality awarded to projects submitted to Horizon 2020 Programme, which have passed all the stringent selection and award criteria but could not get funded due to Horizon 2020 budget limits. The “Seal” identifies the business value of the VIO Chemicals proposal and merits funding from alternative sources, public, private, national, regional European or international.

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Notes to editor:**About VIO Chemicals**

VIO Chemicals AG is a science and technological innovation driven chemical company that creates complete solutions for leading industries, from idea to market. With core competencies in custom design, development and production of specialty chemicals, intermediates and active pharmaceutical ingredients, VIO Chemicals provides a full range of services to the world's leading chemical, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, food and nutraceutical companies. As a member of the Swiss National Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry, the company is committed to the principles of sustainable use of chemistry and to its social and ethical responsibilities in all its operations. VIO Chemicals AG has its headquarters in Zurich. It operates in 4 countries – Switzerland, Greece, China, India - and has sales agents in Europe, Asia and the Americas. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.viochemicals.com>.

About European Commission's Seal of Excellence

The Seal of Excellence is a quality label awarded to project proposals submitted to Horizon 2020, the EU's research and innovation funding programme, to help these proposals find alternative funding. Projects which were judged to deserve funding, but did not get it due to budget limits, receive the Seal of Excellence. It recognises the value of the proposal and helps other funding bodies take advantage of the Horizon 2020 evaluation process. For more information visit https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence_en

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