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## Delivrable Report

### First update of the project Brochure D8.2.2\_WP8\_EMH\_Update of the brochure\_March2018 Public

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#### Summary:

A first project brochure was created at the beginning of the project to describe ROMEO's overall aim, expected impact, its two-in-one reactor and the demonstration plants. It also features the list of ROMEO's partners and a map showing which European countries the partners come from. Targeted readers have a background in chemistry. For those who wouldn't, it provides catch phrases to get the gist of the project.

Two years and a half later and as planned in the Annex 1 of ROMEO's Grant Agreement, it seemed interesting to update the first project brochure. Its objectives and targets remain the same. The update presented in this deliverable allows to clarify the context of ROMEO and to highlight what's really new with the project.

The brochure is available on ROMEO's public website: <u>http://www.romeo-h2020.eu/results/romeos-presentations/</u>. A high-resolution printable version of the brochure is also available for partners.

A second update is planned by the end of the project.





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**REACTOR OPTIMISATION BY MEMBRANE ENHANCED OPERATION** 

## EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROJECT REACTOR OPTIMISATION BY MEMBRANE ENHANCED OPERATION REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION

**IN PROCESS INDUSTRY** 

#### CONTEXT

The immobilization of highly active and selective homogeneous catalysts by the supported ionic liquid phase (SILP) concept is extremely promising in the context of catalyst recycling and energy savings. By merging the SILP technology with membrane reactor technology for the first time, such homogeneous catalysts are applied for process intensification in an industrial setting.



INDUSTRY & ACADEMIA TEAMING UP AROUND A NEW CONCEPT OF "TWO-IN-ONE" MEMBRANE REACTORS TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND EMISSIONS IN PROCESS INDUSTRY

#### **ROMEO'S AIM**

The project gathers 9 European partners from industry and academia to **implement an efficient platform for the optimal design of new integrated reactors.** Applied to large volume industrial processes, the innovative ROMEO approach will:

- improve selectivity and productivity of industrial reactions, including raw material savings
- reduce energy consumption by up to 80% in industrial catalytic gas-phase reactions
  reduce related emissions by up to 90%

ROMEO's "two-in-one" reactors combine optimized membrane modules and the immobilization of homogeneous catalysts to carry out chemical synthesis and downstream processing in a single step.

#### WHAT'S NEW WITH ROMEO?

ROMEO intends to get detailed understanding of the processes involved in the well-argued design of new reactors, **from nano to macro-scale**. Two important reactions are chosen as demonstration cases:

**1. Hydroformylation**, to convert olefins and syngas to aldehydes (precursors for plasticizer alcohols).

**2. Water-gas shift reaction** which uses CO-containing syngas derived from biomass to generate hydrogen.

For both reactions, the project will show how to set up **adapted toolboxes** by optimizing choice via modelling and simulation. Based on the use of building blocks, it aims to facilitate the conception of apparatus for a large set of applications.

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