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## **XPERIMANIA CHAT IN GERMAN: HOW DOES THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY RELY ON PETROCHEMICALS?**

The next Xperimania ([www.xperimania.net](http://www.xperimania.net)) chat on 23 March at 11.00 CET will focus on how the automotive industry benefits from the research and innovations of the chemicals industry. With the help of chemistry, new materials are developed to build and run safer, economical and more comfortable cars.

Rubber tyres, antifreeze and other fluids developed in chemical industry make drivers' days easier. Lighter materials reduce vehicle weight, which influences fuel economy and has impact on both the environment and the car-owner's wallet.

Secondary school students are invited to raise their questions in German to the chat expert, Mr **Ulrich Nies**, Head of Information Coordination and Automotive Communications BASF.

**Interested in taking part in the Xperimania chat held in German?** Send an email to [xperimania@eun.org](mailto:xperimania@eun.org) with the name of your school and the teacher whose class will participate.

Further information on the topic:

[http://www.xperimania.net/ww/en/pub/xperimania/news/world\\_of\\_materials/car\\_industry.htm](http://www.xperimania.net/ww/en/pub/xperimania/news/world_of_materials/car_industry.htm)

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### **About Xperimania**

Xperimania is organised by the Association of Petrochemicals Producers in Europe ([Appe](#)), and coordinated by [European Schoolnet](#) on their behalf. All schools in the European Union, candidate countries and EFTA countries are invited to join in. Participating students must be aged 10-20 years old. It is free to participate. Visit [www.xperimania.net](http://www.xperimania.net) and find all the background information and resources needed to get started.