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EP Environment Committee Vote on Lead in PVC



On the 21st of January 2020, the Environment Committee of the European Parliament adopted a resolution objecting to the Commission's proposal to restrict the use of lead in PVC, more specifically on the provisions allowing continued controlled recycling in specific applications. This decision is not in line with the assessment of the European Chemicals Agency and will seriously damage the circular economy of plastics in Europe. After the vote, **EuPC** Managing Director Alexandre Dangis stated:

"We regret the hasty motion of the ENVI Committee this morning that is calling to reject exemptions for the use of PVC recyclate containing lead (Pb) in the frame of the Pb stabiliser restriction without taking into consideration 5 years of assessment by the European Chemical Agency, Commission and Member States which concluded that continued recycling is the best waste management option from an environmental and human health point of view. Should this motion be adopted in the European Parliament Plenary, it would seriously compromise the success of the Circular Plastics Alliance initiated by the Commission. "

The resolution will now be put to a vote at the February plenary in Strasbourg. If Parliament follows the vote of the Committee and objects to the Commission proposal within the deadline set of 27 February 2020, the draft measure shall not be adopted by the Commission.

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EU Commission's Green Deal



On 11 December 2019, the European Commission presented the Communication on the European Green Deal, which pursues the objective of tackling environmental-related challenges, with a particular focus on climate change. Through its roadmap, the Communication sets several actions aimed at fostering the efficient use of resources by moving to a clean and circular economy, revert biodiversity loss and cut pollution. It outlines the types of investments needed to achieve these goals and the financing tools

available in order to ensure an effective and inclusive transition.

The Green Deal focuses on several specific areas which, if properly implemented, would eventually result in a significant boost for the definitive shift in favour of a circular economy:

The Commission Communication was sent to the European Parliament and the Council which will decide whether to formally respond to the Commission Communication through the adoption, respectively, of an Own-Initiative Resolution and Conclusions.

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EU Commissioner's Statement on Plastic Packaging



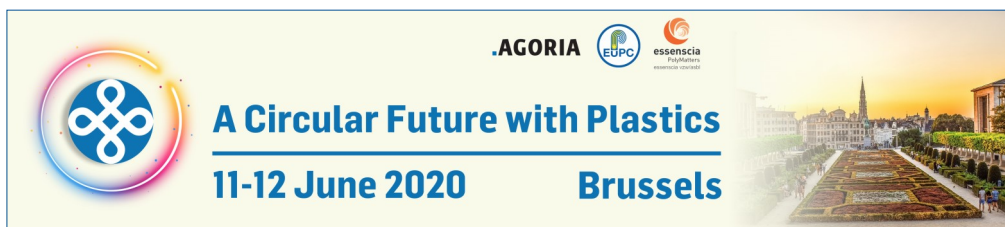
EuPC has officially requested a meeting with the new EU Commissioner for Environment, Mr. Sinkevicius after his statement to ban all plastics packaging.

This statement should be verified and discussed to avoid the spreading of fake news and ensure all EU regulatory requirements can be met to safely pack and transport food now and in the future by using plastics. **EuPC** is ready to continue to drive the circularity agenda for the plastics industry.

However the bashing on plastics is very counterproductive both for the environment and investments in recycling.

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2020 EuPC Annual Meeting



EuPC, together with Agoria and Essenscia Polymatters, the Belgian associations representing the plastics converting industry, are organising the 2020 edition of the conference A Circular Future with Plastics. The event will take place on 11th & 12th June at the Renaissance Hotel in the heart of Brussel's European quarter. During the 11th June, the "**EuPC** Market Divisions" on Packaging, Automotive and Building & Construction will take place in parallel, and visits to industry leading companies in the plastics industry will be offered. On the evening of the 11th June, the Gala Dinner will take place in the Palace of the Colonies, hosting as well the award ceremony of the 2020 Best Polymer Producers for Europe Awards.

During the conference on the 12th June, representatives of national and European politics, CEOs of the plastics converting and recycling world, as well as other industry leaders will share their knowledge and experience about the trends of the sector.

To access more information and the registration, visit www.circularfuturewithplastics.eu

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The MORE Network Continues to Grow



The MORE network continues to grow. On the 3rd December, the Turkish association PAGEV Türk Plastik Sanayicileri Vakfı joined the online platform monitoring the use of recycled polymers, making Turkey the 14th country that offers MORE to the industry.

In addition, the Netherlands Federation of the Plastic and Rubber Industries (NRK) in the Hague has announced a new label recognizing its members' efforts to join in sustainability goals set by the EU. In 2019, the French Fédération de la plasturgie et des composites initiated the creation of a label to mark companies' registration

with the European-wide programme Monitoring Recyclates for Europe (MORE). This was met with enthusiasm by member companies and by other countries participating in MORE. As of 2020 the NRK will be awarding its own label to member companies.

The Dutch MORE label follows the example of the French label, creating unity in the branding of MORE throughout Europe. However, it bears the Dutch tricolour flag in the middle of the O, where the French label has integrated the French flag, making each label unique to the specific country. The plastics industry is active in applying circular business models and increasing sustainability, including using recycled plastic to make new products. Without a registration of the actual volumes used this remains invisible to both the public and policymakers. MORE is changing this by allowing manufacturers to enter their recycling efforts in a database.

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PCE Webinar on DEMETO - Chemical Recycling



Polymer Comply Europe (PCE) is pleased to announce its next Live Webinar on the Sustainable Chemical PET & Polyester Recycling, organised on behalf of European Plastics Converters (**EuPC**) and DEMETO.

The live webinar will take place on the 27th of February 2020 between 15.00 - 16.30 CET and will introduce the DEMETO project, focusing on the newest updates of the Chemical PET & Polyester Recycling. For registration click [here](#).

Agenda:

- 15.00 - 15.15 Welcome & Introduction Marjan Ranogajec, EU Projects Officer: **EuPC**
- 15.15 - 16.00 Sustainable Chemical PET & Polyester Recycling: The DEMETO Project Maurizio Crippa, CEO: Gr3n
- 16.00 - 16.25 Questions & Answers
- 16.25 - 16.30 Closing

EuPC is a partner in the European project DEMETO, that develops a revolutionary new way to chemically recycle PET in a highly profitable and environmentally sustainable way. DEMETO More information on DEMETO can be found at www.demeto.eu.

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2020 Food Contact Seminar



European Plastics Converters (**EuPC**) and FoodDrinkEurope invite you to a joint seminar on how to ensure the sustainability of food contact plastic materials and articles, whilst maintaining their safety for consumers.

This seminar will identify the key challenges and opportunities for the food and drink industry, such as how it can contribute to the EU sustainability objectives and meet their legal obligations in terms of consumer safety. Join the discussion together with the European Commission, plastic packaging manufacturers, food and drink producers, research institutions and other stakeholders on 23-24 April 2020, in Brussels.

The draft programme of the event can be found [here](#), and registration is accessible [here](#).

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EuPC SEF Meeting in March 2020



The **EuPC** Senior Executives Forum (SEF) brings together once per year senior representatives from converting companies to update them on the latest developments on the political and regulatory level in Europe.

At this moment, more than 40 of Europe's leading plastics converting companies are members of the SEF and support **EuPC** in its work to represent the interests of the plastics converting industry towards the European institutions. SEF members can participate in all **EuPC** activities and receive direct access to the most important information concerning their business. Membership in the SEF is open to all interested companies.

The 2020 SEF meeting will take place on the 18th March in Brussels at the Sofitel Brussels Europe, Place Jourdan 1. The participation is free of charge for SEF members and the topics on the agenda include the European Commission action plan on unintentionally added microplastics and the latest developments regarding the ongoing work of the Circular Plastics

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Upcoming Meetings

PCE Webinar on DEMETO - Chemical Recycling	27 February 2020 <i>Webinar</i>
EuPC Packaging Division ExCom	18 March 2020 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC SEF Meeting	18 March 2020 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Steering Committee	19 March 2020 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Members Executives Forum	26 March 2020 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Building & Construction ExCom	1 April 2020 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Raw Materials Committee	2 April 2020 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Food Contact Seminar	23-24 April 2020 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Annual Meeting	11-12 June 2020 <i>Brussels</i>