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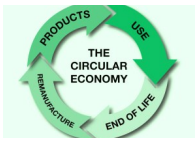


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Circular Economy



The European Commission has informally confirmed that it will come forward with a more ambitious proposal for a circular economy, on December 2nd 2015. This follows the withdrawal of a legislative proposal in 2014 and a second stakeholder consultation, which ended on August 20th 2015. The expected proposal will amend the EU waste acquis, particularly the Waste Framework Directive, the landfill Directive and the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive. Recycling targets are expected to increase significantly and a harmonized calculation methodology is expected for recycling targets. EuPC has been following developments both in the European Commission and externally.

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New Structure of Packaging Division and New Division Manager



On Monday 28 September 2015, the Packaging Division of the European Plastics Converters association (EuPC) held a meeting in Brussels to officially launch its three new taskforces and to appoint the division's new Manager. Padraig Nolan was appointed to take over management of the division, whilst simultaneously continuing his role as regulatory affairs manager at EuPC. The following three Packaging Task Forces were launched: the Communication Task Force, the Vision & Sustainability Task Force and the Policy Coordination Task Force. Each Task Force held its own kick-off meeting in order to set their mission statements, their priorities for the next year and to establish their internal organization. The next Packaging Division meeting will take place on November 17th at the EuPC offices in Brussels.

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Group on safety evaluation of cosmetics packaging



On October 29th EuPC participated in a value chain meeting for cosmetics packaging. The purpose of this group is to create a guidance on information exchange along the value chain for safety evaluation of packaging under the cosmetic regulation. It was the seventh meeting of this value chain group. During the meeting the organizations involved (Flexible Packaging Europe, Febea, Cosmetics Europe, Elipso, IKW, European Tube Manufacturers Association, European Metal Packaging, European Council Of Paint Printing Ink And Artist Colours Manufacturers Association, Industrievereinigung Kunststoffverpackungen, Unionplast, Federazione Gomma Plastica, Cosmetica Italia, European Plastics Converters) discussed the development of a guide for safety evaluation of cosmetics packaging. It is mainly based on the food contact materials approach. A draft guide is almost complete and will soon be circulated throughout the value chain for comments.

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Plastics Recycling Show - 25 & 26 November



PRS will feature a pan European exhibition and conference designed specifically for the plastics recycling industry. The event will bring together key players from the plastics converting and recycling sectors in order to learn, network and capitalize on the business opportunities plastic recycling offers. The event will see more than 60 exhibitors, who have already booked their space at the show. You can participate to this event free of charge.

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BPA in Food Contact Materials



The European Commission is currently working internally towards a Roadmap on BPA in food contact materials. This Roadmap is expected to assess potential health impacts of BPA and present various options that might be considered to take action on BPA in food contact materials. There is no timeframe set for this Roadmap and work is still in its early stages.

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European Commission Publishes Single Market Strategy



On October 28th the European Commission published its Single Market Strategy. The strategy aims at further harmonization on the EU single market, specifically with regards to rules for SMEs and startup businesses. The Commission will seek to harmonize value added taxes and provide SMEs and startups with more help to do business in Member States other than their own. The Commission will also look at setting up a 'services passport' in order to help service providers with proving they are compliant with all EU rules, thereby, avoiding any national burdens with regards to their certification/licensing etc. The strategy also refers to the potential to set up a European venture capital fund, which would be supported by the EU budget and would look to attract private capital to SMEs.

[Link to the strategy](#)

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Polymers for Europe Alliance



The Alliance is continuing its work and many more members have joined over the last weeks. On the 12th of November 2015, a meeting of the Polymers for Europe Alliance chaired by Ron Marsh will decide upon the European customers satisfaction criteria and give the start of the process towards nominating the best polymer supplier in Europe.

Access to this new portal is free of charge but exclusively for polymer users in Europe.

[Follow this link](#) to register to this dynamic platform with a wealth of interesting information on the polymer markets.

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EuPC meets with new Director General of DG GROW



On October 27th, EuPC met with the new Director General for the European Commission's DG GROW (Industry, enterprise, entrepreneurship and SME's), Mrs. Lowri Evans. This meeting was aimed at introducing the plastics converting industry to the new Director General and to discuss the priority issues affecting the plastics converting industry. Amongst other things, the circular economy played an important part of the discussions. EuPC will continue to cooperate with DG GROW on issues affecting the EU plastics converting industry.

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Waste Free Oceans Guardians of the Sea Conference



On Wednesday 14 October 2015, the Waste Free Oceans foundation (WFO) held the conference 'Guardians of the Sea' in the European Parliament, hosted by MEP Alain Cadec, WFO Champion and Chairman of the Fisheries Committee. The conference gathered over 60 participants coming from the plastics industry, associations, NGOs, the European Commission and the European Parliament. Speakers included two MEPs and the European Commission, among others. The conference was also the official launch of the children's book *Plastian the Little Fish*, a recent initiative on behalf of WFO to raise awareness on the issue of marine litter and to educate children aged five to ten of the problem and its solutions. WFO is calling on all who are interested in raising awareness on marine litter to be a part of the project and is keen to work with local sponsors to further promote this educational material all over Europe and in the rest of the world. The aim is to distribute the book worldwide with the hopes of inspiring children to build for a future where the oceans are waste free.

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Upcoming Meetings

EuPC Packaging EXCOM	17 November <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Steering Committee Meeting	18 November <i>Brussels</i>
Plastics Recycling Show Europe	25 & 26 November <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Building & Construction EXCOM	15 December <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC MEF & NPA Meetings	8 & 9 March 2016 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Packaging, Building & Construction EXCOM	10 March 2016 <i>Luxembourg</i>
EuPC Steering Committee Meeting	11 March 2016 <i>Luxembourg</i>
EuPC General Assembly	2 & 3 June 2016 <i>Lyon, France</i>
EuPC Packaging, Building & Construction EXCOM	21 September 2016 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Steering Committee Meeting	22 September 2016 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC MEF & NPA Meeting	20 October 2016 <i>Düsseldorf, Germany</i>
EuPC Packaging, B&C EXCOM	17 November 2016 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Steering Committee Meeting	18 November 2016 <i>Brussels</i>