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MedPharmPlast Europe has partnered with Toxikon to invite to their joint event on **28 - 29 June 2017** in Leuven. The two-day event is open to all participants who are interested in gaining an insight into the most important topics

for the medical devices and pharmaceutical packaging industry. The first day is dedicated to a Workshop on Material Characterisation organised by Toxikon. The second day will feature the MedPharmPlast Europe Conference 2017, focusing among others on the Medical Device Regulation, Material Conformity Assessment - What will change under the new MDR?, threat from counterfeit, the European Pharmacopoeia and the definition of medical grades.

For more information on the programme, the registration and meeting details, please visit our MPPE website here: <http://www.medpharmplasteurope.org/>, or contact Eva Schneider, Communications Officer, at Eva.Schneider@medpharmplasteurope.org

EuPC Raw Materials Committee: Managing increased pressure

EuPC is constantly monitoring development related to the implementation of chemical regulation via the raw materials committee, chaired by Joachim Eckstein and steered by the Director of the **EuPC** Technical Department Geoffroy Tillieux. During the last meeting on 6 April the following topics were addressed: In preparation of the registration of low volume substance due May 2018, **EuPC** developed a kit to support its members in the process, which will be released this May. **EuPC** monitors and is actively involved in developing science, socio-economic information and advocacy related to strategic substances. The classification of TIO2 as potential carcinogen by inhalation is still under evaluation by the Echa Risk Assessment Committee; an opinion expected for September 2017.

Furthermore, the European Chemicals Agency launched a public consultation on the proposal from the Danish Competent Authority to classify the plasticizer DINP as potentially toxic to reproduction. **EuPC** will submit its comments to the consultation due on 19 May 2017. In both cases the scientific ground for such classification seems weak and the impact on industry disproportionate.

There may also be opportunities ahead: the European Chemicals Agency decided to enter into dialogue with the industry to understand the perspective of the plastics industry. New scientific concepts such as bioelution or new migration test method are also being investigated. Want to know more? Join the network via your National or Sectoral association and participate in this expert group.

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EuMBC Conference 18 May, Brussels



Expert speakers will give insight to the latest EU regulatory and industry developments for Masterbatchers & Compounders during the EuMBC conference on the 18th of May in Brussels.

The programme will benefit from the participation of DG Growth and DG Trade, with contributions about the ongoing REACH Refit evaluation and the European Regulation on 3TG conflict minerals soon to be adopted. Discussions will be enriched by among others TDMA sharing TiO2 latest news, CEFIC speaking on REACH 2018 and the Cabot Corporation presenting Carbon black.

Sponsor of the conference is Buss Corp, leader in compounding solutions, who will present some of the latest technologies in the field.

To check the latest programme click [here](#), registrations are still open for Members and non-Members.

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EU Industrial Policy Meeting



The next meeting of the EU Industrial policy group involving 126 signatories associations including **EuPC** will take place on **Friday 5 May between 10:00 and 13:00 at the International Associations Centre**. The Maltese Presidency of the Council intends to propose the official Council Conclusions on EU industrial policy for adoption at the next Competitiveness Council.

The Presidency just published its first Draft Council Conclusions on a new strategy for the Union's industry which have been discussed at the Competitiveness and Growth (Industry) Working Party on 11 April. Furthermore, during a recent meeting in Tallinn, the Ministry of Economic Affairs confirmed that European industrial policy would be high on the agenda of the Competitiveness Council during the upcoming Estonian Presidency of the Council. The next Competitiveness Council will take place on 29 May and the next ministerial meeting of the "Friends of Industry" end of June in Berlin.

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EuPC Annual Meeting 2017 Madrid



The European Plastics Converters (**EuPC**) and the Spanish Association of Plastics Converters (ANAIP) are staging this year's plastic industry highlight in **Madrid, June 1-2**. The conference will bring together senior executives of many plastics converters during two days of debates and networking. On Thursday, **EuPC** Market Division meetings zoom in on packaging, automotive and

construction as well a Spanish perspective with the ANAIP conference. During a Gala dinner at the iconic Theatre Real, the "Best Polymer Producers" and ANAIP Awards will be presented. On Friday, **EuPC's** General Assembly convenes, followed by the conference concluding with a panel debate of leading representatives from European Industry and international bodies. The weekend will provide for cultural immersion in a visit to the renowned Thyssen Museum and a trip to historic Toledo. Engage in key debates on latest industry trends by registering [here!](#)

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Vinyl Plus meets at European Parliament



On April 15, 2017, the Vinyl Plus Monitoring Committee met again in the European Parliament to report about the progress made on its voluntary commitment. Two new MEPs joined the meeting for the first time: Martina Dlabajová (Czech Republic) and Nuno Melo (Portugal). The meeting highlighted the industry's issues of concern in finding an appropriate EU legal framework for ensuring the growth of PVC recycling by 2020 according to schedule .



Over 560.000T of PVC waste have been recycled in 2016 and the volume will be certified through Recovinyl. New was also the start of a social dialogue project involving trade unions in Vinyl Plus activities. The initiative to create more jobs in PVC recycling was

warmly welcomed by MEP Martina Dlabajová.

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Waste Free Oceans at the PRS show



Between the 29th and 20th March 2017, **Waste Free Oceans** participated in the Plastics Recycling Show (PRS) in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The Plastics Recycling Show Europe is an exhibition and conference for plastics recycling professionals, bringing together key stakeholders from the plastics and recycling sectors in order to learn, network and capitalize on the business opportunities of plastic recycling.

Represented by WFO Europe's Sarah Goerres and Stephanie Maes, Waste Free Oceans had a booth during the exhibition, demonstrating the opportunities available for companies and plastic manufacturers to recycle and produce new products from marine plastic litter. Stephanie Maes also gave a presentation during the two day event, highlighting WFO's work.



Waste Free Oceans booth was among the most visited and successful at the event, with stakeholders including journalists, recyclers, plastic producers and NGO's alike learning about WFO's Fishing for Litter and "Closing the Loop" projects. Several companies also stated their interest in partnering with Waste Free Oceans, leading to follow-up discussions after the event had concluded

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Closure of Slipsafe project - new tech for flooring



The Slipsafe project finished on the 31st January 2017 with promising results and an exploitation strategy put in place to benefit the flooring industry partners. The first phase of the project focused on new intelligent material formulations and processes to gain control of the interface between flooring and shoe. These new formulations were used in the studies of the tribological phenomena of slip resistance under varying environmental conditions.



The search of new technologies such as ultrasonic coating technology enabled the use of various particles in the after-treatment process to renew existing or worn-out floorings with anti-slip properties. A further key outcome is the development of a new testing method, allowing monitoring of slipperiness as a function of the wear of installed flooring material faster and cheaper than with conventional methods. A mobile testing device which includes the innovations in the testing methods identified in the project was developed as well. It is lighter, easier to use and usable on small testing areas.



Several case studies and the industrial scale up have shown the potential of the new flooring formulations, coatings and surface treatment processes to obtain slip resistance properties in different scenarios. Finally, a Life Cycle Assessment proved that the Slipsafe approach contributes to competitive and environmentally friendly new flooring solutions.

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EuPC meets Environment Ministry in Casablanca



Following the plastics bags ban in Morocco announced last year **EuPC** had been invited to participate in a high level meeting with the Environmental ministry at the Plastexpo fair in Casablanca. The result of this meeting was very interesting and opened ways of improving the plastics waste management situation in Morocco. The experience of the EU situation on the plastics carrier bags reduction targets was very well received. As a result of these talks the FPM (plastics association in Morocco) decided to apply for **EuPC** associated membership and learn from the EU experience.

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PEPP Moves Up by Two Days; Early Bird Discount Extended to 28 April

The IHS Markit PEPP 2017 conference will move to earlier in the week to avoid a conflict with a holiday in Germany. The main conference will now take place on Tuesday, 13 June and Wednesday, 14 June; the workshop on Monday, 12 June.

We are pleased to extend our Early Bird discount to Friday, 28 April in light of this shift in dates.

The 25th Anniversary PEPP 2017 program offers a truly comprehensive look at the supply chain, including:

- Market outlooks by experts from IHS Markit
- Strategies for success from major producers Dow Chemical, SABIC, and LyondellBasell; converter Mondi; and brand owner Coca-Cola
- The latest technologies and applications by innovation leaders like Borealis, Lummus Novolen Technology and Solvay



Upcoming Meetings	
EuPC & ANAIP Annual Meeting, with A&T, Packaging and B&C Forums	1-2 June 2017 Madrid
EuPC General Assembly	2 June 2017 Madrid
B&C & Packaging Division Executive Committees	20 September 2017 Brussels
EuPC Steering Committee	21 September 2017 Brussels
A&T Division Executive Committee	10 October Brussels
Raw Materials Committee	11 October Brussels
Members Executive Forum	19 October Frankfurt a.M.
B&C & Packaging Division Executive Committee	15 November
EuPC Steering Committee	16 November Poland

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