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The ECHA Risk Assessment Committee (RAC), a body consisting of (eco-)toxicological experts from the EU Member states, has reached consensus that TiO₂, a white pigment widely used in the plastics industry, is to be classified as a carcinogen class 2 by the inhalation route.

The official RAC opinion is expected to be released end September/beginning October. Following that, the European Commission is to take the opinion into consideration when writing its legislative proposal to amend the CLP Legislation in order to classify TiO₂. The legislative proposal will then be voted upon by the EC's REACH Committee, a body consisting of representatives of members states, under comitology procedure with scrutiny. Deviations between the RAC Opinion and the legislative proposal are uncommon.

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3D Printing Platform Update



EuPC established its 3D Printing Platform during the General Assembly in July 2017. The first meeting was held on the 13th of July, where the drafting of an **EuPC** vision paper *3D Printing within the plastics converting industry* and the creation of a survey about the current use of 3DP by converters were approved.

Both drafts have been finished and are now being discussed within the 3DP Platform. Once they are approved, they will be distributed to all **EuPC** members. The goal of this initiative is the stimulation of awareness for and interest in the technology amongst converters and to promote the use of 3D Printing / Additive Manufacturing inside the plastics converting industry.

The 3DP Platform is open to all interested companies and the next meeting will be held on the 11th of October at **EuPC's** offices in Brussels.

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EuPC's Recycling Survey



EuPC has been working together with its 46 member organisations the last 4 months on a very important EU wide survey on the current and future use of plastics recyclates in Europe.

This first ever EU survey, initiated during the **EuPC** General Assembly in Madrid last June, will be a very important tool to provide more insights for the EU plastics Strategy, which is likely to be presented by the EU Commission in December this year. Close to 500 plastics converters from many EU countries contributed to this **EuPC** survey carried out by Polymer Comply Europe (PCE).

All the companies that contributed to this survey will receive in their own languages a copy of the results at the end of October and most of the national associations will receive country specific overviews.

Without unveiling the result of the survey, one can already say that the quality of the recyclates is the most important concern of plastics converters, hindering their future use. It will be therefore very important for **EuPC** and PRE to work closely together and set up a plan and strategy to overcome these barriers.

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New EU Funding Calls



The publication of the new Horizon 2020 calls for the next Work Programme 2018-2020 is scheduled for the end of October.

With respect to this, the Commission has decided to start disseminating the drafts of certain programs via the H2020 [website](#). The draft [work programme](#) of Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Biotechnology, and Advanced Manufacturing and Processing (NMBP) has been published recently.

In addition, several info days and matchmaking events will take place during the months of October and November. Of special interest are the following:

- Industrial Innovation Information Days 2017, 3-4 October 2017, Brussels
- Brokerage Event - KETs Call 2018-2020, 17 October 2017, Strasbourg
- Annual Event on Public-Public Partnerships, 7-8 November 2017, Brussels
- "Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency & Raw Materials" Information Day- 2018 calls, 8 and 9 November 2017, Brussels
- Brokerage Event on Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials, 15 - 16 November 2017, Munich

Within the framework of the Plastics Strategy, whose publication is also planned for December 2017, more funds are expected to be available for innovative projects in the plastic and composite field to achieve the objectives of the European Commission's circular economy package. To date, the type of projects and the details of the funding mechanism are not known. More information will follow at the end of the year.

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Industry 4 Europe



EuPC joined the "Industry 4 Europe" alliance a few months ago and several activities are growing in order to provide the EU Commission input for a review of the industrial strategy for Europe. The following six thematic working groups have been created and each of them is working on position papers:

- Research & Innovation
- Internal Market and Public Procurement
- Skills & Training
- Trade and International Market Access
- Business Friendly Environment
- Access to Finances

EuPC is monitoring the progress in these WGs and participating in Trade and internal market as a priority. Relevant information will be communicated in due time to the **EuPC** members.

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EuPC Visit of the Czech Plastics Cluster



In September 2017, **EuPC** visited the Czech national plastics association - Plastics Cluster (Plastr). In June 2017, the Plastics Cluster has undergone a change in its management, when the position of the Managing Director was taken up by Mr. David Hausner (formerly a Project Manager within Plastr). Plastr consists of a continuously growing network of mostly Czech companies involved in compounding, converting, recycling and machinery manufacturing, as well as research institutes.

During the visit, **EuPC** reaffirmed its commitment to help Plastr with fostering its active approach and participation within the broad spectrum of **EuPC's** activities and initiatives.

More information about Czech Plastics Cluster can be found at: www.plastr.cz

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EU Conference on the Plastics Strategy



On the 26th of September, the European Commission organised in Brussels the conference "Reinventing plastics - Closing the circle" to discuss with stakeholders the topics covered by the new strategy for plastics that is under development. Six panels have parallelly taken place during the day, each focusing on a specific issue (design, microplastics, bio-based plastics & biodegradable plastics, litter, etc.) with a great participation of attendees and speakers.

Myriam Tryjefaczka, Sustainability and Public Affairs Director EMEA from Tarkett and current Chairwoman of the **EuPC** Building & Construction Division, spoke on the quality & quantity of recyclates. An aspect that has also been stressed by the Commissioner for the Internal Market, Elżbieta Bieńkowska, who reminded the audience of

the role of converters to reach recycling targets and the need of funding to ensure that separation and collection systems are in place that allow a secure supply of recyclates.

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Draft EuPC Calendar for 2018

EuPC has finished its draft calendar for 2018. The complete draft calendar is available inside the extranet of the new **EuPC** website. To access it, simply login or create an account [here](#).

The calendar includes meeting dates for the Members Executive Forum, the Packaging, Building & Construction and Automotive & Transport Divisions ExComs, the **EuPC** Steering Committee, and of course the **EuPC** Annual Meeting, which will be held together with Unionplast on the 24th and 25th of May in Milan, Italy.

Please keep in mind that the dates in this draft calendar can of course still change. We will notify you of any amendments and the online version will continuously be updated. Feel free to let us know if you have any difficulties with the proposed dates

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Draft 2018 Calendar, Jan.—Jun.

January	February	March	April	May	June
1 Mo New Year's Day	1 Th	1 Th	1 Su Easter Day	1 Tu Labor Day	1 Fr
2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Fr	2 Mo Easter Monday	2 We	2 Sa
3 We	3 Sa	3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Th	3 Su
4 Th	4 Su	4 Su	4 We	4 Fr	4 Mo
5 Fr	5 Mo	5 Mo	5 Th Raw Materials Committee	5 Sa	5 Tu
6 Sa	6 Tu	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Su	6 We
7 Su	7 We	7 We MEF (//) am PE/MEF (//) pm	7 Sa	7 Mo	7 Th
8 Mo	8 Th	8 Th	8 Su	8 Tu	8 Fr
9 Tu	9 Fr Budget Committee	9 Fr	9 Mo	9 We	9 Sa
10 We	10 Sa	10 Sa	10 Tu	10 Th Ascension Day	10 Su
11 Th	11 Su	11 Su	11 We	11 Fr	11 Mo
12 Fr	12 Mo	12 Mo	12 Th	12 Sa	12 Tu
13 Sa	13 Tu	13 Tu	13 Fr	13 Su	13 We
14 Su	14 We	14 We Packaging, B&C Excoms (//) Steering Committee (//)	14 Sa	14 Mo	14 Th
15 Mo	15 Th	15 Th	15 Su	15 Tu	15 Fr
16 Tu	16 Fr	16 Fr	16 Mo	16 We Vinyl Foundation	16 Sa
17 We	17 Sa	17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Th Vinyl Plus	17 Su
18 Th	18 Su	18 Su	18 We	18 Fr	18 Mo
19 Fr	19 Mo	19 Mo A&T Excom (//)	19 Th	19 Sa	19 Tu
20 Sa	20 Tu	20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Su Whit Sunday	20 We
21 Su	21 We	21 We	21 Sa	21 Mo Whit Monday	21 Th
22 Mo	22 Th	22 Th	22 Su	22 Tu	22 Fr
23 Tu	23 Fr	23 Fr	23 Mo	23 We B&C Excom (Italy)	23 Sa
24 We	24 Sa	24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Th EuPCAM (Italy)	24 Su
25 Th	25 Su	25 Su	25 We	25 Fr EuPCAM (Italy)	25 Mo
26 Fr	26 Mo	26 Mo	26 Th	26 Sa	26 Tu
27 Sa	27 Tu	27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Su	27 We
28 Su	28 We	28 We	28 Sa	28 Mo	28 Th
29 Mo	29 Th	29 Th	29 Su	29 Tu	29 Fr
30 Tu	30 Fr	30 Fr	30 Mo	30 We	30 Sa
31 We		31 Sa		31 Th	

Draft 2018 Calendar, Jul.—Dec.

July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Su	1 We EuPC Summer Break	1 Sa	1 Mo	1 Th All Saints' Day	1 Sa
2 Mo	2 Th EuPC Summer Break	2 Su	2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Su
3 Tu	3 Fr EuPC Summer Break	3 Mo	3 We	3 Sa	3 Mo
4 We	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th	4 Su	4 Tu
5 Th	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr	5 Mo	5 We
6 Fr	6 Mo	6 Th	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 Th
7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Su	7 We	7 Fr
8 Su	8 We	8 Sa	8 Mo A&T Excom (//)	8 Th	8 Sa
9 Mo	9 Th	9 Su	9 Tu	9 Fr	9 Su
10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Mo	10 We Raw Materials Committee	10 Sa	10 Mo
11 We	11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Th	11 Su Armistice	11 Tu
12 Th	12 Su	12 We	12 Fr	12 Mo	12 We
13 Fr	13 Mo	13 Th	13 Sa	13 Tu	13 Th
14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Fr	14 Su	14 We Packaging, B&C Excoms (//) Steering Committee (//)	14 Fr
15 Su	15 We Assumption of Mary	15 Sa	15 Mo	15 Th	15 Sa
16 Mo	16 Th	16 Su	16 Tu	16 Fr	16 Su
17 Tu	17 Fr	17 Mo	17 We	17 Sa	17 Mo
18 We	18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Th	18 Su	18 Tu
19 Th	19 Su	19 We	19 Fr	19 Mo	19 We
20 Fr	20 Mo	20 Th	20 Sa	20 Tu	20 Th
21 Sa	21 Tu Belgian National Day	21 Fr	21 Su	21 We	21 Fr
22 Su	22 We	22 Sa	22 Mo	22 Th	22 Sa
23 Mo	23 Th	23 Su	23 Tu	23 Fr	23 Su
24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Mo	24 We MEF (//) am PE/MEF (//) pm	24 Sa	24 Mo
25 We	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Th	25 Su	25 We Christmas Day
26 Th	26 Su	26 We Packaging, B&C Excoms (//) Steering Committee (//)	26 Fr	26 Mo	26 We EuPC Christmas Break
27 Fr	27 Mo	27 Th	27 Sa	27 Tu	27 Th EuPC Christmas Break
28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Fr	28 Su	28 We	28 Fr EuPC Christmas Break
29 Su	29 We	29 Sa	29 Mo	29 Tu	29 Sa
30 Mo	30 Th EuPC Summer Break	30 Su	30 Tu	30 We	30 Su
31 Tu	31 Fr EuPC Summer Break	31 Mo	31 We	31 Th	31 Mo EuPC Christmas Break

Upcoming Meetings

A&T Division Executive Committee	9 October 2017 <i>Brussels</i>
Raw Materials Committee	11 October 2017 <i>Brussels</i>
3DP Platform	11 October 2017 <i>Brussels</i>
Members Executive Forum	19 October 2017 <i>Frankfurt a.M.</i>
Packaging Division Executive Committee	15 November 2017 <i>Wrocław, Poland</i>
EuPC Steering Committee	16 November 2017 <i>Wrocław, Poland</i>
Building & Construction Division Executive Committee	11 December 2017 <i>Brussels</i>