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## Update on the EU Commission Circular Economy Package



On 24th of January, the Environmental Committee of the European Parliament has voted on the Waste Legislation which is part of the Commission's Circular Economy Package put forward by the Commission in December 2015. At the time of writing, the compromise amendments of the Packaging Directive were mostly approved: reduction of non-recyclable and excessive packaging, waste prevention through LCA approach and 5% higher targets (60% plastics recycling, 70% packaging waste). These positions are still to be ratified by the European Parliament as a whole at the Plenary Session foreseen for mid-march 2017 before starting negotiations with the Council.

Up to date, no news regarding the Strategy on Plastics. The Roadmap that sketches the policy lines of the European Commission has not been released. **EuPC** expects the publication in the next months, trusting that the following public consultation will benefit all stakeholders in view of the new recycling targets and waste policy objectives, as they will be approved by the Legislator within this year.

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## Food Contact: EP and Council examine draft 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment of Regulation No 10/2011



On 25 November 2016, the Member State Experts of the Toxicological Safety Committee voted in favor of the draft measure (7<sup>th</sup> Amendment) of the Regulation (EU) No 10/2011. In January 2017, the draft amendment was made available and sent to the European Parliament and the Council for scrutiny. Both institutions have time to examine the measure until 18 April 2017. If there are no objections by then, the Commission

will adopt the regulation.

The amendment contains a list of newly authorized substances and sets a new migration limit of 0.02 mg/kg food to the migration of nickel from plastic food contact materials.

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## European Parliament on Food Waste & Food Safety



The European Parliament is currently working on an own initiative report concerning resource efficiency, with an eye on the reduction of food waste and improvement of food safety. The draft report concentrates on the need to exempt donor liability and ensure clear marking on durability, whilst stressing the significant potential of innovative and environmentally friendly solutions and the role of packaging. The draft report is now open for amendments until adoption in the ENVI Committee.

See a copy of the draft report [here](#).

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## Packaging biodegradation standards



The European Commission has issued its Standardisation Package late last year, in the first quarter of 2017, a few key standards will start to be developed. In support of the Commission's priority to a *Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base*, the development of plastic biodegradability standards including marine biodegradability and compostability/ biodegradability tests, for packaging and packaging waste will start to take shape. The standards, according to the work programme, are expected to be delivered by the end of 2020. As of today, it is still under discussion whether a standard on home compostable plastic packaging will be addressed. At the same time, the biodegradable plastics industry is also lobbying to include mulching films under the Fertilisers Regulation.

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## "The practical side of Innovations for the Circular Economy" Workshop

# NewInnoNet

### The Near-Zero European Waste Innovation Network

#### NEW INNONET WORKSHOP:

#### A practical side of innovations for circular economy

*NEW\_Innonet is an initiative to establish a European platform for stakeholders under the flag of the EU Programme Horizon 2020. It aims to show how the concept of a circular economy can be implemented in the plastic packaging value chain through reduction or elimination of waste, fostering systemic eco-innovation and generating new business opportunities. The ambition of NEW\_Innonet is to improve the cooperation of different value chains and among stakeholders that can lead to added benefit for each value chain player. It aims to quicken the implementation of a more efficient use of raw materials and waste reduction.*

The third workshop "**The practical side of Innovations for the Circular Economy**" will take place in Brussels on the **31<sup>st</sup> of January and 1<sup>st</sup> of February**. The aim of the workshop is to present and discuss real innovation cases, experiences and lessons learned on closing the loops for materials recovered from plastic packaging waste that address:

- End of Life Management
- Collection and reverse logistics of products and materials
- Policies, legislation and monitoring
- Product design for circular economy
- Market and economy

The workshop will include presentations focused on the latest initiatives on circular economy from the perspectives of the EU Institutions and EIT Raw Materials.

Learn more about the programme [here](#).

Register for the workshop [here](#).

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## Meeting of Technical Expert Group for Food Contact Materials



At the end of January 2017, the next meeting of the Technical Expert Group for Food Contact Materials will take place at the DG Santé. The topics of discussion will include: printed food contact materials, plastics recycling, and the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment of the Regulation (EU) No 10/2011. The group is composed of industry representatives and the Member States experts who are present as observers.

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## Packaging Division Communication: new logo and videos



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As announced at the last MEF Meeting in Duesseldorf, **EuPC** and an agency created three videos intended to bolster public perception of the plastics packaging industry. The videos can be viewed on Youtube (link [here](#)). We warmly encourage you to circulate these via your available channels such as website, social media or newsletter. EuPC will also share these videos on its new upcoming new website. A new packaging division logo has also been introduced.

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## Upcoming Food Contact Plastics Seminar



This year's **Food Contact Plastics Seminar** will be held on April 20 and 21 in Brussels, organized by **EuPC** in collaboration with Polymer Comply Europe (PCE). The seminar will focus on 'Assessing and Managing Risks: Recent and upcoming developments' and will give stage to speakers from both the Commission and industry.

A networking cocktail for seminar participants will take place on Thursday evening. The event promises to be interactive and engaging.

View the programme [here](#) and register [here](#).

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## Plastics Recycling Show Amsterdam



29 & 30 March 2017  
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The **Plastics Recycling Show Europe 2017** will bring together key players from the plastics and recycling sectors in order to learn, network and capitalize on the business opportunities plastic recycling offers.

The event will be held at **RAI, Amsterdam on the Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March 2017**, with RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre creating the ideal background conditions for inspiring meetings to take place in and strong ties to develop.

Register [here](#)





## Upcoming Meetings

EuPC MEF & NPA Meetings	8 March 2017 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Packaging, Building & Construction EXCOM	15 March 2017 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Steering Committee Meeting	16 March 2017 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC A&T Division EXCOM (at Plastics Omnium)	21 March 2017 Compiègne, France
Plastics Food Contact Seminar	20-21 April 2017 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC & ANAIP Annual Meeting, with A&T, Packaging and B&C Forums	1-2 June 2017 Madrid
EuPC General Assembly	2 June 2017 <i>Madrid</i>

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 Melia Castilla Hotel, Madrid, 1 & 2 June  
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