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Activities related to the revision of main waste legislation are still being carried out. After the approval of the waste directives by the Parliament, the Council is working on its position. With respect to the Packaging & Packaging Waste Directive, it is proposed to include environment protection as its main legal base. This would create major Internal Market issues and trigger national protective measures.

At the same time, the European Commission is working to prepare the Strategy on Plastics, in whose framework two preparatory studies on

microplastics have been launched and assigned to two external consultants. One covers microplastics generated by products during their life cycle, while the second concentrates on microplastics intentionally added in products.

Both studies are expected to be published by the end of the year and to be incorporated into the Strategy on Plastics.

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Non-toxic Environment Strategy



The Non-toxic Environment Strategy, known under the title "Interface between chemical, product and waste legislation", is also part of the circular economy initiatives. A dedicated Roadmap has been published in late January and the strategy is now developed by the Commission together with selected stakeholders.

As seen in the Roadmap, the current preparatory works focus on four issues that need to be tackled: (i) Insufficient information about substances of concern in products and waste; (ii) Presence of substances of concern in recycled materials (and in articles made thereof, including imported articles); (iii) Uncertainties about how materials can cease to be waste; (iv) Difficulties in the application of EU waste classification methodologies and impacts on the recyclability of materials.

At this time, the details of the actual document that the Commission will eventually publish remain unknown, but the overall document is foreseen to be finalised by this year.

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Food Contact Regulatory Expert Panel

On 7 March 2017, the regular meeting of the Food Contact Regulatory Expert Panel (FREPC) took place at the **EuPC** offices in Brussels. The group discussed the outcomes of the Technical Expert Group on Food Contact Materials meeting at DG Santé, which took place in January 2017.

Among other topics, the reform of the framework regulation, printed packaging measures and post-consumer recycling were examined. Furthermore, potential impacts resulting from the possible implementation of EFSA's Opinion on Risk Assessment of FCM was broadly analysed within the panel.

EuPC and PCE continue to work with JRC on the NIAS project, whose intermediary results were presented during the FREPC meeting. Last but not least, the recent Commission's recommendation on mineral oils was discussed and will be followed up in the upcoming meetings.

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Food waste & Food safety Report



Earlier this month, the Environment Committee of the European Parliament adopted an own-initiative resolution in order to address the issues of food waste and food safety in the context of resource efficiency.

The resolution aims at fostering coordination between the EU and Member States and that the EU effort to reduce food waste should be strengthened and better aligned. This document, from a legislative point of view, is not binding yet and it is up to the European Parliament at large to decide whether to push for a motion for a resolution.

In detail, the current text foresees EU food waste reduction target of 30% by 2025 and 50% by 2030, compared to the 2014 baseline and calls the European Commission to adopt a common methodology to ensure uniform comparison of food waste across Member States. In addition, the rapporteur MEP Borzan has ensured that some clarity is shed at EU level on the understanding 'use by' and 'best before' dates, by the means of awareness-raising and education campaigns.

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On 29 April 2017, the 7th Amendment of the Reg. (EU) No 10/2011 (Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/752) on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food was published in the Official Journal. The measure entered into force on 19 May 2017.

The Commission Regulation amends and corrects Reg. (EU) No 10/2011, which sets out the procedure for the authorisation of plastic food contact materials as well as the specific migration limits and overall migration limits for each substance. In particular, the regulation includes new authorised substances and sets a migration limit of 0.02 mg/kg food to the migration of nickel from plastic food contact materials (to be applied from 19 May 2019).

The legal basis of the measure lies in Articles 5 and 11(3) of Reg. (EC) No 1935/2004, which sets out general rules on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

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In early June, Helsinki will become the center of circular economy, hosting the World Circular Economy Forum which is co-organized by SITRA, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, European Commission, European Environment Agency, UN Environment and WBCSD among others.



The forum creates an excellent occasion to present the outcomes of the NEW_InnoNet project during the [Final Project Conference](#) "Unleashing the power of secondary metals and plastic in a circular Europe".

On the 7th of June, the initiatives and business cases for waste reduction related to Plastic Packaging Waste (PPW) will be presented and some policy recommendations to foster the near-zero waste economy for the packaging industry will be given.

More information about the World Circular Economy Forum [here](#).

EuPC is a partner of [New_InnoNet](#) - The Near-Zero European Waste Innovation Network.

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Key insights shared during EuPC's Food Contact Plastics Seminar



On 20 and 21 April, **EuPC** held the Food Contact Plastics Seminar. The seminar updated key actors in the plastics food packaging industry on current legislation and gave training to those in charge of regulatory compliance. Focus was on Assessing and Managing Risks: Recent and Upcoming Developments, with panelists providing valuable insight into the current and future regulatory framework.

On the first day, panelists examined risk assessment and management and the application dossiers of additives, as well as looked into the EFSA opinion on risk assessment of substances used in Food Contact Materials. The assessment of Non-Intentionally Added Substances (NIAS) and integrated approaches to food safety including insight of key converters and food industry were addressed as well. Overall, the event proved to be an excellent opportunity for industry stakeholders to connect, exchange and gain insights on assessing and managing risks where plastics in food packaging are concerned.

EuPC looks forward to staging the next Food Contact seminar in 2018!

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Market Sessions at the EuPC Annual Meeting



During the European Plastics Converters annual meeting, **EuPC's** divisions will host market sessions focusing on packaging, automotive and construction. The packaging session under the title *Food & consumer goods, packaging in motion* will take place on Thursday, 1st of June between ten a.m. and one p.m. and focus on the circularity of plastics packaging.

David Baker, Chairman of **EuPC's** Packaging Division, will host the session and experts from the plastics industry will give insight into key concerns, such as the issue of recycled materials in food contact applications (Lubna Edwards, Linpac) or the importance and evolution of the Food Safety Certification Schemes in the packaging industry (David Verano, AENOR). The full program of the Packaging Market Session can be found [here](#).

The European Plastics Converters and the Spanish Association of Plastics Converters (ANAIP) are staging **EuPC's** annual meeting this year in Madrid, on the first and second of June. Engage in key debates on latest industry trends by registering here!

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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 <i>Madrid</i>
B&C & Packaging Division Executive Committees	20 September 2017 <i>Brussels</i>
EuPC Steering Committee	21 September 2017 <i>Brussels</i>
A&T Division Executive Committee	10 October <i>Brussels</i>
Raw Materials Committee	11 October <i>Brussels</i>
Members Executive Forum	19 October <i>Frankfurt a.M.</i>
B&C & Packaging Division Executive Committee	15 November <i>Tbd, Poland</i>
EuPC Steering Committee	16 November <i>Tbd, Poland</i>

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