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Tackling food waste: EuPC joins forces with other food chain partners by signing the 'Every Crumb Counts' declaration

On 25 June representatives from across Europe's food supply chain have announced the launch of a joint effort to tackle the major societal problem of food wastage via the publication of their Joint Declaration entitled, 'Every Crumb Counts' (<http://www.everycrumbcounts.eu/>) Co-signatories of the Declaration aim not only to work towards preventing edible food waste but also to promote a life-cycle approach to reducing wastage and to proactively input into European, national and global solutions and initiatives in this area. With the long-term sustainability of the food chain foremost in mind, and conscious of the global environmental impact of food disposal such as an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, co-signatories commit to contribute to the objective of reducing food wastage throughout the entire food supply chain, in line with the European Commission's goal of halving edible food waste by 2020, set out in the Europe 2020 Flagship Initiative 'A resource-efficient Europe'. Furthermore, the Joint Declaration explores how new markets and better food recovery can contribute to economic growth.

Food Wastage Hierarchy

Co-signers of the Declaration believe that the most preferred solution is to prevent food wastage from occurring in the first place. When food is unable to stay within the human food chain and be redirected to feed people, the preferred option will depend on a case by case evaluation. A first consideration should be whether it can be redirected to feed livestock, subject to safety, quality and legislative

requirements being met. Otherwise, consideration should be given to using it as a raw material for other industries (e.g. detergents, inks, cosmetics, plastics and pharmaceuticals) or recovery (e.g. transformed into fertilizer or compost or used for renewable energy production). Only as a last resort should it be incinerated without energy recovery or sent to landfill. For more info: ingrid.verschuere@eupc.org

CEN/TC 261: EN/ISO STANDARDS Report meeting 17 June 2013

A CEN/TC 261 delegation met last year DG Environment on July 2012 in order to discuss the opportunity to adopt ISO standards on Packaging and Environment as EN/ISO standards. Industry was interested in having global standards. A follow up meeting took place on 17 June 2013. The aim of this meeting was to report to DG Environment on the work done by CEN/TC261 in comparing EN and ISO standards as requested during the 2012 meeting. CEN/TC 261 presented the conclusions of the comparison made by TC 261 experts between EN and ISO standards. The main conclusion is that there is no fundamental difference which could lead to the conclusion that there would be no possibility to adopt EN/ISO standards. The work done by CEN/TC 261 was based on technical analysis and also conformity to the Essential Requirements of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive. It was agreed that CEN could engage a CEN Consultant to report on a comparison of the CEN and ISO standards. Next steps : By the end of this year the CEN consultant will deliver his/her report and DG Environment will inform on the first choices in view of the revision of Waste directive and de facto on

the Packaging and Packaging Waste directive. The next meeting of CEN/TC 261 is scheduled on February 5th 2014. For more info: ingrid.verschuere@eupc.org

EuPC welcomes recent developments in the PECH Committee of the European Parliament

On the 10th of July 2013, the Committee on Fisheries (PECH) of the European Parliament approved the new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) for the period 2014 – 2020. The new EMFF, as the main financial instrument under the Common Fisheries Policy, provides for opportunities to co-finance projects for the collection, storage and treatment of waste and marine litter. The participation of fishermen in the protection and restoration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems through the collection of waste from the sea, such as the removal of lost fishing gears and marine litter, is specifically mentioned in the EMFF. This is a breaking point in the fight against marine litter and **EuPC** welcomes this positive vote by the PECH Committee. For more info: alvaro.fernandez@wastefreeoceans.eu

Personalia

With deep regret we have to inform you that former EuPC steering Committee members and B&C Division Chairman Bruno Ribault passed away on 2nd July 2013. Bruno will always be remembered as a man of the flooring industry working with a great passion to defend as well the vinyl industry all over the world. Our thoughts are with his family and his wife in these sad moments.

European Consultation on waste management targets

On the 4th of June, the European Commission launched a public consultation on the review of EU waste management targets. The consultation focuses on possible options for changes to the Packaging & Packaging Waste Directive (94/62/EC), the Landfill Directive (99/31/EC) and the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC). Amongst other things, the consultation asks stakeholders' views on options for: i) standardising the methodology for calculating recycling rates; ii) removing targets for municipal packaging waste from the PPWD and including it in the WFD; iii) incorporating 'weightings' for materials recycled based on environmental benefits gained from recycling the material; iv) bringing the recycling targets for different materials closer together to ensure a more level playing field; and v) removing from the PPWD the maximum limit of 80% that stipulates how much packaging waste a Member State is allowed to recycle. Stakeholder responses will feed into the Commission's review of the EU waste acquis in 2014. The consultation will stay open until September 10th and EuPC is currently liaising with members in order to issue a draft industry response. For more info: padraig.nolan@eupc.org

Plastics Recyclers Europe Annual Meeting 2013



21&22 of November 2013 Amsterdam

Plastics Recyclers Europe, the EU-level Plastics Recycling Association based in Brussels, is organizing in November current year its Annual Meeting. The success of the last year's event held in Brussels, with more than 160 people attending, shows the continuous and growing interest in recycling and sustainability issues. This year the focus of the annual event is subject of green growth, eco-design, resource efficiency resource management and innovation in recycling.

The event will gather the worlds of plastics recycling value chain & politics together. Entrepreneurs and representatives of authorities will debate whether plastics recycling can contribute to the green growth. For more info: emilia.tarlowska@eupr.org

Green paper on plastics waste in the environment

On June 6th the deadline passed for stakeholder responses to the European Commission's Green Paper consultation on a plastics waste strategy. EuPC submitted its response following internal consultation procedures with all EuPC members. The European Parliament is now working on a draft Report in response to this consultation and EuPC met with the Rapporteur for this Report, Mr. Vittorio Prodi, on June 26th. EuPC also made presentations on its response to the Green Paper during public hearings organised by the Committee of Regions (June 18) and the European Economic and Social Committee (July 15). EuPC shall continue to liaise with European officials in order to expand on the EuPC response to the Green Paper Consultation. A stakeholder hearing will now take place in the European Parliament at the end of September. For more info: padraig.nolan@eupc.org

PETCORE EUROPE: PET Network Day Conference



Petcore Europe is organizing the PET Network Day 2013. The Conference will take place on the 14 November in Brussels. The PET Network Day Conference provides the best opportunity to tackle the sustainability of the PET industry within the value chain. The Conference will showcase expert knowledge to evaluate and understand the needs of the PET value chain to bring sustainability to the next level. Set up in a professional environment, the Conference Programme will bring together high level speakers who will be covering different topics from

various angles: PET sustainability, PET demand, EU legislation and many more. For more info: ruth.colado@petcore-europe.org

REACHnano, a new tool to guarantee nanomaterials safety

The Packaging, Transport & Research Center (ITENE) is involved in the development of a web based REACH Help Desk to support the chemical safety assessment of nanomaterials. This initiative is a part of the european project REACHnano, funded by the LIFE+ Programme of the European Commission. It will provide industry and other stakeholders with easy-to-use tools to support the risk assessment of nanomaterials along their lifecycle. This work seeks to consolidate the knowledge base on nanomaterials-related risks and risk assessment, and will develop a complete selection of standard testing models to be used in the risk characterisation process for nanomaterials and a complete description of the current exposure scenarios across the nanomaterials lifecycle. ITENE has an important expertise in this area. Including REACHnano, the technological center is leading four European projects: NANOMICEX (mitigation of risk and control of exposure in nanotechnology based inks and pigments), NANOSAFEPACK (development of a best practices guide to allow the safe handling and use of nano-materials in packaging industries) and LIFE+ nanoRISK (which will demonstrate the effectiveness of controls to prevent or minimise workers' exposure to engineered nanomaterials during the production cycle of the polymer nanocomposite industry). It is also involved in other three European initiatives, including NANOreg, an ambitious project whose objective is to achieve a common European approach to the regulatory testing of Manufactured Nanomaterials. For more info: www.itene.com

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