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## 1st Live Webinar on the SUP Directive

**LIVE WEBINAR ON THE SINGLE USE PLASTICS DIRECTIVE**

**11.00 - 13.00 CET, 26 November 2019**





On the 26th of November, Polymer Comply Europe organised the first live webinar about the Single-Use Plastics (SUP) Directive on behalf of **EuPC** and PET Sheet Europe. The 90-minute webinar was open to all interested parties and could be attended free of charge after registration.

Following her opening presentation on the SUP Directive and the next planned steps, Ms. Anna Bobo Remijn from DG Environment of the European Commission replied in detail to selected questions that had been sent by the interested parties prior to the event. The webinar finished with a Q&A session with the over 140 attendees, moderated by Ms. Silvia Freni Sterrantiono, Manager of **EuPC's** Packaging Division. Based on the positive feedback received so far, the organisers decided to hold a second webinar in spring 2020 to present and explain the latest developments.

The presentation and recording of the webinar are available to all **EuPC** members upon request. Please contact [Felix.Miessen@eupc.org](mailto:Felix.Miessen@eupc.org) if you would like to receive them.

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## Update on the EU Plastic Brexit Tax



The EU Commission is still pursuing its proposal of the so-called EU Plastics Brexit tax in order to cover the loss of the UK contribution to the EU multi-annual budget. The EU Council has not yet approved this proposal as some EU member States oppose the proposal.

Meanwhile, Italy has copied the proposal from the EU Commission to cover its own deficit problems in Italy but without environmental action related to this income. It seems that populist measures are being implemented at EU and national level in order to generate additional tax revenues but politicians and the EU Commission have not thought of the consequences of those measures. The margins of plastics converters are so thin that this additional tax will lead to stopping any investments and loss of employment in a sector that has been contribution for many years to the GDP of the European Union. Hopefully some common sense will prevail over Christmas and New Year and that the new EU Commission will get back with some insights.

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## MORE Platform Now Available in the UK



Monitoring Recyclates for Europe (MORE) — the single, unified online tool to monitor the uptake of recycled polymers into products — is now available for use by converters in the United Kingdom (UK). MORE is designed to monitor and register the industry's efforts to reach the EU target of 10 million tonnes of recycled polymers being used annually between 2025 and 2030. Alexandre Dangis (**EuPC** Managing Director) and Philip Law (British Plastics Federation Director General) officially signed the MORE Partnership Agreement on the 11th November in London, UK.

MORE is now available to British plastics converting companies, where they can register and submit the volumes of recycled polymers used in their products. The UK is the 13th country in the European Union to offer the platform to the industry. Data that is submitted is confidential and only aggregated numbers are published.

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## Circular Plastics Alliance Update



Following the signature of the Circular Plastics Alliance (CPA) Declaration in September 2019, the first meetings of the thematic Working Groups have taken place from the 15th to the 26th of November. The WG on the automotive sectors opened the first round of meetings, and was followed by the meetings of the WGs on packaging, monitoring, agriculture, construction, and electronic and electrical. **EuPC** was present in all meetings to represent the interests of the converting industry and will co-chair the construction and agriculture WGs. Participation in the WGs is open to all signatories of the CPA declaration, and the next meetings are expected to take place in Q1 2020.

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## SEF Membership Continues to Grow



The **EuPC** Senior Executives Forum (SEF) continues to grow. The SEF was founded in 2006 to advise the **EuPC** Steering Committee and to provide strategic guidance on the plastics converting industry's most important developments. The forum is composed of industry leaders and senior-level executives from the top **100 European plastics converters** and is **open to all interested companies**.

Until today, **12 new companies joined the SEF in 2019**, clearly indicating the growing willingness and need for companies to be directly involved in all relevant European developments and regulatory procedures. Members of the SEF are associated members of **EuPC** that can participate in all **EuPC** activities but do not have voting rights. Interested companies are invited to contact Federica Gallicchio at [Federica.Gallicchio@eupc.org](mailto:Federica.Gallicchio@eupc.org).

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## K Trade Fair 2019

### The World's No. 1 Trade Fair for Plastics and Rubber Düsseldorf, Germany

The 2019 edition of the K Fair took place from the 16th to 23rd October in Düsseldorf. The 3,330 exhibitors from 63 nations proved that plastics continue to be an innovative, indispensable material. But they also unanimously underscored the necessity of having operational circular economies along

the complete material chain and to this end already presented numerous concrete solutions. Companies struck a nerve with people with this focus because the approximately 224,116 visitors from 168 countries took great interest especially in recycling systems, sustainable raw materials, and resource-saving processes.

The members of **EuPC** came together for the second of their biannual Members Executive Forum (MEF) meetings on the 23rd of October on the fairgrounds, and the national coordinators of the MORE platform met one day later in Düsseldorf.

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## CPPIA – EuPC Memorandum of Cooperation



**EuPC** Managing Director Alexandre Dangis met with a delegation from the China Plastics Processing Industry Association (CPPIA) on the 18th of November at the K Fair in Düsseldorf. Following interesting and fruitful discussions, the two associations decided to sign a Cooperation Memorandum to establish regular communication and collaboration between the European and Chinese plastics processing industries.

The main area of cooperation will be the exchange of relevant industrial statistical information as well as publications and information on the plastics industry. In addition, the associations will work together to promote academic, industrial and member exchange activities, and communicate about the related business in both countries with each other.

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## Update Industry4Europe Coalition



**EuPC** is part of Industry4Europe, a coalition of 149 sector Associations representing the diversity of the EU's industrial base, that published its new Joint Paper 'A long-term strategy for Europe's industrial future: from words to action' on the 26th of November. Through cross-sectoral recommendations, the Industry4Europe coalition contributes to the future EU industrial strategy announced by European Commission President-Elect Ursula von der Leyen.

The Joint Paper presents concrete industrial policy proposals in seven priority fields; business-friendly policy environment, sustainability at business core, upgraded skills and training, enhanced research and innovation, investment and improved access to finance, reinforcement of the European Single Market and strengthened trade and international market access.

The 149 industry organisations behind Industry4Europe stand united in their repeated calls for an ambitious and long-term EU industrial strategy that must help Europe remain a hub for a leading, smart, innovative and sustainable industry, that provides quality jobs and benefits all Europeans and future generations. The joint position paper in the [publications section of the Industry4Europe website](#).

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## EuPC Meeting Calendar for 2020 Fixed

The **EuPC** meeting calendar for 2020 has been approved by the **EuPC** Steering Committee. Please find all dates in the overview below.



### European Plastics Converters Meeting Planner 2020



January	February	March	April	May	June
1 We New Year's Day	1 Sa	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr Labour Day	1 Mo Whit Monday
2 Th	2 Su	2 Mo	2 Th Raw Materials Com	2 Sa	2 Tu
3 Fr	3 Mo	3 Tu	3 Fr	3 Su	3 We
4 Sa	4 Tu	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo	4 Th
5 Su	5 We	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr
6 Mo	6 Th	6 Fr	6 Mo	6 We	6 Sa
7 Tu	7 Fr Budget Com	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su
8 We	8 Sa	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo
9 Th	9 Su	9 Mo	9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu
10 Fr	10 Mo	10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Su	10 We
11 Sa	11 Tu	11 We	11 Sa	11 Mo	11 Th EuPC Annual Meeting (Brussels)
12 Su	12 We	12 Th	12 Su	12 Tu	12 Fr EuPC Annual Meeting (Brussels)
13 Mo	13 Th	13 Fr	13 Mo Easter Monday	13 We	13 Sa
14 Tu	14 Fr	14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Th	14 Su
15 We	15 Sa	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo
16 Th	16 Su	16 Mo	16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu
17 Fr	17 Mo	17 Tu	17 Fr	17 Su	17 We
18 Sa	18 Tu	18 We Packaging/B&C ExCom EuPC SEF	18 Sa	18 Mo	18 Th
19 Su	19 We	19 Th EuPC Steering Com A&T ExCom	19 Su	19 Tu	19 Fr
20 Mo	20 Th	20 Fr	20 Mo	20 We	20 Sa
21 Tu	21 Fr	21 Sa	21 Tu	21 Th Ascension Day	21 Su
22 We	22 Sa	22 Su	22 We	22 Fr	22 Mo
23 Th	23 Su	23 Mo	23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu
24 Fr	24 Mo	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Su	24 We
25 Sa	25 Tu	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo	25 Th
26 Su	26 We	26 Th EuPC MEF am PE/MEF pm	26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr
27 Mo	27 Th	27 Fr	27 Mo	27 We	27 Sa
28 Tu	28 Fr	28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su
29 We	29 Sa	29 Su	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo
30 Th		30 Mo	30 Th	30 Sa	30 Tu
31 Fr		31 Tu		31 Su	



### European Plastics Converters Meeting Planner 2020



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



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