



EuPR Newsletter

Noteworthy events to add to your calendar

- **PET WG meeting in Frankfurt on 27 June**, place to be confirmed!
- Next **WG PVC meeting** will take place on **27 September** in **Cyprus!**
- Next **EuPR PE-Film WG Meeting** will be held on **27 September 2006** in **Cyprus!**
- **28 September 2006 EuPR 10th Anniversary and General Assembly in Pafos, Cyprus!**
- **EuPR Board Meeting** will be organized on **8 December 2006** in **EuPC offices, Brussels** in combination with **REACH conference!**
- **8 December 2006, REACH Conference** (Register now!) contact: bianka.nagy@eupc.org

EU Regulatory affairs

The implementation of the Packaging Directive 2004/12 into national legislation is still an on going process in many Member States, even if they should have done so by 18/08/2005. Reading through the Directive, the Member states must follow *ad litteram* and update the new recovery and recycling targets. It is possible to differentiate two different categories of Member States:

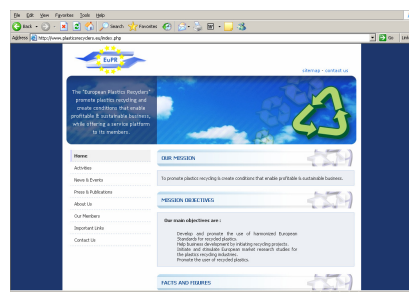
1. Member States that have fully transposed it: UK, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg (abandoning the idea of introducing a ban on PVC in food contact products), Slovakia, Portugal, Denmark, Slovenia, Sweden, Austria, Ireland, Spain, and Czech Republic;

2. Member States that have not yet notified the transposition to the EU Institutions: Belgium, Italy (due to the change of the government, the environmental Decree, which will transpose the 2004/12 Directive, is still to be approved), The

Netherlands, Poland, Finland, Malta, Greece, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia and Cyprus;

To be noticed that transposition of an EU law without notification (where required) to the EU Institutions equals to be in breach of EU law.

New EuPR website



www.plasticsrecyclers.eu will be an updated website on plastics recycling. Later, during June all members will receive a password for the access to the EuPR extranet with detailed info on the associations activities.

Datacollection in Europe

On 15 May 2006 the EuPR MC agreed to conduct a European harmonised datacollection exercise about plastics recycling. The still ongoing discussion with PlasticsEurope on the right level of mechanical plastics recycling in Europe made it a must to conduct this datacollection with the EuPR members directly. Talks with PlasticsEurope will start again but EuPR will work with the membership to create more exact data on mechanical plastics recycling in Europe. All national plastics recycling associations will be requested to use the same survey for the collection of 2005 data.

News from Recovinyl

- In the UK More and more of collectors and recyclers find the Recovinyl program attractive. The first results collected for Q1/2006 show a very good progress of the recycling post consumer PVC compared to the 2005 results.

Two more certified recyclers have been appointed, one in Scotland and one in Ireland.

- A one year contract is now signed with PVC Recyclage in France. Recovynyl and PVC Recyclage will combine their effort to increase the recycling of post consumer PVC in the hexagon. Benoît Leclère our local agent, currently active in Wallonia, will concentrate on the North of France to implement the Recovynyl System.

- In Germany, Recovynyl is developing a test with some German companies to analyze the composition of mixed PVC materials in the waste stream in MBT (Mechanical Biological Treatment stations).

- More and more recyclers are now using our website to enter data on a regular basis. When we note, after some entries, that a recycler is correctly imputing the data, we start proceeding to an advance payment. The balance is transferred after we have received the final audit report from the respective auditor company.

REACH

The long waited project related to RIP 3.2 phase 2 will most certainly begin in June and last 12 months. EuPC/EuPR/ETHIC are occupied in the project financed by the European Commission with the aim of developing the concept of Exposure Scenarios, their use for quantitative exposure assessment and their incorporation into SDSs and develop the TGDs (concise and detailed versions) for preparing the CSA and documenting it in the CSR. The Consortium, lead by CEFIC, has also identified these additional sub-objectives: 1) Specify and outline the supporting tools necessary for the RIP 3.2 main elements (such as ES generator, release and exposure estimation tools) – 2) Develop system of short titles identifiers for intended uses and ESs to be used in registration and supply chain communication. EuPC/EuPR/ETHIC will contribute on Preparations and Recycling.

EuPR PET WG Meeting

On 10 May the PET WG had their meeting in the KRONES facilities in Neutraubling, Germany. The EuPR PET WG was invited to visit the KRONES AG plant. Part of the guided visit of the company was a demonstration of

the KRONES PET recycling technology (compact bottle-to-bottle recycling line), by Maren Hofferbert. Maren Hofferbert is working together with Thomas Friedländer on the pilot-scale PET recycling industrial plant, located in Flenburg in the very northern part of Germany.

The EuPR PET WG participants were invited by KRONES to lunch before the meeting started in one of KRONES meeting room. The presentation made by Thomas Friedländer during the PET WG meeting and the hospitality were highly appreciated among the PET WG members.

Several issues **of importance** for the **PET recyclers** were discussed during the meeting:

- The low quality of the PET recycling material input, which is mainly a problem in Germany
- The threat of the chinese market to the PET Recycling in Europe
- The threat of the biodegradable products to PET Recycling in Europe
- The threat of polymer blends to PET Recycling in Europe

More information can be obtained from Susan Strömbom (susan.strombom@eupc.org).

Conferences

- **Conference PET Packaging 2006, 7-8 June in Barcelona:** Future strategies for recycling and materials minimisation <http://www.piranet.com>
- **Plastics Recycling Conference & Trade Show 25-27 June in Chicago** (USA).
- **RWM 2006**, Recycling and Waste Management Exhibition EMAP, **12-14 September, Birmingham** (UK).
- **European Paper Recycling Conference, 25-26 September, Barcelona** (Spain).
- **PROMA 2006**, 15th International environment fair, **3-6 October, Bilbao** (Spain).
- **International trade fair for waste management and environmental technology, 24-27 October, Cologne** (Germany).

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