

PLASTICS RECYCLERS ANNUAL MEETING

26 & 27 November 2025 – Valencia, Spain

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Please note that the programme is subject to change.



26 NOVEMBER

09.30-11.00h Welcome coffee & registration

11.00-12.30h Plenary

- *Welcome & Introduction*
- *Weathering the Crisis through Joint Efforts*
By Ton Emans, PRE President
- *2025 in a Nutshell: A Deep Dive into PRE's Activities*
- *RecyClass: At the Forefront of Plastics Circularity*
- *Certifying Circularity with RecyClass*
- *Closing*

12.30-14.00h Lunch

14.00-17.50h Plastic waste streams workshops & interactive sessions

- HDPE
- PO Films
- ELV & WEEE

★ **18.10-19.00h Strategic Brainstorming: Handling the Plastics Recycling Market Crisis***

15.30-16.30h Coffee break

20.00h Dinner & Networking Drinks

**Session for PRE Members only*

27 NOVEMBER

09.00-09.30h Welcome coffee & registration

09.30-13.30h Plastic waste streams workshops & interactive sessions

- PET
- PS
- PVC
- PP/PO

11.00-12.00h Coffee break

13.30-14.30h Lunch

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PLASTIC WASTE STREAMS WORKSHOPS PROGRAMME

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HDPE WORKSHOP

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Plastic Recycling Market Trends
3. Beyond the Numbers: HDPE Market Data
4. **Title TBC**

By Michael Heyde, Head of Recycling Technology, ALPLA

6. Exploring Novel Technologies: HDPE in Food Contact Applications
7. *Coffee break*
8. Substance Screening Demystified: Insights for HDPE
8. RecyClass Developments: Supporting Standardisation & Harmonisation in Europe
9. HDPE Interactive Lab: Shaping the Roadmap for 2026

— HAVE YOUR SAY! —

14:00 – 17:50

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EXTERNAL SPEAKER – HDPE WORKSHOP



Michael Heyde, Head of Recycling Technology, ALPLA

Dr. Michael Heyde is engaged in plastics recycling since 1999, when he became Head of Technical Department at the Grüne Punkt – Duales System Deutschland GmbH. In 2000, he joined the management of DKR - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kunststoffrecycling, and from 2005 as managing director.

In 2011, he started the operative recycling business at the Grüne Punkt as managing director of Systec Plastics. In 2014, he established an engineering team to develop recycling technology and closed loop solutions for plastics waste from packaging. Since 2018, he is working for ALPLA as Head of Recycling Technology.

Michael Heyde has studied Chemical Engineering at Technical University of Munich and has started his professional career as a scientist at Fraunhofer Institute for Food Technology and Packaging in Freising.



PO FILMS WORKSHOP

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Plastic Recycling Market Trends
3. Showcase of Novel Technology Consortium
4. **Unlocking Untapped Potential With Advanced Sorting**
By Willem Christiaans, Head of Sourcing & Sales, TOMRA Feedstock
5. RecyClass Developments: Supporting Standardisation & Harmonisation in Europe - *In collaboration with Scott R. Trennor, Technical Director, Association of Plastics Recyclers*
6. *Coffee break*
7. Beyond the Numbers: PO Films Market Data - *In collaboration with Matteo Magnani, Project Officer, Joint Research Centre, European Commission*
8. PPWR: Exclusion of Pallet Wraps & Straps from Reuse Obligation
9. PO Films Interactive Lab: Shaping the Roadmap for 2026

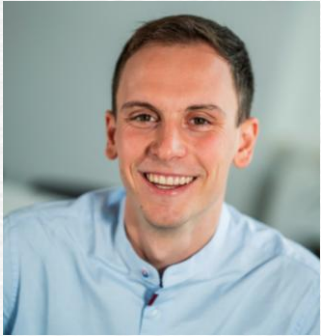
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EXTERNAL SPEAKERS – PO FILMS WORKSHOP



Matteo Magnani, Project Officer, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Matteo Magnani is an industrial engineer with a specialisation in operations and supply chain management. He currently works at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), where he provides technical analysis and policy recommendations to support secondary legislation under the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (EU PPWR).

Prior to joining the JRC, Matteo spent six years at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, where he managed two large multi-stakeholder initiatives, authored eight publications, and spoke at several international conferences. His work focuses on circular economy research, operating at the intersection of industry, academia, and policymaking.



Willem Christiaans, Head of Sourcing & Sales, TOMRA Feedstock GmbH

Willem Christiaans is the Head of Sourcing & Sales at TOMRA Feedstock. After 10 years in diverse procurement roles across the private and semi-public sectors, Willem transitioned to the recycling sector in 2014. At Indorama Ventures, he led the raw material procurement team across six PET recycling operations in Europe, driving efficiency and innovation.

Since March 2024, Willem has spearheaded TOMRA Feedstock's commercial department, overseeing both the sourcing of mixed plastics waste and the sales of high-quality feedstock for recycling.



EXTERNAL SPEAKERS – PO FILMS WORKSHOP



Scott R. Trenor, Technical Director, Association of Plastics Recyclers

Scott is the Technical Director of the Association of Plastics Recyclers (APR). In this role, Scott leads the Technical Committees within the APR responsible for developing the APR Guide™ for Plastics Recycling and the Critical Guidance Testing Documents used to assess the compatibility of plastics with recycling. Scott brings over 20 years of experience in the plastics industry, working in R&D, commercialisation, acquisition, and strategy roles at Kraton Polymers and Milliken & Company.

Scott's most recent technical and commercial successes include the invention and commercialization of DeltaMax® Performance Modifiers which enables increased recycled polypropylene incorporation in durable goods and led Milliken and Company's Plastic Additives sustainability efforts globally. Scott holds a Ph.D. in Macromolecular Science and Engineering from Virginia Tech.



ELV & WEEE WORKSHOP

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Plastic Recycling Market Trends
3. **INCREASE: “Investing Into Sustainability: Spotlight On Design For And From Recycling As Key For Unlocking Circularity”**

By Thijs Feenstra, Circular Product Design Lead, Pezy Group - INCREASE Project

4. Beyond the Numbers: WEEE & ELV Plastics Market Data
5. *Coffee break*
6. Steering Through the End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation
7. New Protocols & Guidelines: How RecyClass Drives Circularity in Automotive & EEE Sectors
8. ELV & WEEE Interactive Lab: Shaping the Roadmap for 2026

HAVE YOUR SAY!

EXTERNAL SPEAKER – ELV&WEEE WORKSHOP



Thijs Feenstra, Circular Product Design Lead, Pezy Group

Thijs Feenstra is an experienced Circular Product Design Lead and works at Pezy Group. His background covers 17 years of experience in Concept Development, Engineering, and Circularity and operates at the forefront of circular product development.

By building bridges between the world of product development and the world of material recovery, and with a clear focus on feasible goals, he translates commonly used linear development into a circular one.

Thijs is the author of several books explaining the world of Design for/from Recycling, frequently speaking at industry trade shows and congresses in Europe and a passionate advocate of circular design.



NEW!

STRATEGIC BRAINSTORMING: HANDLING THE PLASTICS RECYCLING MARKET CRISIS

26 November

18h 10 – 19h 00

Objective: Fostering discussion on the key measures & the way forward for addressing the plastics recycling crisis in Europe.

Together, we can make an impact and lead to change.



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PET WORKSHOP

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Plastic Recycling Market Trends
3. PET Interactive Lab: Shaping the Roadmap for 2026
4. *Coffee break*
5. Safety on the Shelf: Regulating Food-Grade rPET
6. **Expertise And Experience In Tray To Tray Recycling**
By Luigi Garavaglia, Quality Assurance – R&D Manager, I.L.P.A. S.p.A. & Pietro Spagni, CEO, AMP RECYCLING S.R.L.
7. Navigating the Trade and Market Pressures for PET – *In collaboration with Matteo Magnani, Project Officer, Joint Research Centre, European Commission*
8. RecyClass Developments: Supporting Standardisation & Harmonisation in Europe

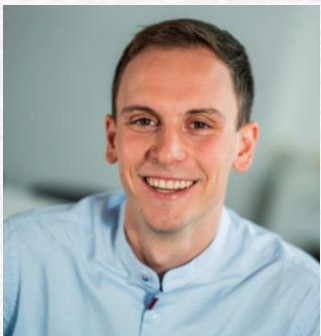
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EXTERNAL SPEAKERS – PET WORKSHOP



Luigi Garavaglia, Quality Assurance – R&D Manager, I.L.P.A. S.p.A.

Luigi Garavaglia graduated in Food Technology at the University of Milan. He has spent more than 35 years in the area of Research and Development of food packaging.

Currently, he is R&D and Quality Assurance Manager at ILPA Group, to which AMP recycling belongs. He has experience in formulation, extrusion, thermoforming, recycling technologies, regulatory of packaging, and their application on food.

Since 2021, he has been Chairman of the PSE association (Pet Sheet Europe) and a member of the Scientific and Steering Committee of the Functional Barrier PET Consortium.



Pietro Spagni, CEO, AMP RECYCLING S.R.L.

CEO of AMP Recycling (part of the ILPA Group). He has been involved in plastic waste recycling for thirty years. AMP recycles PET packaging waste to produce r-PET flakes and pellets (food and non-food contact). They also produce r-PET sheet in coils and packaging with a high percentage of r-Pet.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Corepla (Italian Consortium for the Collection, Recycling and Recovery of Plastic Packaging).



PS WORKSHOP

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Plastic Recycling Market Trends
3. PS Interactive Lab: Shaping the Roadmap for 2026 → **HAVE YOUR SAY!**
4. *Coffee break*
5. **PS Circularity In Belgium, Long Term Collaboration From Waste Collection To New Styrene**

By Stephanie Prinzie, Business Development Manager, Fostplus & Korneel Van Aelst, Sales Manager Plastic2Chemicals, Indaver

6. RecyClass Developments: Supporting Standardisation & Harmonisation in Europe
7. Building Trust with Substance Screening in Polystyrene
8. **Mechanical recycling of post consumer PS household packaging waste: Closing the loop**

By David Eslava, Managing Director, Eslava Plásticos

9. Beyond the Numbers: PS Market Data

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Stéphanie Prinzie, Business Development Manager, Fostplus

Stéphanie Prinzie is a seasoned Account Manager with nearly 20 years of experience in the recycling industry. She spent 12 years at Van Ganswinkel, later Renewi, as a Key Account Manager, where she built strong client relationships and delivered sustainable waste management solutions.

For the past 6 years, she has worked at Fost Plus as Senior Account Manager Plastics, where she leads the financing and organisation of the recycling activities of different kind of plastics in Belgium and also serves as Materials Coordinator. Stephanie combines operational expertise with a strategic vision for circular economy, making her an experienced player in advancing material recovery and circular applications.



Korneel Van Aelst, Sales Manager Plastic2Chemicals, Indaver

Korneel Van Aelst has been a Sales Manager at Indaver since 2022, responsible for both waste and product sales and playing a key role in driving the P2C business. He initially joined Indaver on the waste supply side of P2C. Before entering the industry, Korneel worked in academia and earned a PhD in Chemical Engineering.



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David Eslava, Managing Director, Eslava Plásticos

David Eslava is Deputy Managing Director of Eslava Plásticos, a company which focuses on polyolefins mechanical recycling since more than 40 years, being one of the leading companies in the sector in Spain.

He has been part of the Plastic Recyclers Europe (PRE) Board since 2012, actively collaborating in the implementation of the Circular Economy, and currently is Vice-chairman of the HDPE/PP working group and Chairman of the Standards working group.

For more than three years, he has been actively collaborating on the RecyClass platform. He is member of the RecyClass board, Chairman of the PS technical group and Vice-chairman of the HDPE technical group. In July 2017, he was appointed new president of the National Association of Plastic Recyclers.



PVC WORKSHOP

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Plastic Recycling Market Trends
3. PVC Interactive Lab: Shaping the Roadmap for 2026 → — HAVE YOUR SAY! —

4. *Coffee break*

5. **Lead as a Barrier to PVC Circularity: Lessons Learned from Germany's Building Sector**

By Sarah Schmidt, Doctor in the Research Group on Resource Management and Solid Waste Engineering, University of Kassel

6. Addressing Safety and Environmental Concerns in PVC Recycling Plants

7. **An ideal Circular Economy framework for PVC**

By Caroline Braibant, Senior Manager, External Affairs, European Council of Vinyl Manufacturers (ECVM) & VinylPlus

8. RecyClass Certifications: Safeguarding Traceability for PVC

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EXTERNAL SPEAKERS – PVC WORKSHOP



Sarah Schmidt, Doctor in the Research Group on Resource Management and Solid Waste Engineering, University of Kassel

Dr. Sarah Schmidt is a postdoctoral researcher in the Research Group on Resource Management and Solid Waste Engineering at the University of Kassel, focusing on optimization approaches for waste management systems. Her current research emphasizes plastic waste, particularly from the building and infrastructure sector. She applies system-analytical methods such as dynamic material flow analysis and prospective life cycle assessment to identify long-term strategies to close material loops and reduce environmental impacts.

As part of the DFG- and FNR-funded IMMEC project, Dr. Schmidt collaborates with colleagues at the University of Kassel and the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) to develop a model for assessing material flow dynamics and environmental impacts of long-lived anthropogenic resource systems. In this context, the team has developed a dynamic material flow and stock model to estimate current and future plastic and contaminant stocks and flows in Germany's construction and infrastructure sector.



EXTERNAL SPEAKERS – PVC WORKSHOP



Caroline Braibant, Senior Manager, External Affairs, European Council of Vinyl Manufacturers (ECVM) & VinylPlus

Caroline joined ECVM and VinylPlus in March 2025 as Senior Manager, External Affairs. She is a Biotechnology Engineer (Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica) by background and holds a postgraduate in Human Ecology (VUB, Belgium) and Master in Environmental Sciences and Management (UCL, Belgium).

Before joining ECVM and VinylPlus, she worked as a consultant for the PVC and tyre industries. She also was Secretary-General and Head of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs at several metal associations including Eurometaux, the European Precious Metals Federation, the International Antimony Association and the Cobalt Institute.

Her professional experience includes managing associations, large projects and bringing together scientific and technical evidence into robust advocacy strategies and outreach.



PP/PO WORKSHOP

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Plastic Recycling Market Trends
3. PP/PO Interactive Lab: Shaping the Roadmap for 2026
4. *Coffee break*
5. Beyond the Numbers: PP/PO Market Data
6. **Compositional Flow Data For Food Grade Polyolefins**
By Roland Thompson, Business Development Manager, Greyparrot
7. RecyClass Developments: Supporting Standardisation & Harmonisation in Europe
8. PP/PO in Food Contact Applications: A Regulatory Insight

— HAVE YOUR SAY! —

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Roland Thompson, Business Development Manager, Greyparrot

Roland Thompson is Greyparrot's Business Development Manager for EMEA, world's top provider of AI waste analytics for plant optimisation.

He is focused on exploiting existing infrastructure in material handling facilities, leveraging AI to improve efficiency and accelerate the transition to a circular economy. With a deep passion for efficient material use, Roland's experience spans most of the waste value chain.

He previously operated a digital marketplace for post-industrial material and also procured feedstock for paper mills in South Africa.

His expertise combines waste management, operations, economics, packaging and artificial intelligence.

He would like to stress the importance of data-driven decision-making in our industry.



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