



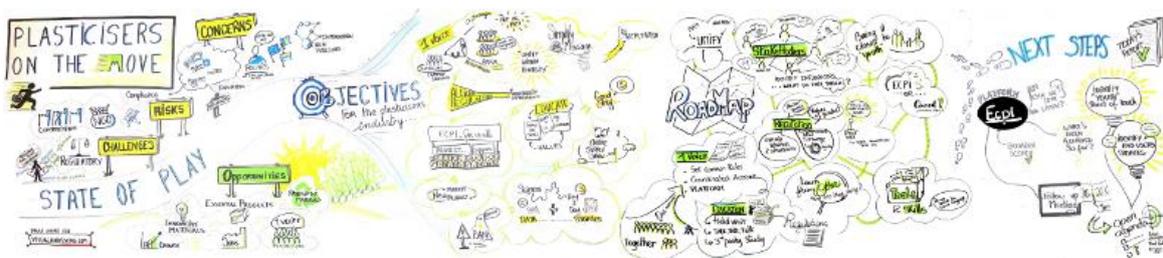
**PLASTICISERS WORLD**

**European plasticisers industry meets to find stronger, united voice**



Representatives from all the major plasticisers producers in Europe met in Brussels to discuss how to best address some of the most common challenges affecting the entire industry. All participants agree that, as they face enormous regulatory and market pressure, it is essential to look at ways to work together to be able to speak with one voice which can be heard in Europe and beyond.

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**Danish ROI update - Harmonised classification and labelling of DINP**

Earlier this year, Denmark communicated to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) its intention to submit a dossier for the harmonised classification and labelling (CLH) of di-isonyl phthalate (DINP) as toxic to reproduction - Category 1B (Development) and Category 2 (Fertility). The final dossier has not been submitted yet. The European Council for Plasticisers is in regular contact with Danish and EU authorities. ECPI has also been working with external consultants on the development of a Weight of Evidence methodology and analysis regarding DINP which is likely to be published in early 2016.

It is worth pointing out that there have been changes in the Danish government. The current environment minister, Eva Kjer Hansen (who has been in office since June) has stated that she will not fight for Danish national bans on chemicals. She also pointed out that it would be bad for competition and the consumers if Danish companies have to follow stricter rules than the rest of the EU.

**Linking DEP, DBP and DIBP to miscarriage not supported by science - Association does not mean causation**

Some media outlets have reported about a study, conducted by the University on Peking, linking a higher exposure to some phthalates to a potentially increased risk of miscarriages in women. Despite the study focusing on just three very specific substances claiming association but not causation for DEP, DIBP and DBP, many of these reports have inaccurately linked all phthalates to a number of health concerns. Contrary to the statements of the authors of the study, DEP has not shown reproductive effects in animal studies and therefore the reported result is inconsistent with animal data. [>>Read more](#)

## EVENTS

### Media field trip: ECPI introduces journalists to a sustainable model for the flexible PVC value chain



The third edition of the annual Media Field Trip, organised by ECPI took place in early October in the vicinity of Paris. The media trip, supported by VinylPlus, gave seven journalists from European specialised press the opportunity to get first-hand insights into the flexible PVC value chain through visits to two converting and one recycling factories. [>>Read more](#)

### Plasticiser-focused sessions at PVC Formulation 2016

#### PVC Formulation 2016

ECPI is sponsoring two thematic sessions at the PVC Formulation Conference which will take place from 5 to 7 April in Cologne, Germany. The goal is to get in-depth insights into the world of plasticisers and flexible PVC applications. This will be a great occasion to meet representatives from the whole PVC value chain. [>>Register](#)

## PRESS REVIEW

### No link between prenatal phthalate exposure and child obesity

Chemical Watch reports about two New York city studies show no correlation with early exposure to six phthalates [>>Full article](#)

### Don't Let Chemophobia-Phobia Poison Our Communications

Blog entry on Scientific American from Chiara Ceci, Strategic Communications Executive at the Royal Society of Chemistry. [>>Full article](#)

### Male fertility: hard facts vs flaccid myths

The Telegraph looks at scare stories surrounding sperm health as a distraction from the real causes for concern. [>>Full article](#)

## WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

### Plasticisers factsheet available in 10 languages

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