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European Plasticisers wishes you a successful & prosperous 2018. May the New Year bring you lots of exciting work and success!

Did you know that, if used for several years, artificial trees made using flexible PVC can have a <u>lower environmental impact</u> than buying a natural tree every season?

YEAR IN REVIEW



2017 has been yet another busy year! Our most noticeable achievement has been, without a doubt, the launch of our new name and brand – European Plasticisers. We unveiled it at the PVC 2017 Conference in Brighton and have been proudly spreading the word up and down the value chain but also with politicians, regulators, scientists and media. Feedback so far has been very positive. Many have described our new identity as being more inclusive and modern, which is exactly what we were going for.

If you have not checked it yet, take a minute to discover our Mission, Vision and Values

As always, we have spent a great part of the year on the road, working on important regulatory issues such as the CLH dossier on DINP. We started our 2017 odyssey in <u>Warsaw</u> with a well-attended roadshow and have not stopped ever since. In addition to meeting regulators, we also brought <u>13 journalists</u> to Spain to learn about the flexible PVC value chain and the sustainability achievements of VinylPlus.

Despite all the travelling and meetings, we still had time to make improvements to our websites, work on new tools – check the 'Quantitative Weight of Evidence' and 'Power of Many' factsheets – and publish a couple of videos, one of them featuring a few of our hard-working members. Ah, yes, and we have set up a LinkedIn page which is growing in popularity by the day.

NEWS



Perry Walters appointed Technical Manager of European Plasticisers

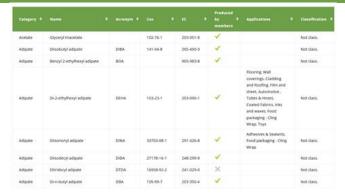
We would like to welcome Perry Walters, European Plasticisers' new Technical Manager. A native Belgian with English roots, he has completed a Master in Micro and Macromolecular design followed by a PhD in Engineering Sciences focusing on polymer science, both at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). Passionate about science and technology, Perry has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in material science and has been involved in multiple scientific projects.

"After spending nine years in academia, I am ready to experience chemistry in a broader and more international context. This exciting transition to an industry association will give me the opportunity to shape the future European chemical landscape in a positive and responsible way."

New roles and responsibilities

At our last General Assembly, which took place on 22 November, Chris Wallace (ExxonMobil) was appointed as the new Vice-Chair of European Plasticisers. There have also been some additions to our working groups. Stefaan Depecker (Proviron) is the new Vice-Chair of the Advocacy and Communications Working Group and Christine Palermo (ExxonMobil) was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Scientific Working Group.

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE



Find a plasticiser database updated

We have recently updated the online table listing well over 60 different plasticisers. Users can easily find the name and acronym of a wide range of substances, as well as some brief information about their possible applications and regulatory status. >> Access database

PRESS CORNER



Media Field Trip 2017 in the press

Spanish trade media have reported about the recent Media Field Trip European Plasticisers organised in September. All publications highlighted some of the recent developments in the plasticisers sector and paid special attention to the vinyl value chain commitment to sustainability through the VinylPlus programme. >> Read the articles on Interempresas & Mundoplast

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