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STUDENTS OF TODAY, EXPERTS OF
TOMORROW



European Plasticisers has launched its second edition of "[Hands on vinyl: students of today, experts of tomorrow](#)", a call for the best essays on plasticisers and/or flexible PVC applications.

Students from undergraduate to PhD level can register till the [21st of April](#) to submit their essay by the [23rd of May latest](#).

ABOUT THE ESSAYS

The essays will have to address one or more of the following topics:

- **Category 1** - Sustainable Design: Use of flexible PVC for sustainable solutions
- **Category 2** - Innovation: Innovative use of plasticisers in vinyl or other polymer applications

- **Category 3 – Sustainability Performance:**
Sustainability performance assessment on the use of virgin or recycled flexible vinyl VS other materials

For more information on the terms and conditions of the competition, click [here](#).

AWARDS

Winner

- A laptop (worth up to 1,500 euros)
- An opportunity to be interviewed and featured on the social media channels of European Plasticisers and VinylPlus
- Participate at no cost at the [PVC Formulation 2021](#) conference (16-18 November 2021)

Runner up

- A tablet (worth up to 500 euros)

Top 3 essays (also applicable to winner and runner up)

- See their essay published on European Plasticisers' website and shared within the vinyl value-chain network
- An invitation to present the top 3 essays at a European Plasticisers Scientific working group meeting
- Participate at no cost at the 2021 edition of the [VinylPlus Sustainability Forum](#) (17 June 2021).

All the participants will receive VinylPlus and European Plasticisers communication material and a list of references to scientific studies relevant to their discipline. They will also be given visibility on the plasticisers.org website.

The project is sponsored by [VinylPlus](#), the voluntary commitment to sustainable development of the European PVC industry.

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN



On the **International Day of Girls & Women in Science** (11th of February), several female scientists within European Plasticisers provided insights on what makes their job so exciting. They shared their enthusiasm for working on plasticisers and motivated young girls to pursue a career in STEM. Go for it, girls!

Read their testimonies and advice to the younger generation on our [website](#).

Our campaign on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

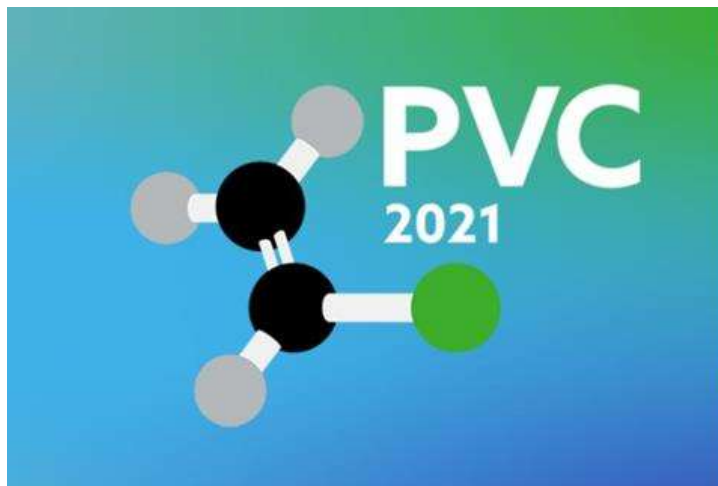
ADVOCACY WORK

European Plasticisers participated in the public consultation by the European Commission on the update of Low Molecular entries in REACH Annex XIV : **[our full feedback](#)**.



European Plasticisers also contributed to the EFSA public consultation on the draft scientific opinion on biological plausibility of non-monotonic dose responses and their impact on the risk assessment : **[the public consultation](#)**.

EVENTS



[Discover the full programme here](#)

PVC 2021 - the World's leading forum on polyvinyl chloride

PVC 2021 will be a completely virtual event [from 10 to 12 May 2021](#).

European Plasticisers will have a virtual stand in the online exhibition zone and will give a presentation on "Science, Policy and Public Opinion: How the Wheels Turn" Tuesday 11 May at 10:15am (CET).

[Registration information here](#)



[Read more about the event here](#)

Save the date for the VinylPlus Sustainability Forum 2021!

The VinylPlus Sustainability Forum 2021 will take place on [17 June 2021](#) in Brussels.

To celebrate the achievements of the 10-year VinylPlus programme and to launch the new sustainability programme of the PVC industry towards 2030, VinylPlus has decided to come full circle, hosting its annual conference in the European capital where it all started.

The [#VSF2021](#) will be a hybrid event, live from Brussels, with an online audience.



[Read more about the event here](#)

The 2nd edition of She Runs - Active Girl's Lead

The event will be organised by ISF in Brussels [from 27 September to 2 October 2021](#), during the European week of Sport. She Runs 2021 will be held in partnership with the City of Brussels, the EU Erasmus+ Programme and VinylPlus.

The joint '[Environmental Action](#)' commitment signed by VinylPlus and ISF for the She Runs event ensured that PVC is used sustainably during and after the event.

Watch the video [PVC products at She Runs – reusable, recyclable, sustainable from VinylPlus](#).

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