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European Certification of
Plastics Recyclers



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The project

EuCertPlast is a three-year project aiming at creating a European certification for post-consumer plastics recyclers. This project is co-financed by the European Commission under the Eco-Innovation Programme and began in September 2009 and will end in August 2012.

Background Information

European Plastics Recycling industry:

- 1 500 companies;
- Employing 16 000 persons;
- Recycling more than 4.5 million tonnes of plastics waste.

It is not always clear if the material is recycled or send into trading. Therefore, a unique European audit scheme for the certification of post-consumer plastics recyclers is needed to:

- improve transparency;
- implement traceability of collected post consumer waste;
- determine recycling and trading practices.

Specific objective

- Develop a European wide certification scheme for post-consumer plastics recycling;



Certification

The certification will work according to the European Standard EN 15343:2007 and aims to encourage an environmentally friendly recycling of plastics by standardizing it, particularly focusing on the process for traceability and assessment of conformity and recycled content of recycled plastics.

Results

- Increased plastics recycling rates;
- Innovative applications for plastics recyclates;
- Increase of plastics industry transparency;
- Fulfil REACH requirements and food contact compliance for recyclers.

Benefits

Thanks to the strong network of EuPR, EuPC, EuPET and EPRO the project will improve the National audit schemes and methods with the following benefits:

- Integration of the different auditing schemes in a common scheme, to optimize the audit practices at the recycling facilities;
- Reduce work with the authorities and financial relief in terms of potential solutions concerning taxes and duties;
- Eco-labelling optimisation.



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Partners

- The European Plastics Recyclers (EuPR) - Belgium
www.plasticsrecyclers.eu
- The European Plastics Converters (EuPC) - Belgium
www.plasticsconverters.eu
- cyclos GmbH - Germany
www.cyclos.de
- The European Plastics Recycling Organisation (EPRO) - Belgium
www.e-pro-plasticsrecycling.org
- The European Association unoriented Polyester Films (EuPET) - Belgium
www.eupet.org
- Recovinyll - Belgium
www.recovinyl.com
- ITW Group - UK
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