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Plastics industry in Poland is growing steadily

During the Conference - Opportunities for the Polish plastics Industry in Poland that took place on 22 May in Warsaw Tadeusz Nowicki, president of the Polish Union of Plastics Converters, confirmed that the plastics production in Poland is growing steadily.

The experts from the Polish plastics industry as well as the foreign representatives from the sector were discussing and debating the pressing issues of the plastics industry in Poland and possibilities of its future development. The conference was attended by more than 90 participants from the plastics industry including converters, machine producers, and recyclers not only from Poland but also from abroad. The representatives of the Polish Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Environment were also present.

It was confirmed that there is a steady growth of plastics industry in Poland in 2013 in comparison to the previous year. The increase was observed in the higher number of employees, production volumes as well as number of investments in the sector.

However, the situation within the recycling sector in Poland is quite difficult. Antonino Furfari, Advocacy Manager of Plastics Recyclers Europe, emphasized that still as much as 62% of the plastics waste in Poland is landfilled. Plastics landfill in Poland contributes to the low resources efficiency with this kind of waste management and shall be banned. Additionally, more focus shall be put on the actual design of the plastics products in order to increase their recyclability. Whole the industry needs to work together in order to address this problem and to better manage our resources.

During the debate: *Polish plastic industry: ways to growth* the panelists agreed that several initiatives should be undertaken in order to improve the waste management in Poland in general. The most important challenges in case of plastics but not only will be the increase of environmental awareness, improvement of the collection system and introduction of higher fees for waste landfill as well as more restrictive certification for waste reception and recycling.

Alexandre Dangis, Managing Director of EuPC underlined as well the need and urgency for Polish plastics industry to further develop and make more research & investments in new technologies in order to be more innovative and to keep high standards and the quality of Polish plastics products.

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Conference was organized by [Polymer Comply Europe](#) – a service provider for the plastics industry specialized in EU legislation.

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About:

EuPC is the EU-level Trade Association, based in Brussels, representing European Plastics Converters. Plastics converters (sometimes called "Processors") are the heart of the plastics industry.

PUPC is a member of EuPC and Confederation of Polish Employers Lewiatan.

Polish Union of Plastic Converters totals employment of about 8 thousand people and an annual turnover of over 5 billion PLN. Organization represents the interests of the associated companies on the national and European level (entering into structures of EuPC) with respect to the relevant authorities, offices, etc.

PUPC disseminates knowledge about plastic materials and the possibilities of their application. PUPC promotes proper use of plastics including the end of life stage. Regarding environment protection union supports actions and activities in this area for instance "Tree in exchange for bottle". The action activates young people for PET bottles waste collection.

Plastics Recyclers Europe is the professional representative body of plastics recyclers in Europe. PRE promotes plastics mechanical recycling and conditions that enable profitable and sustainable business, while offering a service platform to its members.

Our members constitute 80% of the European recycling capacity, processing more than 3 million tonnes of collected plastics per year

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