

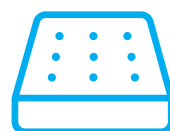
# Annual Conference 2023

**BUDAPEST, 13-15 JUNE**

Preliminary Programme



Hotel Novotel Budapest City  
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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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## TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 2023

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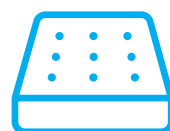
- 13.30 - 15.30** EURO-MOULDERS Board Meeting and General Assembly (EM Members only)
- 16.00 - 18.00** EUROPUR Board Meeting (EP Board Members only)
- 19.00 - 22.30** *Joint Board Dinner of EUROPUR & EURO-MOULDERS (Board Members only)*
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## WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2023

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- 08.45 - 10.15** **EUROPUR Formal General Assembly**
- 10.15 - 10.45** *Coffee Break - Networking*
- 10.45 - 11.00** **Welcome**  
– Bart J. ten Brink, *President, EUROPUR*
- 11.00 - 13.00** **Flexible PU Foam Markets - Drivers of Change and their Consequences**  
– Moderated by Bart J. ten Brink, *EUROPUR*
- Philipp Propst, *Project Manager, IAL Consultants*
  - Clint Raine, *Co-owner, Belvedere & Partner*
  - Giulia Taveggia, *Partner, Senior Researcher, CSIL*
  - Tobias Spyra, *Director, EMEA Styrenics & PU Feedstocks, CMA*
  - Justin Cox, *Director, Global Production, LMC Automotive*
- 13.00 - 14.00** *Networking Lunch*
- 14.00 - 14.30** **How to Transform a Fuel Company to Sustainable Chemical Company**  
– László Somogyi, *Head of Polyols Sales & Marketing, The MOL Group*
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**14.30 - 16.00**    **Panel Discussion: Sustainability of Polyurethanes in Automobiles**  
– Moderated by Philippe Aumont, *Driving Vision News*

- Michel Baumgartner, *Secretary General, EURO-MOULDERS*
- Esther Quintanilla, *Global Mobility Science Market Leader, Dow*
- Geert Trossaert, *VP R&D and Quality/HSE, Ascorium Industries*
- Athanossios Tubidis, *Design Consultant*

**16.00 - 16.30**    *Coffee Break - Networking*

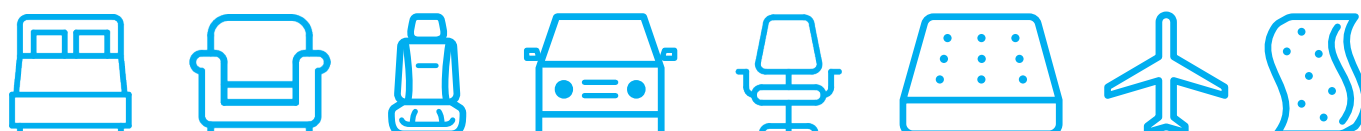
**16.30 - 17.45**    **The Power of Networking - And the Do's and Don'ts to Unleash it**  
– Dimitri Verhoye

**19.00**            *Transfer to Pesti Vigado*

**19.30 - 23.00**    *Dinner at Pesti Vigado*

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**We thank the sponsor of  
our conference dinner:**



## SESSION I | 09.00 - 10.30

TRACK 1 - PATRIA

### SUSTAINABILITY I - Moderated by Michel Baumgartner, *EUROPUR*

#### Upcoming EU Sustainability Requirements for Mattresses, Furniture and Automobiles & PU Industry Priorities

– Theodoros Mardas, *Sustainability Policy Officer, EUROPUR*

#### The PURESMART Project: Deliverables and Lessons Learnt

– Bart Haelterman, *R&D Director, Recticel Engineered Foams*

#### REDWAVE: Foam Sorting for Better Recycling

– Tobias Zirsch, *Sales Manager Sorting & Digitalisation, Redwave*

#### From 'Waste' to Valuable Resource; How Different Eol Scenarios Can Unlock Value and Drive the Circular Economy

– Natalie Watson, *Group Head of Sustainability, The Vita Group*

TRACK 2 - LEHAR

### HEALTH & SAFETY - Moderated by Georg Pirkl, *Covestro*

#### Regulatory Update on Diisocyanates

– Jörg Palmersheim, *Secretary General, ISOPA*

#### Safety Guidelines in Foam Factories & Training Options for the Safe Use of Diisocyanates

– Patrick De Kort, *Regulatory Affairs Manager, EUROPUR*

#### Psychological Risk Assessment in Foam Factories

– Nuno Marques, *Manager, Empoderar*

TRACK 3 - BARTOK

### AUTOMOTIVE - Moderated by Stephan Wendel, *EURO-MOULDERS*

#### Molecular Contributors to PU Foam Odor - Final Report of the PhD Project with the Leibniz Institute for Food Systems Biology (LSB)

– Charlotte Minig, *PhD Student, LSB* and Stephan Wendel, *Technical Committee Chair, EURO-MOULDERS*

#### Innovative Polyurethane Solutions for Automotive Sustainability Challenges

– Shpresa Kotaji, *Global Material & Industry Sustainability Sr. Expert, Huntsman*

#### Comparison Study on the Use of Sustainable Polyols in Automotive Seating

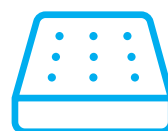
– Eva Emmrich-Smolczyk, *Senior Technical Manager Automotive EMEA, Evonik Operations*

#### Innovation and Solution Introduction of Polyether Polyols

– Kuanliang Bao, *TS Manager, Borsodchem*

10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee Break - Networking*

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**SESSION II | 11.00 - 13.30**

TRACK 1 - PATRIA

**SUSTAINABILITY II** - Moderated by Michel Baumgartner, *EUROPUR*

**Powering Progress for the PU Industry - Shell's Approach to the Energy and Material Transition**

– Kate Johnson, *GM Sector & Sustainability, Shell*

**The Roadmap to a Low Carbon and Circular Industry in Repsol**

– Raquel Sanchez, *Technical Service and Development Manager, Repsol*

**Sustainable Solutions for PU Flexible Foams with Lower Carbon Footprint**

– Roland Krämer, *VP Group R&D Innovation Excellence, NEVEON* & Berfu Yoneyman, *Sustainability Manager TDI, Polyols, PO, PG EMEA, BASF*

**Plastic to Paper: Sustainability Considerations for Wrapping and Packing**

– Falk Paulsen, *Sales & Business Development Director, Mondi Group*

**Putting Circular Economy in Practice**

– Tivadar Runtág, *MOL Group, Plastic Waste and ELT Value Stream Director*

**TRK: Solution for the Foam Digital Passport to Track Your Products Made of Foam Inside and Outside Your Factory**

– Angel Vinas, *CEO, IPF*

**How to Cut Logistic Cost and Reduce Environmental Impact Thanks to PU FOAM Packaging Machines for Volume Reduction**

– Eric Zaninelli, *Technical Sales, Dolphin Pack*

TRACK 2 - LEHAR

**MACHINERY AND DIGITALISATION** - Moderated by Damir Andrasek, *EUROPUR*

**FOAMLEDGE: Manage Your Foam Life Cycle and Process Data, From the Simulation of the Production of the Blocks to the Delivery of the Foam Parts, and Further**

– Angel Vinas, *CEO, IPF*

**Digital Twin for FOAM: Multiscale-Simulation Software for Foam Components**

– Dr. Konrad Steiner, *Head of Department "Flow and Material Simulation", Fraunhofer ITWM*

**TEGO® RISE - Digitalization in Flexible Slabstock Foam Production Processes**

– Dr. Michael Krebs, *Technology Manager Flexible Slabstock & Automotive Applications, Evonik Operations*



**SESSION II | 11.00 - 13.30**

TRACK 2 - LEHAR

**MACHINERY AND DIGITALISATION - Continued**

**25 years of RETICULATUS, the Story Around a Unique Process**

– Joern Struckman, *CEO, Reticulatus*

**Smart TransFoaming – A Data-Driven Challenge?**

– Stephen Hohenadl, *Director Sales and Service, Albrecht Bäume*

**Technical Innovations in Slabstock Machinery to Improve Quality and Efficiency**

– Markus Häsler & Thomas Walterscheid, *Sales Manager Service Sales, Hennecke*

**Efficient Production Process in the Circular PU-Foam Conversion**

– Francis Pinckers, *Vice-President, Fecken-Kirfel*

TRACK 3 - BARTOK

**PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP & ADDITIVES - Moderated by Adri Aerts, *The Vita Group***

**Chemicals Policy Update & FR Policy Developments**

– Patrick de Kort, *Regulatory Affairs Manager, EUROPUR*

**GrafGuard® Expandable Graphite - The Core of the Non-Halogenated Solution for Polyurethane Foams**

– David Stuart, *Research Scientist, NeoGraf Solutions*

**Processing Expandable Graphite as Flame Retardant in High-Pressure: Cannon Solutions**

– Stefano Andreolli, *Automotive PU Sales Manager, Cannon Afros*

**Aldehyde Scavenger for the Application in PU Flexible Foams**

– Paolo Banfi, *Technical Manager, REPI*

**Regulatory Update from North America**

– Russ Batson, *Executive Director, Polyurethane Foam Association*

**Next Generation GeoCell™ Additives and Foam Solutions for the Mattress in a Box Industry**

– Marcel Hartmann, *Technical Account Manager Europe, Momentive Performance Materials*

**13.30 - 14.30**    *Networking Lunch & Farewell*

