



Annual Conference 2024

ISTANBUL, 11-13 JUNE

Preliminary Programme



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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2024

- **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

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024

- 08.30 10.00 EUROPUR Formal General Assembly
- **10.00 10.30** Coffee Break Networking
- **10.30 10.40** Welcome by the Presidents of EUROPUR & EURO-MOULDERS
- 10.40 11.10 Morning Keynote: Geopolitics, Competitiveness, Climate Change -Can Europe Face it All? – Georg Riekeles, Associate Director, European Policy Centre
- 11.10 12.40 Panel Discussion: European Flexible PU Foam Markets, Upstream & Downstream with Focus on Türkiye
 - Moderated by Bart J. ten Brink, President, EUROPUR
 - Clint Raine, Co-owner, Belvedere & Partner
 - Tobias Spyra, Director, EMEA Styrenics & PU Feedstocks, CMA
 - Giulia Taveggia, Partner, Senior Researcher, CSIL
 - Irem Baçdar, Economic Research and Corporate Communication Coordinator, OSD

12.40 - 14.00 Networking Lunch

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14.00 - 15.20 Panel Discussion: Global Flexible Polyurethane Foam Markets — Moderated by Bart J. ten Brink, *President, EUROPUR*

- Philipp Propst, Project Manager, IAL Consultants
- Philippe Knaub, Chairman, Polyurethane Foam Association
- Audrey Liu, Senior Director, PUdaily
- Sunil Minocha, Secretary General, Indian Polyurethane Association
- Siddharth Malani, Vice Chairman, Indian Polyurethane Association
- Clint Raine, Co-owner, Belvedere & Partner

15.20 - 16.10 Panel Discussion: The Draft End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation -What Changes for the Automotive Supply Chain? – Moderated by Michel Baumgartner, Secretary General, EURO-MOULDERS

- John Mortell, Senior Policy Manager, Plastics Europe
- Alejandro Navazas, Scientific Officer, EURIC
- Sebastien Gentil, Director Chemistry Development, Adient
- Theodoros Mardas, Sustainability Policy Officer, EURO-MOULDERS
- **16.10 16.40** Coffee Break Networking
- **16.40 17.25** Afternoon Keynote: Speak Up Now! Marketing in Times of Climate Crisis — Wim Vermeulen, Director of Strategy and Sustainability, Bubka
- **17.25 18.00**Sponsor Presentation
— Dr. Claudine Mollenkopf, President, Specialty Additives, Evonik
- **19.00** Departure for Dinner at Uludağ et Lokantasi

We thank the sponsor of our Conference Dinner:



THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2024

SESSION I | 09.00 - 11.00

SUSTAINABILITY I - Moderated by Michel Baumgartner, EUROPUR

Update on the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation - What it Means for Mattresses and Furniture – Theodoros Mardas, Sustainability Policy Officer, EUROPUR

Turning Net Zero Ambition into Action with Supply Chain Transitions — Natalie Watson, Head of Sustainability, The Vita Group

BASF's Roadmap Towards Net Zero – Jan Nouwen, Senior VP Isocyanates & Precusors Europe, BASF

Closing the Loop: Opportunities and Challenges of PU Foam Recycling — Dr. Helmut Weldle, Director Methods and Interactions, Schlegel & Partner

Design for Recycling of Flexible Foams in Mattresses: A Valumat Project — Denis Hicks, Director / Management Advisor, High Delta

Digital Product Passport in Practice: How to Turn Compliance Obligations into New Business Models — Stefaan Cognie, *Co-founder, TripleR*

AUTOMOTIVE - Moderator Stephan Wendel, EURO-MOULDERS

Further Increasing the Sustainability of Polyurethanes in Automotive, Let's Talk Also About End-of-Life – Stephan Wendel, *Technical Chair* & Damir Andrasek, *Communications Officer, EURO-MOULDERS*

Powering the Future: How Polyurethane Foam Can Ensure Safety of Electric Vehicles

- Thorsten Leopold, Partner, Schlegel & Partner

Embracing Circularity and Decarbonisation for Polyurethanes in Automotive — Esther Quintanilla, Global Marketing PU MobilityScience & Laura Aguilar, Sustainability Leader, Dow

New Alternative Foam Hardener for Moulded Foams — Eva Emmrich-Smolczyk, Senior Technical Manager Automotive EMEA, Evonik Operations

Sustainable Automotive Foams / Sustainable Polyester Polyol-based Systems for Flexible Molded Polyurethane Foams in Automotive Applications

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

STREAM 2

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STREAM 3

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP & NOVEL RAW MATERIALS - Moderated by Adri Aerts, The Vita Group

Regulatory Snapshots of Key PU Chemicals and the CertiPUR™ Revision — Patrick de Kort, Regulatory Affairs Manager, EUROPUR

PU Additives that Can Help Lower the VOC While Maintaining the Mechanical Properties — Geert Dries, Technical Manager Materials Science EMEA, Huntsman

Alcupol[®] APD - Unlocking the Use of Non-reactive Polyols for the Preparation of PIPA and PHD Polyols – Dr. César Muñoz de Diego, *New Product Developer – ESG Sustainability, Repsol*

Cashew Nutshell Liquid-based Polyols: Renewable Polyols with Improved Fire Resistance — Tom Berckmans, International Sales Manager, Cardolite

Charting a Path to Zero Emissions: The Role of Sustainable Adhesives — Julien Heusser, *CTO*, *Simalfa*

Alternative Raw Materials for Foam Adhesives – Progress Towards Performance and Sustainability Criteria – Stefan Glang, *Head of R&D Industrial Adhesives*, *Wakol*

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break - Networking

SESSION II | 11.30 - 13.30

SUSTAINABILITY II - Moderated by Theodoros Mardas, EUROPUR

STREAM 1

Policy Environment for Chemical Recycling in Europe and Beyond — Adela Putinelu, *Head of Policy and Sustainability, Plastic Energy*

Life-Cycle Assessments for PU Foams Made Easy: A New Tool for the PU Industry — Dr. Hüdai Kara, Founder & Managing Director, Metsims

Opportunities for Decarbonising Polyurethane Supply Chains from a Logistics Service Provider Perspective — Thies Grage, Head of Innovation & Sustainability, Hoyer Group

Renewable Carbon Flexible Foam: CO₂-based Polyols for Sustainable Flexible Foam Production, Latest Technical Developments and Life Cycle Assessment — Liz Manning, *Commercial Lead, Econic Technologies*

Partnering for Net Zero: Kimpur's Collaborative Approach to Carbon Reduction — Cahit Can Çanakçı, *R&D Director* & Ümit Ünal, *R&D Manager, Kimpur*

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Collaborative Development of Standardised Machinery Data Interfaces in the OPC-UA Companion Specifications	Elovible Feam Industry by Use a
	Flexible Foalli muusti y by USE 0
– Christoph Moisel, Digitalization and Technical Project Manager, Carpenter E	ingineered Foams
The Role of Automation in Enhancing Foam Production Efficiency	
— Volkan Yilmaz, International Sales and Marketing Chief, Form Sünger	
Smart Foam Handling Systems	
— Serkan Güler, CEO, Elektroteks	
AI-Assisted Quality Prediction and Quality Control of Chemical Mixtures and	Dispersions
— Uğur Yenier, Chairman of the Board, Bultarda Inc	
From the Trial and Error to a Smart Optimising of the Design of PU Formulat	ions
— Ester Laguna-Gutierrez, Team Leader, CellMat Technologies	

HEALTH & SAFETY - Moderated by Georg Pirkl, Covestro

U.S. Regulatory Update — Lee Salamone, Senior Director, Product Advocacy Plastics Division, Centre for the Polyurethanes Industry, ACC

Regulatory Update on Diisocyanates — **Brieuc Lits,** Public Affairs and Communications Officer, ISOPA

The New Safety Guidelines for Flexible Polyurethane Foam Production: Practical Use for EHS Managers — Patrick de Kort, *Regulatory Affairs Manager, EUROPUR*

Can TCPP and Melamine Be Used Safely in Flexible Polyurethane Foam Production? EUROPUR Biomonitoring Campaign Results

– Patrick de Kort, Regulatory Affairs Manager, EUROPUR

Safe Delivery of Bulk Raw Materials, a Logistics View — Robert Brownbridge, Group SHEQ Director, Den Hartogh

13.30 - 14.30 Networking Lunch & Farewell