

## PolyTalk 2018 Zero Plastics to The Oceans

**Thursday 26 – Friday 27 April 2018  
The Westin Dragonara Resort  
St Julian's, Malta**

### Draft Programme

#### DAY 1

11:00 – 13:00	<b>Registration and welcome lunch</b> Karin Helmstaedt, Moderator
13:00 – 13:05	<b>Welcome</b> Jose A. Herrera, Minister for Sustainable Development, Environment and Climate Change, Malta
13:05 – 13:15	<b>Plastics, a sustainable material with a challenge</b> <i>Setting the Scene</i> by Daniele Ferrari, President, PlasticsEurope and CEO, Versalis
13:15 – 13:45	<b>Europe's commitment &amp; Plastics Strategy</b> <i>Keynote</i> by Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for the Environment
13:45 – 14:30	<b>Marine litter: a scientific perspective</b> <i>Moderated discussion and sharing scientific perspectives, followed by Q&amp;A with;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>François Galgani</b>, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER)</li> <li>- <b>Richard Thompson</b>, Plymouth University</li> </ul>
14:30 – 14:45	<b>Networking coffee</b>
14:45 – 15:45	<b>Tackling a global challenge</b> <i>Presentations by high level representatives from governments and international organisations, followed by Q&amp;A</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Abdulwahab Al-Sadoun</b>, Secretary General, GPCA</li> <li>- <b>Daniel Yaw Mensah Tornyigah</b>, Director, Sustainability &amp; Policy, Ghana Plastic Manufacturers Association</li> <li>- <b>Crispian Lao</b>, Vice Chairman, National Solid Waste Management Commission, Philippines</li> <li>- <b>Susan Ruffo</b>, Managing Director, International Initiatives, Ocean Conservancy</li> <li>- <b>Tom Crotty</b>, Director, INEOS</li> <li>- <b>Stefanie Werner</b>, Co-chair of OSPAR Intersessional Correspondence Group and EU Technical Group on Marine Litter, Umweltbundesamt</li> </ul>
15:50 – 15:55	<b>Video Message from Cycle to Recycle I</b> Matthieu et Quentin - 2 cousins cycling the world to spotlight plastic waste solutions
15:55 – 16:50	<b>The European path forward towards a cleaner marine environment</b> <i>Presentations followed by panel discussion &amp; Q&amp;A by leading European political authorities/Industry/NGOs/consortiums</i>

	- <b>Joao Sousa</b> , Marine Programme Officer/Project Manager, IUCN
16:50 – 17:05	<b>Networking coffee</b>
17:05 – 18:05	<b>Shared Strategies for the Mediterranean region: issues and challenges</b> <i>Provide common solutions bearing in mind the specificities of the Mediterranean region, with presentations of political authorities/Industry/NGOs/consortiums, panel discussion and Q&amp;A</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Stefano Ciafani</b>, Executive Director, Legambiente</li> <li>- <b>Gaetano Leone</b>, Coordinator Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention, UNEP</li> <li>- <b>Javier Constante</b>, Commercial Vice President Performance Plastics, DOW Europe</li> <li>- <b>Yavuz Eroğlu</b>, Waste free Oceans Turkey, President of PAGEV</li> </ul>
18:05 – 18:20	<b>Summary and closing words day 1</b> <b>Karin Helmstaedt</b> , Moderator
18:20 – 19:00	<b>Networking cocktails</b>
19:00 – 22:30	<b>Evening programme and Dinner</b> <i>Welcome by <b>Daniele Ferrari</b>, President, PlasticsEurope and CEO, Versalis</i>

## DAY 2

8:30 – 9:00	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
9:00 – 9:05	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Karin Helmstaedt</b> , Moderator
9:05 – 9:30	<b>Global Industry's commitments</b> Keynote by <b>Jim Seward</b> , Chairman World Plastics Council and Vice-President, LyondellBasell
9:30 – 10:15	<b>Industry Efforts – engaging with the value chain</b> <i>Short speeches on industry solutions and efforts by value chain representatives, panel discussion and Q&amp;A</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Luc Arnouts</b>, Director, International Networks, Port of Antwerp Authority</li> <li>- <b>Philippe Diercxsens</b>, Packaging &amp; Environment Manager, DANONE Waters</li> <li>- <b>OCS – Gesa Junghanns</b>, Governmental Affairs, Covestro</li> <li>- <b>OCS – Dilyana Mihaylova</b>, Projects Manager Marine Plastics, Fauna &amp; Flora International</li> </ul>
10:15 – 10:20	<b>Video Message TBC</b>
10:20 – 11:20	<b>Research &amp; Innovation to find Solutions to Marine Litter</b> <i>Presentations followed by panel discussion &amp; Q&amp;A by leading Financial institutes/Industry/NGOs/Commission</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Irene Diez</b>, Director ECOALF Foundation</li> <li>- <b>Guido Sonnemann</b>, University of Bordeaux</li> <li>- <b>Marco Faimali</b>, Researcher, Institute of Marine Science - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (ISMAR-CNR), Italy</li> <li>- <b>Nikoleta Bellou</b>, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Greece</li> </ul>
11:20 – 11:35	<b>Networking Break</b>
11:35 – 12:35	<b>Changing Behaviour Marine litter</b> <i>Presentations and insight on the importance of changing behaviour, followed</i>

	<p><i>by panel discussion &amp; Q&amp;A by leading Universities/ Industry/NGOs/ consortiums</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Lesley Henderson</b>, Senior Lecturer, Sociology/Communications, Brunel University</li> <li>- <b>Allan Thomas Williams</b>, University of Wales, School of Architecture and Engineering</li> <li>- <b>Helmut Schmitz</b>, Director Public Affairs, DSD – Duales System Holding GmbH &amp; Co. KG</li> <li>- <b>Maria Westerbos</b>, Director Plastic Soup Foundation</li> </ul>
12:35 – 13:20	<b>Lunch</b>
13:20 – 13:35	<p><b>Alternative views on waste collection &amp; recycling – global experiences</b> <b>Costas Velis</b>, Lecturer, Resource Efficiency Systems, University of Leeds</p>
13:35 – 14:35	<p><b>The importance of Waste Management</b> <i>Debating and sharing solutions on the role of waste management infrastructures, collecting systems, education with;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ziad Abichaker</b>, SYNERGOS Social Entrepreneur &amp; Founder, Cedar Environmental, UNEP SwitchMed Programme (Lebanon)”</li> <li>- <b>Maxim Remchukov</b>, Sustainability Manager, Sibur</li> <li>- <b>Leon Jacobs</b>, Sustainability Leader Europe, SABIC</li> <li>- <b>Michael Scriba</b>, Managing Director, mtm plastics GmbH</li> </ul>
14:35 – 14:40	<p><b>Wrap-up</b> <b>Karin Helmstaedt</b>, Moderator</p>
14:40 – 14:45	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Karl-H. Foerster</b>, Executive Director, PlasticsEurope</p>