

PolyTalk 2018

Together we must save our oceans from litter

Thursday 26 and Friday 27 April 2018

**The Westin Dragonara Resort
St Julian's, Malta**

Programme

DAY 1 - Thursday 26 April 2018

11:00 – 12:30	Registration and welcome lunch
12:30	<i>Welcome</i> Karin Helmstaedt , Moderator
12:30 – 12:50	<i>Welcome Words</i> Hon. José A. Herrera , Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change, Malta
12:50 – 13:05	<i>Setting the Scene</i> Plastics, a sustainable material with a challenge Daniele Ferrari , President, PlasticsEurope; Chief Executive Officer, Versalis and Chairman, Matrica
13:05 – 14:05	<i>Interactive Dialogue</i> Marine litter: a scientific perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • François Galgani, Project Manager, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER) • Richard Thompson, Professor of Marine Biology, Plymouth University
14:05 – 14:25	Networking coffee
14:25 – 15:35	<i>Moderated Panel Discussion, followed by Q&A</i> Tackling a global challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdulwahab Al-Sadoun, Secretary General, The Gulf Petrochemicals & Chemicals Association (GPCA) • Daniel Yaw Mensah Tornyigah, Director, Policy and Sustainability, Federation of Plastic Manufacturers, Recyclers and Users, Ghana (FePMRUG) • Nicholas Mallos, Director, Trash Free Seas® programme, Ocean Conservancy • Heike Imhoff, Head of Division “Protection of the Marine Environment”, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Federal Republic of Germany • Vijay Merchant, Senior Adviser for the Environment, PLASTINDIA Foundation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Russell, Vice President, Plastics Division, American Chemistry Council (ACC)
15:35 – 15:40	<p><i>Video Message</i></p> <p>Priorities of the Austrian EU Council Presidency Elisabeth Köstinger, Federal Minister for Sustainability and Tourism, Federal Republic of Austria</p>
15:40 – 16:40	<p><i>Moderated Panel Discussion, followed by Q&A</i></p> <p>The European path forward towards a cleaner marine environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefanie Werner, Scientific Officer for the Marine Protection Unit, German Environment Agency (UBA) • Haitze Siemers, Head of Unit Maritime Innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment, DG MARE, European Commission • Alan Deidun, Marine biologist, university academic and Ocean Ambassador for Malta, University of Malta and International Ocean Institute (IOI - Malta)
16:40 – 17:00	Networking coffee
17:00 – 18:00	<p><i>Moderated Panel Discussion, followed by Q&A</i></p> <p>Shared Strategies for the Mediterranean region: issues and challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefano Ciafani, President, Legambiente, Italy • Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan-Barcelona Convention Secretariat • Javier Constante, EMEA Commercial Vice President Packaging and Specialty Plastics, The DOW Chemical Company • Yavuz Eroğlu, President of MEA & Turkey, Waste Free Oceans Foundation (WFO) • Edward Sultana, Co-founder of pressure group "No To Plastic Malta" • Simon Bernard, Expedition Leader, PLASTIC ODYSSEY
18:00 – 18:10	<p><i>Summary and closing words - Day 1</i></p> <p>Karin Helmstaedt, Moderator</p>
18:10 – 22:00	<p><i>Networking cocktails, followed by Buffet Dinner</i></p> <p>Reef Club Pavilion</p>
19:00 – 19:10	<p><i>Welcome Words</i></p> <p>Daniele Ferrari, President, PlasticsEurope; Chief Executive Officer, Versalis and Chairman, Matrica</p>

DAY 2 – Friday 27 April 2018

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and coffee
9:00	<i>Welcome</i> Karin Helmstaedt , Moderator
9:00 – 9:15	<i>Keynote Speech</i> Global Industry's commitments Jim Seward , Chairman, World Plastics Council and Vice-President JV and International Business, LyondellBasell
9:15 – 9:30	<i>Introduction</i> The Global Plastics Alliance & Plastics 2030 – PlasticsEurope's voluntary commitment to increase circularity and resource efficiency Karl-H Foerster , Executive Director, PlasticsEurope
9:30 – 10:45	<i>Pitching Industry Efforts, followed by Q&A</i> Preventing Plastics Litter in the Environment – a value chain effort 1. <i>PlasticsEurope's work on Marine Litter Solutions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne-Gaëlle Collot, Senior Manager, Environmental Affairs, PlasticsEurope • Dorothea Wiplinger, Sustainability Manager, Borealis AG, Chair of PlasticsEurope Marine Litter Solutions Working Group 2. <i>Operation Clean Sweep®</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gesa Junghanns, Governmental Affairs Managers, Covestro Deutschland AG • Maxim Remchukov, Sustainability Manager, SIBUR • Luc Arnouts, Director International Relations & Networks, Port of Antwerp • Dilyana Mihaylova, Projects Manager for Marine Plastics, Fauna & Flora International (FFI)
10:45 – 11:05	Networking Coffee
11:05 – 12:30	<i>Moderated Panel Discussion, followed by Q&A</i> Improving Resource Efficiency and Accelerating Innovation to Increase Circularity – Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miriam Dalli MEP, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Coordinator for the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) in the European Parliament • Irene Diez, General Manager, ECOALF Foundation • Guido Sonnemann, Professor for Sustainable Chemistry, University of Bordeaux, and Vice Chair, Forum for Sustainability through Life Cycle Innovation (FSLCI) • Marco Faimali, Research Scientist, Institute of Marine Science of Genoa, National Research Council (ISMAR-CNR), Italy & Nikoleta Bellou, Research Scientist, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Institute of Oceanography (HCMR-IO) • Julien Boucher, Partner, Shaping Environmental Action & Carole Dubois, Senior Consultant, Quantis • Philippe Diercxsens, Packaging & Environment Manager, DANONE Beverages Division • Joao Sousa, Marine Programme Officer/Project Manager, IUCN
12:30 – 12:35	<i>Video Message</i> Matthieu et Quentin , Cycle to Recycle

	Two cousins cycling the world to spotlight plastic waste solutions
12:35 – 13:00	<i>Keynote Speech</i> Europe's commitment & Plastics Strategy Karmenu Vella , European Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
13:00 – 13:30	Networking Lunch
13:30 – 13:40	Creating Awareness and Changing Behaviour <i>Introduction</i> Lesley Henderson , Senior Lecturer, Sociology/ Communications, Brunel University
13:40 – 14:30	<i>Moderated Panel Discussion, followed by Q&A</i> Creating Awareness and Changing Behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Thomas Williams, Geologist, Chartered Engineer & Scientist • Helmut Schmitz, Director Communication & Public Affairs, Duales System Holding (DSD) - Der Grüne Punkt • Maria Westerbos, Director, Plastic Soup Foundation • Lesley Henderson, Senior Lecturer in Sociology & Communications, Institute for the Environment, Health & Societies, Brunel University London
14:30 – 14:40	<i>Keynote Speech</i> Alternative views on waste collection & recycling – global experiences Costas Velis , Lecturer, Resource Efficiency Systems, School of Civil Engineering, University of Leeds
14:40 – 15:25	<i>Moderated Panel Discussion, followed by Q&A</i> Improving Resource Efficiency and Accelerating Innovation to Increase Circularity – Resource Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crispian Lao, Vice Chairman and Private Sector Representative to the Recycling Industry, National Solid Waste Management Commission, Republic of the Philippines • Leon Jacobs, Sustainability Leader, SABIC Europe • Michael Scriba, Managing Director, mtm plastics GmbH and mtm compact GmbH, member of Borealis Group • Christian Crépet, Executive Director, Petcore Europe • Ziad Abichaker, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Cedar Environmental, Lebanon
15:25 – 15:30	<i>Wrap-up and Closing remarks</i> Karl-H. Foerster , Executive Director, PlasticsEurope