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October 5th 2018-Warsaw

ERMA 2018

**Annual Conference
&
General Assembly**



The conference programme and abstracts will be out and registration open in June 2018.

Conference target:

The Conference Organization Committee has preparing a programme with 4 topics that will highlight the updates and vision for a sustainable European coatings industries including the trends and opportunities for the resins industries such as:

I- Brexit "How could Brexit affect European and UK Coatings industries"

The UK's decision to exit the European Union presents a political and economic challenge that creates significant uncertainty for companies and their employees.

The chemical industry and its suppliers and customers are part of highly integrated European and global industry value chains, with complex supply chains often crossing borders on many occasions both inside the EU and across the external EU border. Chemicals may cross the EU27 and UK borders several times, either in the form of final chemical products or integrated in (intermediate) products made with

chemicals (e.g. car parts). Even in the case of the most advanced trade agreement, customs procedures will be much more complex and costly than in the single market of today.

During ERMA Annual Conference, the "How could Brexit affect The European and UK Coatings Industries & Market?" topic presented could help to have the answers to your questions such as:

- *What is the state of trade in coatings and inks between the UK and the major European countries?*
- *Is Brexit an opportunity or threat for the UK, and also European coatings industries?*
- *Who owns paints and coatings companies based in the UK, and what will be their likely reaction to a hard or soft Brexit? What opportunities and risks are there?*
- *What does the paint and coatings industry want from Brexit?*
- *What is the outlook for future chemical regulations in the UK? Will the UK still be part of REACH, or will a parallel system be set up for registering chemicals?*
- *What are the key dates for the UK in the upcoming year?*
- *What is a transition period and how long will it last for? Has business welcomed a transition period? What does a transition period mean for regulations?*
- *Is the UK Government united over what it wants from Brexit? Could there be another General Election in the UK this year?*

II- Circular Economy "Concept, Objective, Strategy, trends & opportunities"

A circular economy starts at the very beginning of a product's life. Both the design phase and production processes have an impact on sourcing, resource use and waste generation throughout a product's life.

Circular economy is a sustainability approach characterised by the creation of economic models where the negative impacts for human and environment are minimised and eliminated as possible. It is described often as an

alternative to the traditional linear model (take resources, transform, consume, dispose).

The European chemical industry considers the circular economy as part of a strategy to make Europe more resource efficient.

The EU authorities objective "action plan for Circular Economy" is to plan actions and the transition to a more circular economy, where the value of products, materials and

resources is maintained in the economy for as long as possible, and the generation of waste minimised, is an essential contribution to the EU's efforts to develop a sustainable, low carbon, resource efficient and competitive economy. Such transition is the opportunity to transform our economy and generate new and sustainable competitive advantages for Europe.

*During ERMA Annual Conference, the "**Circular Economy: Concept, Objective, Strategy, trends & opportunities**" topic presented could help to have the answers to your questions such as:*

- *The circular economy will boost the EU's competitiveness?*
- *How EU Authorities helping to create new business opportunities in the global market?*
- *What are the new trends & regulation (legislative proposals)?*
- *How the legislative proposal on waste and EU action plan are integrated?*
- *Is there any road map for chemical industries?*

III- Biocides "Profile and challenges for coatings"

The EU biocidal products Regulation (BPR) has been applicable since September 1st 2013, however, its impact for companies using biocides in their products was originally underestimated. The regulation imposes obligations on these companies, and many are still getting to grips with what it means for them.

*This is why we've integrated the Biocide "**Profile and challenges for coatings**" topic*

in our 2018 annual conference agenda in order to help members & participants understand role and compliance obligations.

*During ERMA Annual Conference, the presented topic "**Biocide - Profile and challenges for coatings**" could help to have the answers to your questions such as:*

- *How the BPR impacts businesses using biocides?*
- *What are the key steps to BPR compliance?*
- *New requirements under the latest EU legislation (Biocidal Products Regulation 528/2012)?*
- *Treated articles & obligations for different types?*
- *Restriction of biocide uses and impacts for coating industries?*

IV- Global acrylate monomers "market trends"

Acrylics are widely used as acrylic solution polymers and acrylic emulsions. Acrylate monomers are popularly used as binding agents due to their properties such as color stability, transparency, and weather resistance.

Based on market data & analysis reports, the global acrylic resin industry achieved remarkable growth from 2014 and this growth is a sustainable growth 4 to 5% per year for the period of 2014-2023 (Real & forecast period).

The global acrylate monomers market will grow at a CAGR of close to 6% during 2018-2023 (forecast period). The wide application of acrylate monomers in the coatings industry is a major factor driving the market's growth.

Increasing demand for water-based acrylate coatings could be one of the key trends for the global acrylate monomers supply in the market.

*During this topic presentation "**Global acrylate monomers - market trends**" the market evolution and challenges for coatings industries will be presented and discussed in order to help the members' strategy for a sustainable activity.*

Eurocoat 2018 feedback

Eurocoat 2018 is the major international meeting of the coating during 2018 in Europe.

ERMA was an active partner of Eurocoat 2018 and member of Eurocoat scientific board.

Eurocoat 2018 Congress partners:



5,432 is the number of coating professionals who met in Paris for the 2018 edition of Eurocoat.

Eurocoat once again confirms its positioning as a leading event dedicated to the paints, glues, inks, varnishes and adhesives industries. In 2018, the show continues to develop its French and international influence and augurs a 2020 edition even more beautiful.

During 3 days, the scientific documents and topics have been presented by academic and industrial Scientifics to present the latest innovations and evolutions in the technologies rallying producers, suppliers and end-use customers.

ERMA Members had active participation in Exhibition and scientific topics presentation.

ERMA activities in Eurocoat will be presented to the members during 2018 general assembly in Warsaw.

REACH

➤ **Authorities to focus on identifying substances of potential concern:**

Source: ECHA, 17 April 2018

The focus of ECHA and Member States is on substances for which concerns have not yet been clarified. Currently, new data is being generated or assessed on 750 substances. Substances are increasingly addressed in groups based on structural similarity.

Key points:

- Coherence of regulatory action of similar substances,
- Avoid regrettable substitution of substances of SVHCs,
- Generate further information on substances and mainly focus on the most crucial hazard properties for protecting human health and the environment.

➤ **Comment on the 2017 substance evaluation decision (draft)**

Source: ECHA, 10 April 2018

ECHA is preparing to send out the draft decisions on information requests for 16 substances to registrants for comments. The registrants will have 30 days to submit their comments.

Key points:

- The draft decisions address substances that were evaluated by Member States in 2017 and on which the Member State concluded that further information is required to clarify the identified concerns.
- ECHA recommends that one representative sends consolidated comments on behalf of all addressed registrants of a substance.
- Draft decisions will be sent for comments to all registrants of the substance.

Link for more information: <https://www.echa.europa.eu/>

Biocide:

➤ Treated articles:

Source: ChemicalWatch, 10 April 2018

The European Commission and member states have agreed there is a need for additional guidance on the scope of the treated articles provisions under the biocidal products Regulation (BPR).

The EU competent authorities (CAs) for biocides have been discussing whether inconsistent interpretation of the rules could have an effect on the success of the next BPR enforcement project. Due to start next year, this will cover substances, mixtures or articles that have been treated with, or that incorporate, a biocidal product.

link for more information: <https://chemicalwatch.com>

Events:

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Others:

- **Chemicalwatch: Biocides Symposium**
Berlin, Germany: 3-4 May 2018
- **OCCA Centenary Conference**
Leeds, UK: 12-13 September 2018
- **CEPE: Annual Conference & General Assembly 2018**
Belgrade, Serbia: 26-28 September 2018