



International Akademie Fresenius Conference

Implementing the PPWR

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Highlights

EU regulatory overview and sector-specific implications

- PPWR challenges and opportunities for plastic
- PPWR challenges and opportunities for corrugated board
- Implementing the PPWR in a changing political environment

Compliance, industry preparedness and technical challenges

- Green Claims: "Recyclable", "Plastic-Free", etc.
- PPWR from a food industry perspective
- PPWR and adhesives
- Practical performance and safety of mechanically recycled polyolefins



The Experts

Kareen Desbouis Carton Ondulé de France (COFEPAC) | **Martin Engelmann** IK Plastic Packaging Association Germany | **Thomas Gude** Independent Consultant | **Bärbel Hintermeier** LEKKER Partners | **Martin Kreutzer** Nestlé Research | **Alexandra Ross** H.B. Fuller | **Thomas Simat** Dresden University of Technology | **Wolfgang Trunk** European Commission | **Manica Ulcnik-Krump** Interzero Plastics Innovation | **Representative of Elipso** (French Plastic and Flexible Packaging Association)

Thursday, 21 May 2026

Timings are in
Central European Summer Time [CEST](#).

 **Morning Session | 09:45 – 13:10 CEST**

Welcome address by Akademie Fresenius and introduction by the Chairs

Thomas Simat, Dresden University of Technology, Germany

Thomas Gude, Independent Consultant, Switzerland

The presentation slots include sufficient time for questions and answers.

EU regulatory overview & sector-specific implications

The EU Packaging Regulation – challenges and opportunities for plastic

- National interpretation in Germany vs. EU-level PPWR governance
- Enforcement and risk of contradictory obligations

Martin Engelmann, IK Plastic Packaging Association Germany

The EU Packaging Regulation – challenges and opportunities for plastic – view from France

Representative of Elipso (French Plastic and Flexible Packaging Association), France (confirmed)

The EU Packaging Regulation – challenges and opportunities for the corrugated board sector

- National interpretation vs. EU-level PPWR governance
- Enforcement and risk of contradictory obligations

Karen Desbouis, Carton Ondulé de France (COFEPAC), France

Implementing the PPWR in a changing political environment

- How the Commission will operationalise the PPWR
- Expected secondary legislation
- Interaction with chemical legislation (REACH, CLP, COM's sustainability study)

Wolfgang Trunk, DG Environment, European Commission, Belgium

Panel discussion on practical sector concerns and the EU-level “big picture”

15th International Conference

Residues of Food Contact Materials in Food

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 **Afternoon Session | 13:40 – 17:20 CEST**

Compliance, industry preparedness & technical challenges

Green Claims in transition: ‚Recyclable‘, ‚Plastic-Free‘ & Co. in packaging advertising between EmpCo Directive, the PPWR and current case law

- EU regulatory architecture: Interplay between the EmpCo Directive and the PPWR in regulating environmental claims for packaging
- Current case law in Germany on recyclable etc.
- Harmonisation and claim permissibility: “Recyclable”, “plastic-free” and “compostable” under future EU-wide packaging standards and substantiation requirements

Bärbel Hintermeier, LEKKER Partners, Germany

PPWR from a food industry perspective: How to ensure preparedness for upcoming regulatory requirements

Martin Kreutzer, Nestlé Research, Switzerland

The Swiss Printing Ink Ordinance in the PPWR Context

- Swiss Ordinance & PPWR: Proper ink formulation supports recyclability and de-inking
- SVI Guideline: Practical guidance for compliant inks and aligned supply-chain data
- Key message: Better inputs mean fewer issues in PPWR implementation)

Stefan Kucsera, Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO), Switzerland

Thomas Gude, Independent Consultant, Switzerland

PPWR and adhesives for packaging

Alexandra Ross, H.B. Fuller Deutschland, Germany

Practical performance and safety of considerations of mechanically recycled polyolefins for contact-sensitive applications under PPWR

- Real-world assessment of mechanically recycled polyolefins (HDPE, PP, LDPE) for contact-sensitive uses (personal care, cosmetics, consumer products)
- Comparison of PCR and PIR materials in terms of quality, availability, and regulatory compliance
- Analysis of 2025 data on recycle purity and potential NIAS relevant to contact-sensitive applications
- Evaluation of design-for-recycling practices and gaps between PPWR assumptions and industrial realities

Manica Ulcnik-Krump, Interzero Plastics Innovation, Slovenia

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- ✓ Professionals and managers from food manufacturing, food retail, and companies across the food and consumer goods packaging value chain
- ✓ Practitioners and specialists in quality assurance, regulatory affairs, product development, and marketing
- ✓ Buyers/procurement specialists of packaging materials and packaging experts

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