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FEICA 2024 Conference and EXPO

700+ thanks to our delegates

The FEICA European Adhesive & Sealant Conference and EXPO took place this past September in the Netherlands, with over 700 delegates participating. This year's theme, 'Economic Resilience through Sustainable Solutions', inspired numerous presentations and innovation showcases. The event featured 50+ speakers and 50+ exhibitors, offering a rich platform for industry dialogue.

Here's what some delegates had to say about the event:

'FEICA's work on regulatory topics and advocacy is crucial for our industry. I'm glad that FEICA organises such a great event since it brings the industry together. We must cooperate to share innovative ideas and tackle all the sustainability challenges' (Kim Suetens, Group Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs Manager, Soudal).

'The FEICA Conference is a fantastic opportunity to hear about the innovations in the sector, both from suppliers of raw materials but also from adhesive manufacturers. You learn about every hot topic, and it's a fantastic opportunity for networking' (Steffen Maier, Global Technology Manager Waterbased Systems, Sika).

The FEICA Seminar

Four presentations given by members of the FEICA Public Affairs Committee and Working Groups shed light on key industry factors and regulatory issues:

- 'Reputation Building of Adhesives and Sealants' by Peter Boris Schmitt, PAC, Henkel
- 'Adapting to Change: The Impact of the new Construction Products Regulation (CPR)' by Martin Glöckner, Deutsche Bauchemie
- 'Packaging Adhesives for Tomorrow' by Jana Cohrs-Rahmoun (FEICA) and 'Tomorrow's Packaging Adhesives - Sustainability and Recycling' by Elizabeth Staab H.B. Fuller
- 'Guidance on Upcoming Labelling Changes (CLP)' by Kim Suetens, Soudal

The 2024 presentations are available on the [FEICA Extranet](#) for FEICA member companies, national associations and their member companies only, and are not for distribution. Want to know more about becoming a member of FEICA? Read more about the benefits [HERE](#).

Winner of the FEICA 2024 Survey

The winner of the FEICA 2024 Survey raffle for the free ticket to the FEICA 2025 European Adhesive & Sealant Conference & EXPO was Uwe Reiman, Merz+Benteli.

FEICA Regulatory Desk

FEICA publishes a position paper on ELVR

FEICA responded to the European Commission's mentioning of adhesive and sealants as a challenge for car dismantling in the 'ELV Regulation proposal' (COM 2023/451). FEICA's position asks also for changing the wording of the definition of 'plastic' in the Regulation proposal to align with the definition provided in Directive (EU) 2019/904. The full FEICA Position Paper is available at this link [HERE](#).

FEICA confirmed as a CEN Liaison Organisation

FEICA will contribute to the technical activities of CEN/TC 442 'Building Information Modelling (BIM)'. The observer role of the organisation will provide feedback on the requirements for adhesives and sealants specific product data in relation to crucial topics such as the Digital Product Passport (DPP), new data model specifications and their interoperability aspects. More info is available on CEN/CT 442 [HERE](#).

FEICA is part of the ECHA's CLP Regulation Expert Group

Paula Diaz, FEICA Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager, is now a member of the Expert Group of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in charge of updating the Guidance on Labelling and Packaging. Paula's work will be supported by FEICA experts to effectively communicate the challenges and opportunities for the industry.

FEICA contributed to discussion on Substitution Planning

Paula Rodriguez, FEICA Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager and DUCC Chair, joined the European Commission's Workshop on Substitution Planning together with some FEICA members and Triin Kaup, DUCC manager, to share the downstream users' perspective on substitution issues with the European Commission, NGOs and other industry associations.

DUCC's view on the Explosive Precursors Regulation

In a response to the European Commission's public consultation, DUCC submitted feedback on Article 9 and Annexes I and II, calling also for less administrative burden. Read the full text [HERE](#).

FEICA Secretariat

FEICA Statutes & By-laws

On 11 September 2024, modifications to the FEICA Statutes and By-laws were approved by the General Assembly. See the full document [HERE](#).

FEICA is hiring

A new resource will join the FEICA team as a Regulatory & Communications Assistant, full-time. Share with your network. Access the full vacancy [HERE](#).

Enhance your brand with the FEICA Media Kit

The Media Kit covers advertising, branding, and promoted content opportunities to reach over 8,000 professionals in the adhesives and sealants industry all year round and during the European Adhesive and Sealant Conference & EXPO. Access the media kit [HERE](#).

Adhesion Innovation Award

Applications will be accepted starting next month for the fourth edition of the scientific award in the adhesive and sealant field of research, a collaboration between FEICA and EURADH. For this 4th edition, new prize categories have been included. More information is at <https://www.adhesionaward.org/>.

FEICA Network

8 October 2024 – At the 13th International Akademie Fresenius Conference 'Residues of Food Contact Materials in Food', Alexandra Ross, Chair of the Working Group 'Paper and Packaging', gave the presentation 'Tomorrow's packaging adhesives: industry perspective for the evaluation of adhesive applications under current and future legal requirements for food contact materials'. More information is available on Food Contact Safety [HERE](#).

FEICA Members

NEW FEICA MEMBER

Saint-Gobain joins FEICA as a new Direct Company Member.



FEICA Media Partners

An invitation from one of FEICA's media partners:

This year's Plastics & Paper in Contact with Foodstuffs (P&P) will be hosted in Vienna, Austria on the 10-11th December. The 2024 edition will address all topical concerns in the food contact industry and the ways to best comply with the latest safety regulations for plastics and paper packaging in contact with foodstuffs. Find more information about the event [HERE](#).

FEICA Events

The FEICA 2025 European Adhesive & Sealant Conference and Expo will be held in San Sebastián, Spain. This vibrant city, known for its significant investments in innovation, science and sustainable urban development, will host the adhesive & sealant community for an exciting opportunity to network and collaborate. Join us in San Sebastián to be part of the FEICA 2025 European Adhesive & Sealant Conference and Expo.





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