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FEICA NEWS & VIEWS

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## The FEICA Online EXPO

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**This platform is ideal for forging new commercial relationships whilst learning about the latest trends in our industry.**

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## FEICA European Adhesive & Sealant Conference and EXPO 2022

### 14-16 September 2022 Grand Elysee, Hamburg



# FEICA SUPPLIERS' DAY: 8 SEPTEMBER 2021

## Check out the programme!

FEICA is pleased to invite adhesives and sealants producers to its first Suppliers' Day, which will take place online on Wednesday 8 September 2021.

The virtual Suppliers' Day will offer a broad programme with speakers presenting on polyolefin hotmelts, SMP and silicone sealants, solvent- and water-based adhesives, PU adhesives and sealants, manufacturing processes and business innovations. It is a great opportunity for industry experts, R & D staff and procurement managers at adhesive and sealant producing companies to discover the latest product innovations and technologies through a series of video presentations, while the interactive event platform will facilitate networking with both speakers and other event participants.

**The event is free-of-charge for FEICA Members and member companies of our National Associations. The fee for non-members is EUR 100. Please note that registration is mandatory for all participants.**

**Browse the full version of the FEICA Suppliers' Day PROGRAMME via [feica.events.idloom.com/suppliers-day](https://feica.events.idloom.com/suppliers-day).**  
We are looking forward to welcoming you on 8 September!

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## PROGRAMME

### Morning session:

**8.30 - 8.55: New Shell GTL Waxes of SX90 and SX110 in Hotmelt Adhesives Applications**

by Dr Kay Kian Hee, Shell MDS (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.

**9.00 - 9.25: Hybrid Polymer Sealants – Minerals for Performance Enhancement**

by Ms Shamila Grigorieff, Imerys Performance Minerals

**9.30 - 9.55: Development of New EVA and EBA Grades for Hotmelt Adhesives, Improving Performance and Sustainability**

by Ms Inmaculada Campoy and Mr Luis Méndez, Repsol Technology Lab

**10.00 - 10.25: Unique Radiation-Curable Styrenic Block Copolymer for High Performance Adhesives**

by Ms Martine Dupont, Kraton Polymers Belgium (Subsidiary of Kraton Corporation)

**10.30 - 10.55: Elastomers for Adhesive Applications - Pushing Viscosity Limits with Baypren® 360VP**

by Dr Martin Schneider, ARLANXEO Deutschland GmbH

**11.00 - 11.25: Advanced Dissolver-Technology for the Efficient Production of Adhesives**

by Mr Dominik Kastl, NETZSCH Feinmahltechnik GmbH

**11.30 - 11.55: Innovative Solution for the Precise Dosing of Polymers in the Continuous Mixing of Sealants and Adhesives**

by Mr Michael Schwab, UTH GmbH

**Afternoon session:**

**13.00 - 13.25: En Route Towards Carbon Neutrality: The Three Aspects of Addressing Sustainability Through Our Product Development**

by Mr Christophe Hein, Totalenergies Fluids

**13.30 - 13.55: New Label-Free Light and Heat Stabiliser Solution Delivering Superior Performance for Silyl-Modified Polymer (SMP) Sealants**

by Mr Jean-Yves Desrats, Clariant International Ltd and Mr Christopher Dobbins, Omya International AG

**14.00 - 14.25: Modifying Urethane Adhesives & Sealants for Leading-Edge Performance**

by Mr Kyle Posselt, Emerald Kalama Chemical

**14.30 - 14.55: Sustainable Solutions for Adhesives**

by Mr James Ruben, Lubrizol Engineered Polymers EMEA

**15.00 - 15.25: A Novel Way of Looking at Polyamide Waxes: Sustainable, High Performance, Versatile Rheology Modifiers for Reactive Systems**

by Ms Orlane Bouzard, Arkema

**15.30 - 15.55: Rheological Characterization of Water-Based Tile Adhesives**

by Dr Catherine Corfias-Zuccalli, COATEX (Arkema Group)

**16.00 - 16.25: KRAHN Chemie's Brainstroming Customer Workshops - Meeting Sustainability Targets of the Future**

by Mr Thorben Liebrecht, KRAHN Chemie Deutschland GmbH

**Read all abstracts here**

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**FEICA Suppliers' Day**  
**8 September 2021**

## A sample of some of the presentations at the FEICA virtual Suppliers' Day:

### **New Shell GTL Waxes of SX90 and SX110 in Hotmelt Adhesives Applications**

by Dr Kay Kian Hee, Product Innovation & Technical Manager, Shell MDS (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.

Recent innovations by Shell have led to the introduction of two new GTL wax products to their product portfolio. Shell GTL Sarawax SX90 is a unique narrow cut GTL hard wax, and Shell GTL Sarawax SX110 is the highest melting GTL hard wax available. The study investigates the performance of these novel waxes in Hotmelt Adhesive (HMA) formulations with a metallocene-type base polymer. The results show clear advantages for both waxes compared to currently available options, offering greater control over open/setting times and excellent heat resistance.

### **New Label-Free Light and Heat Stabiliser Solution Delivering Superior Performance for Silyl-Modified Polymer (SMP) Sealants**

by Mr Jean-Yves Desrats, Global Technical Segment Manager, Performance Additives Coatings, Clariant International Ltd and Mr Christopher Dobbins, Application Manager, Adhesives & Sealants, Omya International AG

Modified silane sealants and adhesives are the fastest growing technology since they combine the advantages of polyurethanes and silicones while cancelling out their disadvantages. Current light and heat stabilisation solutions are under the microscope from the regulatory authorities, resulting in reclassification due to increased hazards. In addition, these standard solutions tend to cause yellowing and do not provide sufficient service life for the sealants. To address these challenges, Clariant and Omya have developed the latest generation of a light and heat stabiliser solution to outperform today's industry standards. Their presentation will address the three main areas of improvement, specifically for SMP sealants, and introduce new strategies to avoid labelling, reduce yellowing and improve durability.

### **Sustainable Solutions for Adhesives**

by Mr James Ruben, Marketing Manager for Hotmelt Adhesives, Lubrizol Engineered Polymers EMEA

Lubrizol is committed to environmentally responsible and sustainable solutions for its customers, employees, and communities. It is part of everything the company does. Lubrizol Engineered Polymers started early on developing a variety of customer-oriented, sustainable developments for use in adhesives. These sustainable solutions are available to formulators active in the field of Hotmelt Adhesive technologies. Customers have the choice between a series of bio-based commercial thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) options that have grown in number over the years. Comparative LCA information has been collected and will be provided during this presentation.



# FEICA WEBINAR ON THE UPCOMING REGISTRATION OF POLYMERS

On 23 June 2021, FEICA held a webinar on the upcoming registration of polymers. See the key takeaways below.

- The REACH Regulation will be amended to extend the registration requirements to polymers, among other things
- The use of polymers within the adhesives and sealants industry is very widespread. Polymers are the chemicals which enable adhesives and sealants to work
- Customisation of the polymers included in adhesives and sealants often results in a large number of new polymer species, often with a short life cycle
- Customisation is required in order to fulfil technical feasibility and customer requirements as well as regulatory needs
- Many companies customising polymers currently acting as downstream users (DUs) under REACH legislation may become potential polymer registrants
- An easy and straightforward registration process should be ensured to allow the flexibility needed to adapt polymers to market needs on short notice
- Exemptions, the possibility to group similar polymers, and volume cut-offs would help mitigate the impact of registration on downstream users

• For more information and FEICA papers related to Polymers Requiring Registration (PRR), please see [www.feica.eu](http://www.feica.eu).

Paula Diaz, FEICA Regulatory Affairs Manager, contributed an article on the REACH Restriction Concerning the Use of Diisocyanates to the International Chemical Regulatory and Law Review (ICRL Issue 2/2021).

The article addresses the requirements established by the diisocyanates restriction and is available from the Information center at [www.feica.eu](http://www.feica.eu).

The presentation slides are available from the FEICA information center.

The upcoming registration of polymers under REACH



## FEICA PRESENTATION AT CHEMICAL WATCH EVENT 'KEY REGULATORY UPDATES: EUROPE, ASIA AND THE AMERICAS'

FEICA Regulatory Affairs Manager, Paula Diaz, has been invited again to speak at a 3-day Chemical Watch conference, which takes place from 12 to 14 October 2021. Paula's presentation will be titled 'Regulating polymers: an update and downstream users' perspective' and will take place on day two of the event.

More information on the event is available from [events.chemicalwatch.com](http://events.chemicalwatch.com)

12:30  
13 Oct  
2021

**Regulating polymers: an update and downstream users' perspective**



# THE EU REGULATION ON DIISOCYANATES

On 4 August 2020, a new regulation on diisocyanates was adopted by the European authorities under REACH, targeting respiratory and dermal sensitisation potentially caused by diisocyanates. The restriction requires training prior to use for diisocyanates and came into force on 24 August 2020. After a three-year transition phase, by 24 August 2023, all users of PU products should be trained and certified.

The new restriction is targeted at avoiding unsafe handling of diisocyanates, not at restricting product availability. Because of their unique properties in many applications, PU adhesives and sealants will remain widely available. PU adhesives and sealants are used in a wide variety of applications in many industries such as in construction, packaging, automotive, furniture, engineering, marine and transportation. As is the case with any substance, diisocyanates' use is safe when chemicals are handled according to relevant risk management and safety measures. Diisocyanates are versatile and innovative and are used only as reactive chemicals; they react with the polyol to form the PU product and are used up during the reaction.

Following the adoption of the regulation, FEICA's PU Restriction Technical Working Group (TWG) created a leaflet titled 'A safe future for polyurethane products'. In support of our National Association Members, the leaflet has been made available in various languages.

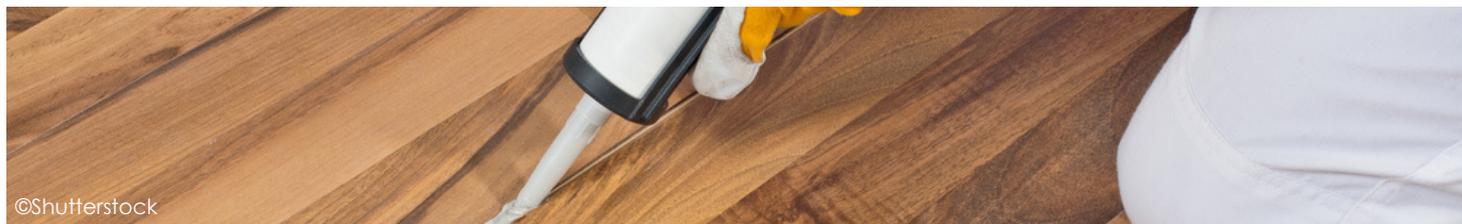
**An updated leaflet titled 'A safe future for polyurethane products (version 2)' is now available in English via <https://www.feica.eu/our-priorities/safe-use-diisocyanates>. This updated version will also be available as of the end of August 2021 in all the other languages featured on our website. The leaflet answers many frequently asked questions on the safe use of polyurethane products.**

## PU TRAINING

**'As of 24 August 2023, training will be required for all professional and industrial users of products with a total monomeric diisocyanate concentration of > 0.1%'.**

Together with ISOPA and ALIPA, the diisocyanate manufacturers' industry associations, FEICA is preparing training material for use by adhesive and sealant producers and users.

The training material is expected to be made available as of February 2022, early enough for all users of PU products to be trained and certified by 24 August 2023. The legal requirements should appear on packaging as of 24 February 2022. More information is available via <https://www.feica.eu/our-priorities/safe-use-diisocyanates>.



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For more information regarding PU training, please also check out FEICA's dedicated webpage here:

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# MIXTURE ASSESSMENT FACTOR (MAF) EXPLAINED

## FEICA produces leaflet to explain the MAF concept and consequences

Under the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability, the Commission plans to put a system in place that covers the combination effects of unintentional chemical mixtures. Because of the complexity linked to regulating an almost infinite number of possible combinations of chemicals, the concept of a Mixture Assessment Factor (MAF) was launched.

Adhesives and sealants products typically are already covered for their various uses under REACH in the chemical safety assessment, which already comprises various safety factors. With an additional general and not science-based factor like MAF, many of the ingredients may no longer be available for our products. This in turn may result at least in additional testing, higher tier calculations and, in many cases, the ban of single substances even in adhesives and sealants that have been used safely for decades.

Find out more details about the MAF concept and the consequences in the FEICA leaflet available from the FEICA information centre via [www.feica.eu](http://www.feica.eu).



## FEICA'S FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES IN SUPPORT OF A SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

### FEICA's five Guiding Principles in support of a successful European Green Deal

1

Coherence and shared ambition at the basis of policymaking

2

Harmonisation enhancing regulatory predictability, crucial for investments and innovation in Europe

3

A chemical policy grounded on the principle of risk assessment

4

Technology-neutral regulation as sustainability and innovation driver

5

Enforcement and compliance as a focal point

FEICA supports efforts to improve products sustainability, resource efficiency and circularity. Adhesives and sealants perform critical functions to transition towards a carbon neutral and circular economy in key applications such as those in renewables, electronics, construction, the automotive sector, and packaging.

Adhesives and sealants enable durability, recycling, CO2 reduction, reparability, upgradability and material efficiency.

The industry is committed to support the continuous improvement of the chemical and product policy frameworks to enable innovations and societal progress. This paper highlights some key features that are needed for more efficient, pragmatic, and impactful chemicals legislation.

FEICA has therefore published some key features that are needed for more efficient, and impactful chemicals legislation in Five Guiding Principles in support of a successful European Green deal. [www.feica.eu](http://www.feica.eu).

# INTERVIEW WITH FEICA PRESIDENT, ROLAND ALBERS

**Roland Albers, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Business Development in Bostik's Global Construction and Consumer Business Unit, became President of FEICA in September 2019. CONNECT was keen to get his thoughts on the role and the status of FEICA after 18 months that have been quite tumultuous from a global perspective.**

**CONNECT: You've been President since September 2019 – what are your thoughts now about FEICA?**

RA: Shortly after I started, FEICA Secretary General, Philip Bruce, announced that he would retire. So, a first challenge was to appoint his replacement. It was essential to find someone with the knowledge, skills and personal qualities to secure a healthy future for the organisation. I'm really pleased that we selected Kristel Ons. She has done a great job of motivating the FEICA team and accelerating the evolution of FEICA to meet the challenges our industry faces and exploit the opportunities for further success.

Then COVID came along. This made things difficult; FEICA staff and its teams are used to getting together F2F to collaborate and solve problems. Particularly in regulatory affairs and advocacy, communication and collaboration are extremely important. The team has adapted well to remote working and has continued to be extremely productive.

**'The FEICA organisation is very professional and well organised and works hard to benefit all stakeholders'**

The work FEICA does is very important, not only to Direct Company Members (DCMs), but also to the National Association Members (NAMs), Small and Medium enterprises (SMEs), raw materials suppliers, etc. It's important that everyone gets a share of the time and effort of FEICA's work. I quickly noticed that the FEICA organisation is very professional and well organised and works hard to benefit all stakeholders. The success of these efforts is reflected in comments from attendees at the Conference and webinars and stakeholders in the authorities we engage with.

Activities such as the Conference, webinars and engagement with sister organisations and the authorities support the fourth pillar in FEICA's strategy, 'Market and sector knowledge'.



Guido Cami, FEICA Vice-President (left) and Roland Albers, FEICA President (right) at the FEICA 2019 Conference and EXPO (FEICA 2019) in Dubrovnik

**Creating an industry networking platform** – the third pillar of the strategy – is of course much more difficult in a lockdown situation. We derive a great deal of mutual benefit from visiting NAMs and other partners. Also, the Conference – our biggest event – has had to be cancelled two years in succession. So, a huge question for us was, how do we support people in this situation? A key part of the solution was to put in place a series of very professional and informative webinars. A whole series has been planned, and the webinars have regularly attracted several hundred attendees.

**Sustainability and the circular economy** – the second pillar of our strategy - are of course of paramount importance. We went to a lot of trouble to get the right people involved in the various groups engaged in these activities. We want to show the world that our industry is not just about 'gluing and sealing', but also about enabling a sustainable future. We have had a lot of great support from members to amplify this message, and we are very grateful for this.

**'Public affairs and advocacy are the first pillar in FEICA's strategy'**

Last, but not least, **public affairs and advocacy** are the first pillar in FEICA's strategy. We need to raise awareness of what adhesives and sealants can do and how they can contribute to a sustainable future and the circular economy. I feel that as one of the large companies, Bostik should support the activities of FEICA and other relevant associations, so I was keen to contribute and take up a role in FEICA.

**CONNECT: How do you see the role and responsibilities of the President?**

RA: I believe these are two-fold. The President is responsible for the long-term vision and ensuring we have a sustainable roadmap for the successful development of FEICA. This is being addressed and enthusiastically supported by the great team we have. Also, the President needs to work with the team to ensure the right steps are being taken day-by-day to make progress in delivering the vision. This includes:

- Working with the FEICA Treasurer, Eric Dehasque, Head North Europe, Sika; and Vice President, Guido Cami, President of AVISA, to ensure our financial objectives are being met
- Progressing our advocacy programme, which we hope will also help grow the organisation
- Ensuring we are able to proactively engage with the authorities and other interested parties on regulatory issues, which are becoming more important
- Support the constitution and the FEICA team in Brussels. We are very lucky to have a great team located in the heart of Brussels who are experts in their field and passionate about the organisation

- Finally, from a personal point of view, I am committed to doing what is needed to contribute to the success of FEICA, and thereby the success of the adhesives and sealants industry. I also firmly believe that members should take responsibility and do more than just listen

**CONNECT: FEICA's strategy has evolved over the years and has sharpened its focus on sustainability, the circular economy, advocacy and regulatory affairs. What's your view on the critical success factors in these areas?**

RA: We need the right team in place, and we have worked hard to ensure we have outstanding people developing our roadmaps in these key areas. We need to test the strategy on a regular basis, measure progress and adjust strategy where necessary.

**The FEICA European Technical Board is doing an excellent job of tracking issues and the activities we are taking to address them.**

**We have great support from FEICA members in the Technical Working Groups and Technical Task Forces and together they are helping to raise awareness externally of the issues and the contribution of the adhesive and sealant industry to the solutions.**

We want to continue extending these teams and anyone in member companies interested in contributing to the groups is welcome to contact FEICA at [info@feica.eu](mailto:info@feica.eu) to find out how they can help.

**FEICA IN NUMBERS**



Source market information: FEICA/Smithers Market Report: European Adhesives and Sealants Market 2019-2024

**CONNECT: How do you view the importance of regulatory affairs and advocacy?**

RA: They are of critical importance. We have adapted the organisation to place greater emphasis on these activities. The world is becoming more transparent, and it is important that we are proactive in meeting this challenge. We also need to reach out to decision-makers in Brussels to offer our expertise in formulating solutions for a sustainable, circular economy. We have started to do this, and it will become more important in the future.

**CONNECT: The regulatory landscape is leading to an increased workload for the FEICA team and company contributors. How do you see this evolving and what more can be done to ensure FEICA remains proactive rather than reactive?**

RA: We have grown the team to help meet the demand. In addition, we need to raise awareness of FEICA and thereby awareness of the adhesive and sealant industry, positioning it as an enabler of the circular economy.

The more we are in the picture, the more adhesives and sealants are in the picture. Our webinars and social media campaigns are proving very successful here. We need to show people that adhesives and sealants are everywhere, in myriad everyday products. We also need to explain what they do and highlight their benefits for sustainability and the circular economy.

**CONNECT: What are your immediate hopes and message for FEICA members?**

RA: People are resilient and will always find solutions. We shouldn't overcomplicate things; keep it simple.

Also, keep on loving and caring for each other and never give up; there's always light at the end of the tunnel.

**Finally, I am really looking forward to meeting old acquaintances and making new ones in Hamburg, Germany, at the 2022 FEICA Conference and EXPO, where FEICA will celebrate its 50th anniversary!**

**CONNECT: Since you became President, several phenomena have had an impact on the industry and the way it works: Brexit and COVID. What are your thoughts on these?**

RA: I don't think Brexit is such a difficult issue. We just have to recognise that the UK is still a business partner and put in place the necessary procedures and agreements to support each other. Of course, it will involve some additional administration, but we just need to implement the procedures and get back on track again.

In a way, it's the same for COVID. Naturally, there has been a shift to working from home, Zoom meetings and minimum business travel. I'm sure some of this way of working will persist after COVID. Then, we need to work out what is efficient and what is valuable when it comes to how we work and collaborate in the future. For example, there are occasions when we do need to travel to meet people, collaborate and learn from each other. However, there will be many times when we can maintain the working practices honed during COVID. I believe this can ultimately lead to a better work / life balance.

**For us, the most important thing is that members and key stakeholders work together to make FEICA very dynamic and keep it on track to help deliver a sustainable future and achieve recognition that adhesives and sealants are an unmissable part of our daily lives.**

Roland Albers, born in 1968 in The Netherlands, is a long-time contributor to adhesives and sealants associations, having joined the Dutch association (VLK) in 2005. During career placements in Belgium and then Germany, he was active in the Belgian association (DETIC) and German association (IVK) respectively. In 2013 he joined FEICA as Chair of the European Business Board.

During his career at Bostik, Roland has held numerous positions in business and marketing in Europe, managing subsidiaries in The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France and the United Kingdom.

In 2010 he became a member of the division committee of Bostik, where he held the position of Strategic Marketing Director and Senior Vice President Europe till 2016.

Since 2016, he has held various positions in the Global Construction and Consumer Business Unit, where he is currently Senior Vice President, Strategy and Business Development.

# FEICA MEMBER PORTRAITS

## Five fascinating facts!



In every issue of CONNECT, we introduce two or three members of FEICA. Here, they share, in their own words, interesting insights into their company in 'five fascinating facts'.

In this issue, we present Bostik and Sika.

## MEMBER PORTRAIT

Content by Bostik



**Bostik, the adhesives division of Arkema: Being part of a world leading chemical player is an essential component of how we create adhesives, from fundamental research to specification of end-user applications: we are specialty materials enablers, designers of cutting-edge adhesive solutions fit for all situations, from most innocuous to most exceptional. Thanks to our expertise in all types adhesive technologies, our four divisions (construction & consumer; durable goods; advanced packaging; non-woven) cover a broad range of applications and provide customers from all sectors with tailored solutions to their needs. Finally, by being present in 50 countries on all continents, we provide our clients with the perfect combination of local proximity, and global expertise.**

**Innovation: Innovation is of course an essential part of what we do to ensure our customers benefit from the most up-to-date and efficient technologies. By interacting with our colleagues at Arkema who design tomorrow's specialty materials, and of course with our markets and customers who lead the way, we manage to stay one step ahead of the curve and create pioneering adhesive solutions that anticipate our clients' challenges. Among other things we have developed a modelling expertise that allows us to go further in the simulation of our solutions' properties, and improve both our processes and our applications. We also share with the Group a culture of fundamental research and free exploration: from M-resin reclosing adhesive for lidding films to reversible adhesive films, from structural cyanoacrylates to crackless, cure-light "Fix & Flash" technology, we are in the habit of creating adhesive solutions that others thought were impossible, or which had not even crossed their minds.**

**Sustainability: We put these innovation capabilities at the service of adhesive solutions that help create a more sustainable world. We are currently carrying out a life-cycle analysis of all our solutions, with the aim that our sales cover at least 65% of our sales contribute to the United Nations' Development Goals. Our areas of focus with regards to sustainability include increasing the proportion of bio-based or recycled raw materials in our products, creating recyclable and compostable adhesives, and generally contribute to the emergence of a more circular economy. Milestones on that path include receiving approvals for composability or recyclability of certain products from independent organisms such as the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI), Recyclclass and Plastic Sense Foundation. Those achievements pave the way along the Group's ambitious sustainable strategy, which has been recognized recently by its integration in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index.**

**People: Of course, none of this would be possible without the active implication of our 6.000 employees, our partners and our stakeholders. Collaboration, team spirit, engagement and entrepreneurial mindset are among the key characteristics of Bostik teams, who are the key to our success. As we are present in 50 countries, our teams provide customers with the best of both worlds: local, tailored service, combined with the skills, mindset and expertise of a global player.**

**FEICA membership: Being a FEICA member is very much in line with our collaborative mindset and culture. It provides us with the perfect opportunity to challenge ourselves by engaging with other adhesives specialists, to contribute to shaping our industry's positions and to raise the bar for us all.**

# MEMBER PORTRAIT

Content by Sika

BUILDING TRUST



**Enabling sustainable construction and transportation:** Sika is a specialty chemicals company with a leading position in the development and production of systems and products for bonding, sealing, damping, reinforcing, and protecting in the building sector and motor vehicle industry. The company has subsidiaries in 100 countries around the world and manufactures in over 300 factories. 25,000 employees enable sustainable construction and transportation. Sika possesses the solutions to improve products and processes in many areas, ranging from admixtures for low-emission concrete, to façade systems for energy-efficient buildings, and adhesives for environmentally-friendly vehicles.

**Sustainability:** Sustainability is a key component of the company's innovation drive. Sika aims to enhance durability and improve both energy and material efficiency. The company keeps making every effort to contribute to reducing resource consumption both within the company as well as for its partners who trust in Sika's products.

**Customer First:** Sika is dedicated to provide and maintain highest quality standards with its products and services. The commitment to innovation enables Sika to not only satisfy current demands, but also anticipate future expectations. All Sika solutions are designed with the customers' success in mind and to build long lasting and mutually beneficial relationships rather than focus on short-term business. This attitude is emphasized by the corporate claim: **Building Trust.**

**Innovation:** Sika targets the development of proprietary technology that provides key performance benefits and allows Sika's technology platforms to respond to global trends, such as resource-saving building methods, energy-efficient and low-emission construction materials, high-speed manufacturing methods, or lighter and safer vehicles. Key projects focus on high-performance molecules with unique features, smart refining techniques for polymers and surfaces, and tailored laboratory equipment allowing quick scale-up to full-size production.

**People:** Sika believes in the competence and the entrepreneurial spirit of its employees. They enjoy working in close partnership with each other and with the customers, suppliers and stakeholders. The working climate is one of aspiration and inspiration. Therefore, the company empowers its people to develop and propose new ideas.

**FEICA Membership:** Sika engages in a global network of research, science, education, business, and community partners. Partnerships in all parts of the world provide opportunities for collaboration through the facilitation of global networking and dialogue. Sika is pleased about the FEICA membership as the company can anticipate regulatory changes and integrate them more smoothly into the operational planning. Furthermore, valuable information and advice derives from shared best practice, the exchange of views and the network as such.



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The focus of the PBS 2021 Conference is to stimulate biobased products development through a market driven approach. The conference programme intends to demonstrate how a higher uptake of biobased solutions in everyday products will benefit consumers and meet their expectations.

Participants to the conference typically include end-users, producers of biobased intermediates, biomass producers and transformers, R&D specialists, business angels, investment funds as well as European and national decision makers. For more information regarding the event, please click on banner (left).



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