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The European voice of the adhesive and sealant industry

Adhesives & sealants in the transition pathway for the construction ecosystem

A&S PLAY KEY SUSTAINABILITY ROLE IN TRANSITION PATHWAY FOR CONSTRUCTION ECOSYSTEM

Sustainability in the construction sector is receiving substantial attention in the European Union (EU) as a consequence of both the absolute scale of this sector and its share of materials usage and greenhouse gas emissions in Europe. Recent legislative initiatives, such as the EU Green Deal, cover the construction sector with specific provisions, addressing all levels, from entire buildings to construction elements, and to the materials used for their production and installation. The environmental performance of adhesives and sealants used in the construction sector is therefore of high interest.

The construction ecosystem comprises all the elements involved in the complete life cycle of buildings - for example, blueprinting, the erection of the structure, maintenance of various fixtures, renovation, and demolition.

Energy efficiency and material efficiency of buildings

In the transition pathway for the construction ecosystem, there are two critical elements: the energy efficiency of buildings and the material efficiency of the installed materials. Adhesives and sealants, small in quantity but great in benefit, support both of these elements. Adhesives and sealants promote the energy efficiency of buildings in terms of thermal insulation and decarbonisation of heat sources. They also promote material efficiency in terms of material-use reduction, building maintenance and repair possibilities, and reuse and recycling potentials at the building's end of life.

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Energy efficiency

As buildings last a long time, the use phase of these structures has a major effect on the environmental footprint. Since this is the case, the heating and cooling of buildings becomes significant regarding the efficient use of energy. The energy efficiency of buildings is promoted by the use of thermal insulation. Greenhouse gas emissions from buildings can further be reduced through decarbonised heat sources. This is where adhesives and sealants can play an important role. In fact, because the quantity of adhesives and sealants used in buildings is small, use-phase energy savings can quickly surpass the added carbon footprint from the adhesives and sealants.

In what ways do adhesives and sealants promote the energy efficiency of buildings? Regarding thermal insulation, adhesives and sealants facilitate insulation systems that are both durable and, very importantly, airtight. This is accomplished through the use of adhesively bonded insulation panels, polyurethane foams for filling gaps, adhesive tapes at insulation joints and sealants around door and window openings, and sealants for the construction of insulated (multipaned) glass units. All these aspects of adhesives and sealants relate not only to new construction of buildings but also to renovation. As far as the decarbonisation of heat sources is concerned, adhesives and sealants make possible, for example, photovoltaic panels furnishing electricity for heat pumps, as well as batteries holding surplus daytime electrical energy.

Material efficiency

Besides promoting energy efficiency during the use phase of buildings, adhesives and sealants also promote material efficiency, which concerns the material make-up of the parts of a building. This promoting is accomplished through the reduction of material used (the construction phase), the extension of building life through maintenance and repair (the utilisation phase), and the reuse and recycling of building materials that is possible so that the creation of waste is avoided (end-of-life phase).

There are numerous ways in which adhesives and sealants help realise the material efficiency of buildings. Adhesives and sealants can reduce material use, foster the maintenance and repair of buildings (maintenance or repair), and encourage the reuse and recycling of building products (reuse and recycling), lessening the need for energy recovery and for the disposal of waste.

Concerning the reduction of the amount of material that is used, adhesives and sealants make possible, for instance, a minimisation of the metal elements of window glazing, the adhesion of glass directly to frames, the production of hollow-core doors, and the use of insulated glazing on the exteriors of buildings. Furthermore, thanks to adhesives and sealants, renewable construction materials can be used in buildings, such as engineered wood to replace steel and concrete, with the advantage of a lessening in the amount of embodied carbon.



Adhesives and sealants support the maintenance, repair, reuse and renovation of buildings

Regarding maintenance and repair, adhesives and sealants can further building life by both averting the need to replace elements and by forestalling further damage through repair. Adhesives and sealants additionally prove to be critical for repairing and maintaining construction machinery. With respect to reuse and recycling, adhesives and sealants promote approaches towards disposing of materials at a building's end of life.

FEICA commissioned a report illustrating our industry's numerous sustainability benefits to the construction sector. The full report is available for members via the [FEICA Extranet](#).



[A summary of the report is available on the FEICA public website via \[www.feica.eu\]\(http://www.feica.eu\)](#)

FEICA PUBLISHES PRESENTATION OF THE WEBINAR 'ADHESIVES & SEALANTS IN THE TRANSITION PATHWAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ECOSYSTEM'



On 24 May 2022, FEICA hosted a webinar with Ms Ilektra Papadaki, Team Coordinator at the European Commission (DG GROW) and Dr Dennis Bankmann, independent scientific consultant on the circular economy

The key takeaways of the webinar were:

- The energy efficiency of buildings is a key element of a climate neutral European Union. Adhesives and sealants are integral to thermal insulation and decarbonised heating solutions.
- Material efficiency addresses the (carbon) footprint embodied in construction materials themselves and the quantities of future demolition waste. Adhesives and sealants support weight reduction and the use of lower footprint construction materials. During the use phase of a building, adhesives and sealants facilitate maintenance, repair and renovation functions.
- When construction elements or entire buildings reach their end-of-life, multiple approaches exist for reuse and recycling. With the right design, adhesives and sealants applications can enable circularity at the end-of-life.

You can download the [presentation](#) from the FEICA website. The [recording](#) of the webinar is also available.

THE 2022 EUROPEAN ADHESIVE AND SEALANT CONFERENCE & EXPO

Meet this year's innovators at the FEICA 2022 Table Top Exhibition

The 2022 Conference Exhibitors include:

Altachem | BASF | Biesterfeld Spezialchemie | Buss ChemTech AG | BYK | Chromaflo Technologies | Chromatech Europe, B.V. | Eastman | Emerell AG | fitech ag | Fluid-Bag Ltd | Hywax | IMCD Group | Imerys | Ingevity | JHT GmbH | JPB Industry | Keyser & Mackay KG | LANXESS Polymer Additives | LANXESS Urethane Systems | LyondellBasell | medmix | NETZSCH | Nynas | Omya | Poly-clip System | Rain Carbon Germany GmbH | Reaxis | REXTac Polymers and Adhesives/D-REX Polymer | Sapici | Sasol Chemicals | Showa Denko | SI Group | Stepan Europe Limited | TotalEnergies Fluids | Valtris Specialty Chemicals |

New Developments and Networking:

The Table Top Exhibition will provide producers, distributors, suppliers, and service providers linked to the adhesive and sealant industry with an opportunity to promote their latest developments.

The Conference offers delegates the chance to participate in many social events and provides ample opportunity for networking in a pleasant and relaxed environment.

450 registrations and counting!

The FEICA European Adhesive and Sealant Conference & EXPO 2022 will take place at the Grand Elysée Hotel in Hamburg, Germany, from 14-16 September 2022. This edition of FEICA's celebrated event will be of great significance as it will mark the whole European adhesives and sealants industry getting together again for the first time since 2019, as well as the association's 50th anniversary!

600 industry leaders from all over the world are expected to attend in order to exchange ideas and build opportunities for long-term growth. Adhesive and sealant professionals have come to rely on the FEICA Conference and EXPO to provide essential insights into key issues affecting the industry, such as market drivers and trends, innovation, sustainability and technological advancements.

Firmly established as the premier event for the adhesive and sealant industry, this event will again provide essential insights into the key issues affecting the industry, great networking opportunities for formulators, customers and suppliers and exciting keynotes. In short, FEICA 2022 promises to continue its tradition of excellence.

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The FEICA 2022 PROGRAMME



Along with the Business Forum titled 'Enabling a sustainable future' and the Master Classes, Parallel Breakout Sessions will offer you a chance to get involved in discussions on the most pertinent topics regarding our industry.

The adhesive and sealant industry, committed to its sustainability vision, will be a key enabler of the European Green Deal and of a sustainable circular economy, collaborating across value chains in different sectors to support a societal shift to a more sustainable future.

We will present our keynote speakers in the next issue of CONNECT (issue 49), out in August.

Breakout Sessions

In addition to the Business Forum, parallel break-out sessions give experts an opportunity to share their knowledge and allow delegates to enjoy the maximum benefit of the conference by attending presentations that are pertinent to their specific business needs.

The 2022 sessions are:

- Food packaging adhesives
- Advancements in water-based A&S
- A&S helping green transformation
- Hotmelt adhesives enabling sustainable solutions
- New additives
- Realising energy efficiency
- Low diisocyanate monomer PUs
- Pretreatment technologies
- Bio-based building blocks for A&S
- Expanding the limits with PU hotmelts
- Sustainability with silicone sealants
- A&S and recycling

A typical FEICA Breakout session: The future role of adhesives in circular packaging for consumer goods

Dietrich J. Crail, Sr. Vice President, Global Rigid Packaging and President, H.B. Fuller Europe
Co-authors: Elizabeth Staab

Breakout I: Food packaging adhesives, Thursday, 15 September 2022, 14:30 - 15:00

Presentation Abstract: The future role of adhesives in circular packaging for consumer goods

The EU Green Deal is pushing forward a substantial amount of legislation and roadmap initiatives which impact the adhesive industry and the markets we serve in a multitude of ways. For future consumer goods packaging, this has numerous implications: brands and retailers are already making significant changes when it comes to their packaging choices. In this presentation, we will share approaches on how to thoughtfully use adhesives in the design and production of sustainable consumer goods packaging in the current constrained supply environment. The presentation will conclude with a call to action to the supply chain network on how they can contribute to the A&S industry sustainable future.

The 2022 Master Classes on PU-training and Diversity

PU Training

As of 24 August 2023, training is required for all professional and industrial users of products with a total monomeric diisocyanate concentration of > 0.1%. FEICA's PU Training masterclass will cover the comprehensive training programme for producers and professional users of diisocyanates all over Europe.

The Master Class will include an Introduction of the REACH Restriction on diisocyanates, as well as a live DEMO of the web-based PU Training for end-users of A&S producers. This Master Class will be led by Dr Torsten Funk, Manager Regulatory Compliance at SIKA Technology AG. (see page 12 for an interview with Dr Funk).

Diversity

FEICA's Diversity Master Class will address the powerful advantages of a diverse workforce.



The FEICA Seminar - Pre-meetings for members only

The 2022 FEICA Members' Seminar, 'A Business Perspective on Regulatory Challenges', will focus on the EU Green Deal and REACH. If you are a member of FEICA, and work in management, business development, R&D, or even regulatory affairs, this is the yearly seminar to attend.

The FEICA Seminar provides a concise summary of some of the activities undertaken by the Technical Working Groups and Task Forces to support members & the whole industry in general.

This Seminar is open to FEICA members and company members of the National Associations only and will take place on Wednesday 14 September, from 13:30 - 16:30.

[For registration and additional information, please visit www.feica-conferences.com](http://www.feica-conferences.com)

Topics of the FEICA 2022 Business Seminar

- Focus areas of the FEICA ETB areas - Influence of the EU Green Deal on the regulatory and political landscape
- Political engagement on the Construction Product Regulation | EU Green Deal requirements in the construction sector
- REACH restriction on diisocyanates and how the mandatory training has been addressed
- Impacts of the REACH revision on adhesives and sealants companies



FEICA MODEL EPDS UPDATED

FEICA Model EPDs demonstrate the environmental credentials of adhesives and sealants in construction

Sustainable development is of great significance in the construction industry. Increasingly, architects and green procurement bodies are demanding products that meet international sustainability standards. The Construction Products Regulation (CPR) 305/2011 of the European Parliament and European Council (check FEICA position on the review of the Construction Products Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011) included the requirement for 'sustainability', and Belgium and France have national legislation requiring Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for construction products with an environmental claim.

Since 2016, FEICA has been offering 'FEICA Model Environmental Product Declarations (Model EPDs)', which can be used by construction products manufacturers to prove the environmental impact of their products. Therefore, the choice of adhesive and sealant products available to architects and green procurement bodies has also been significantly increased. The expansion of the range of products with Model EPDs gives SMEs improved access to a market that is otherwise available only to some and leads to significant cost and time savings for companies.

The Model EPDs are originally based on an initiative of the German Adhesives Association (IVK), Deutsche Bauchemie (DBC) and Der Verband der deutschen Lack und Druckfarbenindustrie e.V. (VdL). As they are valid only for a maximum of 6 years, the 2016 versions needed to be updated. FEICA, IVK, the European Federation for Construction Chemicals (EFCC) and DBC therefore undertook a joint project to revise and extend them, as well as to extend the scope for additional substances and formulations. They are available to FEICA Direct Company Members (DCMs), Affiliate Company Members (ACMs) and FEICA National Association Members (NAMs).

For more information, please check out the dedicated FEICA webpage via www.feica.eu/our-projects/epds

Webinar for FEICA Members: Business impact of the REACH revision on the adhesives and sealants industry

On Friday 17 June 2022, FEICA will be hosting a webinar for its members on the business impact of the REACH revision

The webinar will promote an understanding of the opportunities and challenges linked to the European Commission's Chemical Strategy for Sustainability in general, and the revision of REACH in particular. Members will be provided with tips on how to prepare for the coming changes and given clear indications of expected business impact.

Relevant topics to be discussed include the registration of polymers, the introduction of a mixture assessment factor, potential mandatory reporting requirements for downstream users, and the extension of the generic approach to risk assessment.

PROGRAMME:

- 10:30 - Introduction - Paula Diaz, Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager at FEICA
- 10:35 - 'The upcoming registration of polymers' - Claus Urban, Global Regulatory Affairs Manager at Sika, Chair of the FEICA Polymers Task Force
- 10:50 - 'The introduction of a Mixture assessment factor' - Joerg Feesche, Senior Manager Toxicology at Henkel, Member of the FEICA MAF Task Force
- 11:00 - 'Potential mandatory reporting requirements for downstream users' – Ms Emma Jansson, Scientific Officer, SVEFF the Swedish Paint and Adhesive Association, Member of the FEICA Chemical Legislation TWG, Member of the FEICA CSS Task Force
- 11:15 - 'The extension of the generic approach to risk management to professional uses' – Kim Suetens, Regulatory Affairs Manager at Soudal, Chair of the FEICA MAF Task Force, Vice Chair of the FEICA Polymers Task Force, Member of the FEICA Chemical Legislation TWG, Member of the FEICA CSS Task Force
- 11:30 to 12:00 - Q&A

Register here. Please note that this event is open to FEICA members only.

FEICA Webinar – Business impact of the REACH revision on the adhesives and sealants industry

FEICA members only

CSS

Friday 17 June 2022

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (UTC/GMT +02:00 - Europe / Brussels)

JOINT INDUSTRY LETTER ON SINGLE MARKET DISTORTIONS

60 associations from the packaging value chain, including FEICA, issued a joint letter to call on the European Commission to create one single circular economy, instead of 27 separate ones, underpinned by an integrated Single Market.

Available via the [information centre of the FEICA website](#).

FEICA PAPERS ON THE REGISTRATION OF POLYMERS

FEICA supports the efforts of the European Commission to develop a comprehensive regulatory framework for the registration of polymers under the REACH Regulation that will help to protect human health and the environment, without losing the competitiveness and innovativeness of the European industry.

The FEICA Polymer's Technical Task Force (Polymers TTF) actively contributes to the discussion and regularly publishes position papers that include illustrating the peculiarities of the adhesives and sealants industry as well as contributing technical data to the global discussion.

These papers are available on the FEICA website via www.feica.eu/our-projects/reach/polymers-requiring-registration



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Requirements:

- At least three years' working experience within EU regulatory affairs and advocacy related to chemicals (in particular, to health and environment) and/or in an industrial or trade association context;
- University degree;
- Excellent command of written and spoken English is a must, additional language skills are an asset;
- Knowledge of the adhesives and sealants industry and/or relevant legislation would be a benefit;
- Knowledge of REACH / CLP would be an asset.

Apply before 18 June 2022 for the opportunity to join a great team working in an exciting industry!

The full job description is available via www.feica.eu/Hiring



Adhesives: A volatile market poised to show growth again

The European adhesives and sealants market declined by 5 % in volume and value in 2020 due to Covid-19. However, it is forecast to grow to EUR 22.2 billion by 2026. Sustainabili...

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[Read the article here](#)

THE FEICA MARKET REPORT

The **FEICA MARKET REPORT 2021-2026** is available to order via:

www.feica.eu/information-center/market-reports

More info in CONNECT Issue 46.

Market Report

The FEICA study 'European Adhesives and Sealants Market 2021-2026 Market' provides indispensable insights to help companies better position themselves for success in today's challenging business environment.

WAC 2022

FEICA presents at the World Adhesive & Sealant Conference (WAC 2022) The World Adhesive & Sealant Conference (WAC) was held in Chicago, from 25 to 27 April 2022. Jana Cohrs, FEICA Executive Director, spoke on 'European Regulations Challenges to our industry', and Kristel Ons, FEICA Secretary General, covered the key trends in the European adhesives and sealants market to 2026. The presentations are available on the FEICA Extranet.

The WAC is organised every four years and rotates between the USA, Europe, and Asia. The next edition of the WAC will take place in London in 2026 and will be organised by FEICA, and co-organised by the Adhesive & Sealant Council (ASC) and ARAC (Federation council comprising of Asian adhesive associations).

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WAC2026 
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16-18 September 2026
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FEICA[®] FEICA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

To commemorate and celebrate its 50th anniversary, FEICA will be publishing two books, which will be handed out at the conference

The first, titled '50 YEARS OF FEICA', will feature a timeline of our history (and that of our industry), as well as photos and stories from our archives. For the second, FEICA commissioned Bernd Mayer and Andreas Gross at the Fraunhofer IFAM to write a study 'Adhesive Bonding Technology in the 21st Century – Synergy of Technological and Ecological Potentials'. Both publications will be handed out at the conference.

There will also be a 'FEICA is 50!' exhibition and video.

We have invited our members to send us quotes, but also stories and photos about the past 50 years. We will be sharing these over the 4 issues of CONNECT in 2022, and started with Issue 47.

'I reflect on my time on the FEICA Board with much fondness and great pride in what we achieved as a team; giving something back to the industry which provided us with challenges, opportunities and excitement throughout and which we remain in love with! I joined the Board shortly after the relocation of our offices from Dusseldorf to Brussels. It was a challenging time organisationally, as well as financially for the Association, but the staff and the Board rose to the challenge and continued to drive the Association forward for the benefit of our members. FEICA continues to thrive today, 50 years on from its inception.

During my entire time on the FEICA Board, the over-riding mantra for us all, irrespective of the subject matter, was to ensure that we acted in the best interest of our members and the A&S Industry at large. We were singularly focused in delivering enhanced value to our diverse membership. We tackled a variety of complex matters with energy and purpose and we invested wisely in expert resources and deployed to deliver outstanding value for money to our members in times of great change within our industry and the end markets our members served.

In particular, strengthening our regulatory expertise in the run up to the REACH implementation was a critical move and the FEICA team has gone from strength to strength as the regulatory environment continues to throw up new and ever more complex challenges for raw material manufacturers, adhesives formulators and end-user customers across the industrial spectrum. In addition, investing in professional communications and marketing expertise allowed the Association to dramatically improve the frequency, quality and diversity of output to our various stakeholders and to ensure we positively illustrate just how critical our technological innovations are: As enablers for efficiency, productivity and performance in all facets of life and the world around us. This is now being done with a much more conscious and deliberate approach to enabling truly sustainable solutions to be commercialised.

Beyond the enhanced professional services being provided to members, I am also very proud of the way the entire team at FEICA was able to breathe new life and new energy into our annual conferences; attendances had been in steady decline and a lot of hard work went into making these occasions more relevant, more interesting, more topical and more fun for attendees. The upshot has been that the numbers attending have soared in recent years and we've also attracted a larger, more diverse group of delegates from up and down the value chain and from all corners of the globe. The FEICA Conference is now very much the place to be for insights, ideas and networking opportunities in the A&S industry today.

Happy 50th Anniversary to all those associated with the proud history of FEICA and to those carrying the torch today. The foundations are strong and the future remains very bright indeed!

Steve Kenny, FEICA President 2016-2017



Steve Kenny at the 2017 FEICA Conference in Sardinia

'FEICA is a constructive partner in the Downstream Users Network (DUCC), and always open to dialogue and exchange with A.I.S.E. on common issues with a proactive mindset. I have always appreciated the strong collaboration with FEICA colleagues and wish you all the best for the 50th anniversary leading your industry!'

Susanne Zänker, A.I.S.E. Director General

'I wish FEICA and its Members a maximum of success in order to continue to develop and protect our wonderful Adhesives and Sealants Technology'.

Rainer Vogel (Henkel), 1st Chairman of the FEICA European Technical Board (ETB)

We asked Torsten Funk, member of the FEICA Technical Board, to answer a few questions in celebration of our 50th anniversary

How were you involved with FEICA in the past?



Ten years ago, when I took a new role in product stewardship and implementation of REACH at Sika, I also started to work with the FEICA team and members in several working groups. It was always a pleasure to engage in the open and targeted discussions of the topics common to the adhesives and sealants industry and to enjoy the professional and effective support of the FEICA team. Chairing some of these groups resulted in an additional workload alongside the meetings, but most of this was efficiently handled by the colleagues at the FEICA Secretariat. Everyone also always feels welcome when traveling to the FEICA offices in Brussels. Among many individual subjects, we managed to finalise two larger ones over the years: the FEICA Use Map and the workability of the diisocyanate restriction for manufacturers and users of polyurethane (PU) adhesives, sealants and one-component foam (OCF). In both cases FEICA was recognised by other stakeholders as an effective contributor to the subject and consequentially consulted by, e.g. the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) and the European Diisocyanate & Polyol Producers Association (ISOPA).

How do you see FEICA in the future?

At the age of 50, there is no prospect of retirement for FEICA any time in the foreseeable future. The chemical industry in Europe, but also globally, is seeing increasingly challenging regulatory environments exemplarily shown by the EU Commission's Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, which in 2022 and 2023 will bring an overwhelming number of changes and new requirements. It is important for FEICA to focus on those topics most specific and relevant to the adhesives and sealants sector and to connect well with FEICA's extensive network of NAMs and partner associations such as Cefic; the European Council of the Paint, Printing Ink and Artists' Colours Industry (CEPE); and the Downstream Users of Chemicals Coordination Group (DUCC), to name a few.

It will also be necessary for FEICA to cover all the rest of the topics of relevance and to share resources efficiently. Then, too, it will be critical for FEICA to deliver convincing arguments and to provide increasingly relevant sector-specific facts and figures that will enhance FEICA's reputation with the EU Commission, ECHA and the Member State authorities. And not to be forgotten is the important aspect of networking within FEICA's membership, e.g. during the FEICA conference and in regular meetings in person, on important or strategic subjects which appear to become realistic again soon. From the past two years of isolation, we should carry forward the flexible arrangement of video calls on specific topics on short notice, an approach that will continue to speed up discussions and the development of FEICA positions!

What do you think is FEICA's greatest achievement?

FEICA's greatest achievement is establishing a well-known brand for an important chemical downstream industry sector, recognised and valued in the Brussels sphere and beyond. This was achieved by detailed technical work, factual contributions and very professional communication.

Torsten Funk, Co-chair of the Chemical Legislation Technical Working Group



Torsten Funk at FEICA 2019 in Dubrovnik

FEICA MEMBER PORTRAITS

Five fascinating facts!

In every issue of CONNECT, we introduce members of FEICA. Here, they share, in their own words, interesting insights into their company in 'five fascinating facts'. In this issue, we present IMVD and our German National Association Member, Industrieverband Klebstoffe e.V. (IVK).

MEMBER PORTRAIT

Content by IVK



In December 1946, a group of 14 companies founded the “Fachverband Leime, Klebstoffe und Gelatine”, which later became the German Adhesives Association – Industrieverband Klebstoffe e.V. (IVK). Ever since, IVK has been representing the technical and economic interests of the German Adhesives Industry – today, more than 150 members – manufacturers of adhesives, sealants, adhesives-raw materials and adhesive tapes as well as scientific institutes and system partners. With a turnover of 4 bn EUR p.a., the German Adhesives Industry employs more than 17,000 people.

With the help of currently 20 business-oriented and technically oriented committees and supported by two advisory boards, IVK represents its members towards ministries, authorities, consumers, the scientific community, press and all other interested stakeholders. Position papers, briefing notes, discussion rounds, workshops, webinars, information events, press releases, a number of active interdisciplinary working groups and many more – these are our instruments to communicate the future-oriented innovation potential of the German adhesives industry.

Communication and Public Relations is top priority – especially in the field of sustainability. IVK is strongly supported by its two Advisory Boards for Public Relations and for Sustainability. Besides technical and specialist publications for technical experts, we annually publish the magazine “Kleben fürs Leben”. Comprehensible articles about glued products address the broader public and illustrate how variously adhesives are used – always with a focus on how adhesives help fostering sustainability. These articles can also be accessed through the corresponding online platform www.klebstoffe.com.

Europe constantly gained importance, the European Association for Adhesives and Sealants was founded to connect stakeholders on a European level. IVK was a founding member of FEICA – a so called National Association Member (NAM). Today, 50 years later, the EU strives to become the first climate neutral continent in 2050. With the Green Deal, its legislations and measures, the European Commission puts regulatory pressure on the European industry. Together with FEICA and its NAMs, IVK works tirelessly on topics like the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, the Circular Economy Action Plan, Ecodesign, Recycling, Food Contact Materials, the Construction Products Regulation and many more. Always pointing out that adhesives can be enablers for energy and material efficiency and can help reach the goals of the Green Deal.

FEICA is the voice of all national associations towards the European Commission and the Parliament, the CARACAL group, the DUCC group and numerous other European Associations. Side by side with FEICA, we can reach relevant stakeholders in Germany and Europe and we appreciate this cooperation.

For your 50th anniversary, we – the entire IVK team, our board and our members – wish you all the best! We are proud to be your member!



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Global reach & longstanding partnerships: With a truly global presence, local market insights and in-depth technical understanding, we have the ideas and expertise to support the development of the forward-reaching innovations of tomorrow. We strive to be the global sales partner of choice – trusted by suppliers and customers for first-class technical expertise and solutions that help them innovate and align their business operations. To do so, we forge long standing partnerships, we share information transparently and market insights through a single point of contact.

Formulatory Expertise: Our globally skilled team fosters environments where we can co-create with our customers to achieve business success. That is why over the last years we have expanded our laboratory network to a total of 13 facilities spread around the world. Now, digitally connected, these multi-functional laboratories serve to help our customers by offering formulation advice, guidance on how to optimise the performance of products and provide troubleshooting assistance whenever needed.

Sustainability: In the adhesives industry, the drive for sustainability is also increasing, as society increasingly wants to live and work in healthier, greener and safer environments. Hence, we utilise our laboratory network and formulatory expertise to develop, together with our principals and customers, ways to increase product performance, introduce new functionalities and achieve sustainability and climate neutrality.

Trend focus: At IMCD Coatings & Construction we are focusing on understanding today's evolving trends and help manufacturers to create high-quality, future-proof formulations. In our 2021 trends commentary "Building Tomorrow", we explore the latest developments in the markets in which we operate. The report features sit-down interviews with our technical and commercial experts, who share relevant insights on megatrends: sustainability, safety, smart technology, and efficiency. Sharing our expertise on trends and how to formulate for them is how we aim to support our partners to drive market innovations.

Five facts why we think it is an advantage to be part of FEICA

FEICA is a relevant association for the adhesives market and is the most important congress in Europe for this topic. Being a FEICA member allows us to connect with a network of adhesive manufacturers and discuss trends and developments in Europe, a very important market for us. It also provides us with the opportunity to be aware of regulatory updates and partner up with manufacturers to create innovation and thrive.



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