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PRESS RELEASE

EUMEPS joins Styrenics Circular Solutions

Styrenics value chain alliance deepens as EPS strengthens the contribution of styrenics to EU 2025 plastics recycling targets.

EUMEPS, the Association for European Manufacturers of Expanded Polystyrene, today became a new member of Styrenics Circular Solutions (SCS), the value chain initiative to increase the circularity of styrenic polymers.

Part of the styrenics family, EPS is a lightweight foam composed of 98% air and 2% polystyrene with outstanding protective and thermal insulation properties. Its applications range from building & construction to packaging of heavy white goods, foodstuffs to fragile medicines and transplant organs.

Jürgen Lang, General Manager of EUMEPS said: “We are very pleased to join SCS. EPS is easily recyclable, and it is already widely collected for recycling in a number of countries across Europe. We are committed to the European Commission’s 2025 plastics recycling goals. Our participation in the SCS value chain initiative will strengthen the activities of both organisations towards full circularity, in particular around collection and sorting.”

Jens Kathmann, Secretary-General of SCS, commented: “SCS extends a warm welcome to EUMEPS. The drive that the EPS industry has shown in contributing to the circularity of styrenics is impressive. We look forward to deepening teamwork with EUMEPS across all of SCS’ activity, from collection and sorting to scaling up recycling technology.”



About EUMEPS

The Association for European Manufacturers of Expanded Polystyrene (EUMEPS) is the voice of the Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) industry in Europe. Its members cover the entire EPS value chain from raw material suppliers to EPS converters and recyclers as well as supporting industries including machinery and additive suppliers. Members include individual companies as well as 22 European national EPS associations. This unique representation of the entire value chain ensures that EUMEPS represents both large companies and small- and medium-sized converters and recyclers. Altogether EUMEPS' membership represents more than 1,000 companies, most of them small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and employs more than 80,000 people.

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About Styrenics Circular Solutions

Styrenics Circular Solutions is the value chain initiative to increase the circularity of styrenics. The initiative engages the entire value chain in the development and industrialisation of new recycling technologies and solutions. It aims to strengthen the sustainability of styrenic products while improving resource efficiency within the Circular Economy.

For more information visit www.styrenics-circular-solutions.com