

EuRIC signs the Circular Plastics Alliance Press release

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The European Recycling Industries' Confederation – EuRIC – endorses the Circular Plastics Alliance (CPA) Declaration signed today during the High-level event organised by the European Commission at this occasion.

For Paul MAYHEW, the President of EuRIC Plastics Recycling Branch (EPRB) and General Manager at MBA Polymers, *the CPA perfectly embodies the value chain approach needed to achieve the target of at least 10 million tonnes of recycled plastics by 2025. The Declaration shall be seen as a first formal step taken by the most relevant stakeholders of the plastics industry at large to make polymers more circular.*

Sophie SICARD, Vice-President of the EPRB representing EuRIC at High-level Event, added that *the work undertaken by the CPA shall be seen as complementary to the implementation of regulatory measures that pull the demand for recycled plastics and foster eco-design to design from the outset products which can be technically and economically recycled when reaching end of life. In that respect, beside initiatives listed in the CPA Declaration, binding recycled content targets for beverage bottles set in the Single-Use Plastics Directive and the revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD), in particular of its essential requirements, are equally crucial to boost circularity in plastics.*

In addition, *it is absolutely key to get the right interface between waste and chemicals to foster consumers' trust in recycled polymers, protect human health and the environment while alleviating the current regulatory uncertainty impacting the recycling of both technical and packaging plastics,* added Paul MAYHEW.

EuRIC looks forward to work within the Circular Plastics Alliance to implement the necessary initiatives agreed upon and ensure that the European market for recycled plastics grow steadily in the future.

EuRIC - *The European Recycling Industries' Confederation is the umbrella organisation for recycling industries.*

Through its Member Federations from 20 EU & EFTA countries, EuRIC represents across Europe over:

- *5,500+ companies generating an aggregated annual turnover of about 95 billion €, including large companies and SMEs, involved in the recycling and trade of various resource streams;*
- *300,000 local jobs which cannot be outsourced to third EU countries;*
- *Million tons of waste recycled per year (metals, paper, glass, plastics, tyres and beyond);*

Recyclers play a key role in a circular economy. By turning wastes into resources, recycling is the link which reintroduces recycled materials into the value chains again and again.