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Subject: Meeting with PlasticsEurope, 23/08/2017

Participants: [REDACTED] (ENV), [REDACTED] (ENV), [REDACTED] (PE)

General impression: PE is working very seriously at the voluntary commitment. However we are waiting for a more concrete proposal, which we would receive on 5 Sept.

PE explained:

- willingness to work on a voluntary commitment
- to be structured like the voluntary commitment of the PVC industry, Vinyl+ (see: <http://www.vinylplus.eu/>)
 - o Board,
 - o Potential commitments around 4 objectives
 - Increasing recycling
 - Reducing negative externalities
 - Better resource consumption
 - Facilitating the future (e.g. design)Under each of these objectives there would be specific measures
 - o Monitoring: incl. benchmarks, auditing and reporting
- Process
 - o Several meetings already held by PE's core team, which includes a couple of firms and PE
 - o By 5/9, PE will make a more concrete proposal - meeting @ DG ENV, Grow invited.
 - o On 6-7/9, a coordination meeting of the core team, also to discuss ENV & GROW suggestions
 - o On 25/9 PE board meeting
 - o In Nov., next PE board meeting, with possibly the adoption of the voluntary commitment
- This voluntary commitment would be the umbrella agreement for other commitments, such as Vinyl+, and embrace all plastic types
- Broadening the partners is needed:

- o For the moment, only discussion within the plastics producers industry and informal contacts with the plastics converters (EUPC) and recyclers (PRE)
- o Need to link to the national level, with many different circumstances.
- o No contacts yet with part of industry that uses plastics
- o Possible links are: European (packaging), Food & Drink Europe (food packaging), Business Europe, Ellen MacArthur Foundation (EMF),
- o Possibly first focus on packaging

To do:

- look at how Vinyl+ or other voluntary agreements are set up within the EC procedures (official recognition? COM participation as observer / monitoring committee member?)
- check market coverage of such a commitment (i.e. what is the representativeness of PE on the EU plastics market)

At the Plastics conference, and the preceding CEO breakfast, FVP might state:

- Acknowledgement of good work
 - EC interested if it delivers
 - Call to make real progress and invite industry across the value chain to join in
- => It would also be a possibility to put these elements in a press statement, together with other elements linked to the conference

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