

TEPPFA FORUM 2015

TEPPFA Forum 2015, hosted by The European Plastic Pipe and Fitting Association, took place on the 13–14 April in the Le Plaza Hotel in Brussels. The Forum highlighted the latest developments and many of the major issues surrounding the plastic pipe technology industry. The Forum had wide-ranging appeal for senior business and technical representatives from all sectors of the industry, including pipe manufacturing, as well as suppliers of raw materials and manufacturing equipment.

The event attracted a range of high level speakers, including: Paul Rubig and Marcus Pretzell (members of the European Parliament), Mr. Niels Rune Solgaard-Nielsen (TEPPFA President and CEO of Pipelife International), Mr. Tony Radoszewski (PPI), Michele Galatola (European Commission), Mark Goedkoop (PRE International), Ari Ilomaki (CEN TC 350) and Christophe Sykes (Construction Products Europe).

The conference focused on two main topic areas, relating to technical and political matters.

The technical section focused on market issues, such as innovation in plastic pipe applications, replacement of traditional

pipe materials, and the European plastic pipes market. Speakers also highlighted subjects relating to Corporate Social Responsibility, particularly environmental impacts and sustainability, recent recycling initiatives, Life Cycle Assessment, and resource conservation.

The political section of presentations focused on the role construction products are having in working towards a sustainable Europe, as well as the status of environment assessment for construction materials.

It was also a time to welcome new members. TEPPFA General Manager, Toni Calton welcomed Radius Systems to the Association. Radius Systems is a well-known supplier of plastic piping systems for various applications, with manufacturing facilities in the United Kingdom, Austria, Poland and Latvia. Radius Systems was represented by Mr. Andy Taylor, CEO, and Derek Muckle (Director of Innovation and Technology).

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