

PolyTalk 2016

Zero Plastics To The Oceans

16-17 March 2016
The Egg Conference Centre, Brussels

Draft Programme

DAY 01

- 11:00 – 13:00 **Registration and welcome lunch**
Exhibition Tour
- 13:00 – 13:15 **Plastics, a sustainable material with a challenge**
Welcome & Setting the Scene by **Patrick Thomas**, President, PlasticsEurope and CEO, Covestro
- 13:15 – 13:25 **Opening keynote**
- 13:25 – 13:40 **What Do We know about Marine Litter**
Keynote by **Prof Richard Thompson**, Plymouth University
- 13:40 – 14:50 **Marine Litter: A Societal Challenge - Panel debate**
- **Achim Steiner**, Executive Director, UNEP (tbc)
- **Marcus Eriksen**, Executive Director and co-founder, 5 Gyres Institute
- **Patrick Thomas**, President, PlasticsEurope and CEO, Covestro
- 14:50 – 15:15 **Networking break**
- 15:15 – 15:30 **The European Strategy - Implementation of Marine Strategy Framework Directive, Keynote**
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Regional Issues & Solutions - Presentations from National Environment Ministries in Europe**
- 17:00 – 17:15 **Summary & Closing Words Day 1**
- 18:00 – 19:30 **Exhibition Tour & Networking**
- 19:30 – 22:30 **Evening Programme & Dinner**

DAY 02 Innovative Solutions for Prevention

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome by Moderator**

09:15 – 11:45 **Best Prevention Practices** (*pre-registration needed*)

Topic 01 - Behaviour/Education

Topic 02 - Waste Management/Collection

Topic 03 - Product Innovation

Reporting from break out session

11:45 – 12:15 **Networking Break**

12:15 – 12:50 **Towards a Litter Free Society through Circular Economy and Blue Growth** – *Panel Debate*

12:50 – 13:00 **Wrap-up**

Karl-H. Foerster, Executive Director, PlasticsEurope

13:00 – 14:30 **Networking Lunch**

Exhibition remains open until 15:30