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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Recycling Survey Launched by European Plastics Converters (EuPC)

Based on the findings and backed up by the success of the first survey, EuPC decided to conduct a second edition of the survey in cooperation with Polymer Comply Europe Sarl. (PCE). **The survey has been launched on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January and will be open until May 2018 on the PCE website [www.polymercomplyeurope.eu](http://www.polymercomplyeurope.eu).** The survey is accessible in seven languages: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Polish and Turkish.

A little more than two months have passed, since the results of the first edition of EuPC's survey on the use of recycled plastics materials (rPM) by plastics converters in Europe were published in October 2017. The replies from close to 500 respondents from 28 different countries showed that the quality of recyclates is the main reason that prevents converting companies from using more rPM. **The EU Plastics Strategy makes it imperative to gain more knowledge about the use of rPM in the European plastics converting industry to support the transition towards a more circular economy.**

*"It is essential for the whole European plastics industry to get more knowledge about the potential use of recycled plastics materials (rPM) by plastics converters, as they form by far the biggest part of the EU plastics value chain. The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of our European rPM survey will enable us to further identify and specify the quality and supply issues we are facing, help us to find appropriate solutions for the future, and demonstrate our commitment to a more sustainable plastics economy."*

(Alexandre Dangis, EuPC Managing Director)

The survey is open to all European companies active in the plastics converting industry and the results will be presented during the **2018 EuPC Annual Meeting "A circular Future with Plastics" on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May in Milan (Italy) with the presence of the EU Commissioner E. Bienkowska and leading CEOs of the plastics industry.** The full report on the results of the first edition of the rPM survey is still available free of charge on the [PCE website](http://www.pce.eu).

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**About EuPC:** EuPC is the leading EU-level trade association, based in Brussels, representing European plastics converters. Plastics converters use plastics raw materials and recycled polymers to manufacture new products. EuPC totals about 45 national as well as European plastics converting industry associations and represents more than 50,000 companies, producing over 50 million tons of plastic products every year. The European plastics industry makes a significant contribution to the welfare in Europe by enabling innovation, creating quality of life to citizens and facilitating resource efficiency and climate protection. More than 1.6 million people are working in EU converting companies (mainly SMEs) to create a turnover in excess of € 260 billion per year.

