

Press release



New European Consortium ConSensQ launches to Tackle the Quality Management of Recycled Plastics in Contact Sensitive Applications

July 31, 2025 — A new initiative — **ConSensQ (Quality Management for Recycled Plastics in Contact-Sensitive Applications)** — has officially announced its **full launch for September 1, 2025**.

Driven by industry leaders and the requirements of the PPWR (Regulation (EU) 2025/40), ConSensQ aims to proactively address the **quality management challenges** surrounding the use of post-consumer recycled plastics in contact-sensitive applications. This addresses packaging where material safety is critical — such as personal care, cleaners, hygiene products, and secondary food packaging.

The Consortium builds on the results of the successful CosPaTox initiative (www.cospatox.com). It aims to fill an operational gap identified during CosPaTox' work, the absence of an established **approach to ensure recycle quality without the costly and time-intensive testing of every production batch**.

A four-month Pre-Consortium phase, supported by eleven industry actors across the value chain, has resulted in a precise project description for ConSensQ, a consortium agreement, as well as the definition of a budget for 2025 and a financial forecast for the subsequent two years. The Consortium builds on a proven and well-organized management structure and team.

“By bringing together stakeholders across the supply chain — recyclers, material producers, converters and brand owners — we want to enable a consistent quality for recycled materials in sensitive applications at a much lower testing burden than today. ConSensQ is about proactive, informed collaboration,” said Dr. Dennis Bankman of Emerging Motif, Scientific Consultant to the Pre-Consortium.

Call for Participation

With formal consortium activities set to begin in September, **organizations from across the plastic, packaging, and consumer goods value chains are invited to join the ConSensQ Consortium**. The initiative is particularly relevant to companies involved in post-consumer plastic recycling, packaging, quality assurance, and product safety, regulatory compliance and sustainability.

Stakeholders interested in shaping a new voluntary industry standard, contributing to technical guidance, and moving forward the state-of-the-art of quality management for recycled plastics in contact-sensitive applications are encouraged to participate.

“Participation in ConSensQ offers a chance to lead — not follow — industry practice. Together, we can define robust, realistic approaches to ensuring recycled plastic quality in line with safety and regulatory expectations,” said Dr. Michael Scriba, Chairman of the Pre-Consortium.

About ConSensQ

ConSensQ is a collaborative European initiative coordinated by Consortia Management GmbH.

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