

PPE Conference 2011

The European Lead Market for Protective Textiles and Clothing

First announcement

Date:	February 1 & 2, 2011
Venue:	Brussels, HUSA President Park Hotel
Organisation & promotion:	Euratex & Textile ETP, ESF, ETSA, Industrial Safety ETP and Centexbel supported by a programme committee of recognised international experts

More than 3 years ago the European Commission identified Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment as an EU Lead Market and since then a significant number of projects, networks and studies across a broad range of subjects such as R&D, innovation, standardisation, public procurement, education and training as well as market access have been undertaken.

The PPE conference 2011 will take stock of all these initiatives and discuss the way forward. The one and a half day event will feature presentations and panel discussions by reputed experts from across Europe in plenary and parallel sessions and provide ample networking opportunities. We are looking forward to welcoming more than 200 participants from the industry representing the complete PPE value chain from raw materials to service provision, representatives of major industrial and public sector end users, public procurement organisations, researchers and specialised consultants, EC officials & EU member state representatives.

In essence the PPE conference 2011 will:

- inform industry, end users & policy makers about the status of the PPE Lead Market initiative
- highlight major innovation trends and needs for increased competitiveness of the PPE sector in Europe
- collect input for follow-up work and discuss with all relevant partners that could provide resources for such work
- showcase results of on-going publicly funded projects in the PPE field

Key questions to be addressed:

- How to better transfer research results (European & national projects) to industry?
- How to make standardisation/certification more effective?
- How can standardisation foster economic growth?
- How to improve public procurement processes so that they encourage innovation & quality rather than just lowest cost?
- How to feed back end user needs/problems into the supply chain?
- How to grow the market both within Europe & worldwide?
- How to promote an innovative forward-looking image for the EU PPE industry?

Conference organisers:



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Tentative Programme

Day 1:

I. Opening Session (14.00-15.30)

Keynotes introducing the PPE Lead Market initiative and the societal & economic significance of PPE

II. Plenary session (15.45-17.30)

Setting the scene for discussion of the main elements of the Lead Market Initiative

- Research & technology transfer
- Industrial innovation
- Public Procurement
- Standardisation
- Education & training
- Market access

Networking Dinner

Day 2:

III. Parallel sessions (9.00-12.30)

Discussing all Lead Market elements from a value chain perspective for 2 key markets

- Strand 1: Heat & flame protection
- Strand 2: Biological & chemical protection

Speeches from suppliers, manufacturers, service providers, procurers, end users

Panel discussions with speakers and/or other experts

Networking lunch

IV. Future look (14.00-15.30)

Presentations of key future technologies or market/business trends

IV. Wrap-up session (15.45-16.30)

Brief summary of days presentations & discussions

Forward strategy for PPE Lead Market initiative

Closing remarks

Poster & small stand exhibition as side-event

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