

Partnership Agreement

DELIVERABLE D1.5

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PERCY Polymer Recycling Partnership

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Partnership Agreement (PA) sets the terms and understanding between the partners of PERCY Polymer Recycling partnership.

A continued partnership to sustain the long-term collaboration of the initial Clusters go International Project: PERCY – International Cluster Cooperation for Recycling of Polymers (Grant Agreement No. 951200).

The PA is set up

BETWEEN:

- Partner 1: Fonden Plast Center Danmark (PCD), established at Niels Bohrs Vej 6, 6700 Esbjerg, Denmark, represented for the purpose of signing the PA by Ms. Dorte Walzl Bælum.
- Partner 2: Polymeris (POL), established at 180 Rue Pierre et Marie Curie, Maison des entreprises, 01115 Balignat, France, represented for the purpose of signing the PA by Mr. Patrick Vuillermoz.
- Partner 3: SLOVENSKY PLASTIKARSKY KLASTER (SPK), established at Novozámocká 117/222, 949 05 Nitra- Dolné Krškany, Slovakia, represented for the purpose of signing the PA by Katarína Ikrényiová.
- Partner 4: Wirtschaftsförderung Raum Heilbronn GmbH (WFG), established at Koepffstr.17, Heilbronn 74076, Germany, represented for the purpose of signing the PA by Mr. Patrick Dufour.

2. BACKGROUND ASSESSMENT

The objective of the initial project was to ensure the European SMEs within the polymer industry access to new global value chains within recycling and eco-design in various industrial sectors and to enable them to take a leading global position in this field.

The consortium would meet this objective by an intensified cluster and network collaboration across borders in Europe, where a joint internationalization strategy towards countries outside Europe should be developed.

The project activities were initiated on 1 September 2020 and ended on 21 October 2022.

During the project period desktop analyses, focus group discussions, online surveys, and workshops were conducted. Relevant reports covering the consolidated results of the tasks were published.

Potential clusters and networks in target countries were identified and missions were planned and conducted. MoUs were signed, SWOT analyses were performed and a Concluding Partner Workshop was held.

Based upon this extensive work a joint internationalization strategy and a roadmap were built.

3. SCOPE

The joint internationalisation strategy (Deliverable D4.2) and the strategic roadmap (Deliverable D4.3) were jointly developed by all partners.

Based on this joint work the following partnership vision was defined:

- Further collaboration with the following targeted clusters:

Canada: PRIMA (innovation and research cluster on advanced materials)
Mou signed on 17 January 2022

Alliance Polymères Québec
MoU signed on 13 May 2022

La Vallée des Elastomères (Sherbrooke)
MoU signed on 31 May 2022

India: All India Plastics Manufacturers Association, AIPMA
Mou signed on 6 April 2022

Indian Plastics Institute
MoU signed on 31 March 2022

Israel: Tech Match
MoU signed on 20 August 2022

Israel Innovation Authority
No MoU signed

USA: Greater Akron Chamber, Ohio
MoU signed on 22 June 2022

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development
No MoU signed

Moreover, the consortium partners will build and/or maintain relations with specific SMEs on a cluster basis.

- Main focus on chemical (including biological) and mechanical recycling
- Interest in mutual cooperation, supporting business activities, and networking.

PERCY Polymer Recycling Partnership is seen as an engine for cross-sectoral cooperation.

4. PURPOSE

This PA aims to sustain the partnership collaboration after the end of the project and for a minimum period of 2 years (1 January 2023 – 31 December 2024), with the view to continue mutual learning and joint initiatives for the exploration and exploitation of synergies between the partner clusters, its members, and ecosystems.

The PERCY Partnership Agreement confirms the commitment of all 4 current partners to go on with the implementation of the strategy and of the roadmap, bearing the relevant costs.

The roadmap is built upon the activities and methodology from the PERCY project, and contains a specific list of planned value adding internationalization activities:

1. Awareness: Raising interest and awareness towards the European SMEs from the recycling sectors of the opportunities and technologies in markets outside Europe, collecting the wishes and ambitions of these companies towards these countries and sharing information on the PERCY project activities.
2. Internationalisation strategy: With the organization of the international missions, and with the MoU signed and relationships created, the PERCY partnership managed to create a long-term relationship with clusters, agencies, and other organisations outside Europe and in the targeted countries. This will also lead to further activities, based on each partner budget, but towards the internationalisation of SMEs.
3. Further activities for PERCY partners: Throughout the project, the PERCY partners confirmed their willingness to keep the partnership and network working and visible at European level.

In the coming years, the partners will meet frequently – 1 time online and 1 physical meeting. They will continue to share updates on their activities towards international markets and innovative recycling technology. Intelligence and scouting will be made to look for new funding opportunities to further develop the PERCY actions and keep the support to the SMEs through the internationalisation strategy.

All activities are described in detail in Deliverable D4.3.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

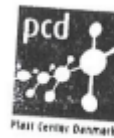
The PERCY Polymer Recycling partners will handle the activities covered by this PA as part of their current work.

6. COMMENCEMENT / EXPIRATION / TERMINATION

This PA is at will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the signing parties. This PA shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from each cluster and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent.

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Signed by:


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