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## **FLUOROPOLYMERS: DRIVING INNOVATION**

Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to their unique properties and unmatched performance, fluoropolymers are used across all sectors of the EU economy, including numerous cutting-edge applications. Driven by global megatrends such as the energy transition and digitalization, they are key enablers of major innovations across a wide range of critical industries.

This edition of the newsletter will explore the importance of fluoropolymers in the EU strategic economy, as well as their critical role in innovation.

If you would like us to deep dive into a specific use of fluoropolymers in the coming months or would be interested in seeing one of your projects featured as a case study in our newsletter, do not hesitate to get in

touch with us. We believe that the voice of our industry stakeholders should be heard!

As ever, please also feel free to share this newsletter with your wider network and invite people to sign up by emailing me at [nicolas.robin@plasticseurope.org](mailto:nicolas.robin@plasticseurope.org). Thank you in advance!

Kind regards,  
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## **REGULATORY UPDATES**

As part of the EU PFAS restriction process, the Fluoropolymers Product Group is currently conducting a Socio-Economic Impact Analysis (SEIA) of the European fluoropolymer industry. The objective is to provide relevant data on the broad range of fluoropolymer uses in the EU and their significance for the EU society and economy.

This exercise is part of the broader contribution from FPG to the EU restriction process, which will also include a response to the [public consultation](#) from the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

FPG calls on EU regulators to make use of this data to develop a balanced regulatory environment for fluoropolymers, based on robust science and which ensures the sector can continue to drive EU innovation and competitiveness across all sectors of the economy.



## FLUOROPOLYMERS & INNOVATION

The importance of fluoropolymers for the EU economy has been recently highlighted by the European Commission, including by its Joint Research Centre's [foresight report](#) and the recent [report on Foresight for Chemicals](#), developed by the internal market Directorate General (DG GROW).

With their unique combination of properties, they are used across all sectors of the European economy, including numerous cutting-edge applications. Fluoropolymers are notably key enablers of the European Green Deal, the Chips Act, the Hydrogen Strategy, and the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, as well as being central to the EU's Strategic Autonomy Agenda.

Importantly, fluoropolymers are an integral component of emerging technologies. As such, they are required to drive progress and innovation across all sectors of the EU economy, including in the context of the green and digital transition. A balanced regulatory environment based on robust science is needed to ensure the EU's capacity to lead the way in terms of innovation and technological progress.

As formulated, the FPG is concerned that the proposed restriction will create general uncertainty undermining investment decisions and innovation which are required to meet EU ambitions and strategic goals. This could result in the offshoring of the fluoropolymer industry outside the EU with significant impacts and

unpredictable consequences for critical European sectors and businesses that rely heavily on these materials.



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Do not hesitate to let us know if there are specific topics you would want to know more about!

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