

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

“ADVANCES IN THE SUBSTITUTION OF HAZARDOUS FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN HOME TEXTILES”

Brussels, January 16th 2018
Rue Montoyer 24, B-1000 Brussels

Co-organized by:



The aim of this workshop is to discuss the advances and alternatives for implementation of chemical substitution policies in the textile industry, particularly on the use of **flame retardants for home textiles** including carpets, upholstery for home furniture and other products such as mattresses or curtains.

The workshop's objectives are to:

1. **Present** a case study of a EU project aiming to find and demonstrate sustainable alternatives to Flame Retardants containing halogenated organic compounds, antimony or releasing formaldehyde for the home textile sector.
2. **Discuss** early results with international experts and **increase** stakeholder engagement.
3. **Inform** the industry about the needs to move toward alternative flame retardants and currently available alternatives for home textile with emphasis on carpets and upholstery for home furniture.
4. **Collect** industry feedback about a pressing topic and engage industry collaboration for validation of safer and greener alternatives.
5. **Foster networking** among the different stakeholders involved in the home textile sector, particularly textile finishers, flame retardant producers and end-users.

Who should participate?

Stakeholders in the home textile sector, particularly, chemical manufacturers of flame retardants, textile finishing companies, textile companies related to home textiles and retailers of home textiles, academic/R&D experts in flame retardant technology, textile-related business associations, policy-makers and NGOs.

The number of participants of the workshop is limited! Please register now using [this link](#).

Expenses

The workshop is free of charge. Participants will need to cover travel and accommodation expenses.

Contact

For questions about the workshop, please contact Mr Josep Casamada at info@life-flarex.eu



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13:00	13:30	Registration and welcome coffee	
13:30	13:40	Welcome and round call presentation	AEI Tèxtils / EURATEX
13:40	13:50	LIFE-FLAREX presentation	AEI Tèxtils
13:50	14:00	Industry view on replacement of harmful chemicals	EURATEX
14:00	14:15	State of the art on safer flame retardant alternatives for home textile sector: “Which are the alternatives for home textiles?”	LEITAT/ CTB
14:15	14:30	Substitution of chemicals – early warnings, concepts and available tools	ECHA
14:30	15:30	<p>“Industry concerns and vision on flame retardants for home textiles, a broad stakeholder approach” – World Café session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of flame retardants in home textiles – impact on downstream users, EURATEX and AEI Tèxtil - Flame retardant alternatives and best practices towards safer textiles, CTB and ECHA 	
15:30	15:50	Networking break and coffee – Poster session on flame retardant substitution best practices and research developments	
15:50	16:50	“Industry concerns and vision on flame retardants for home textiles, a broad stakeholder approach” – World Café session second part	
16:50	17:10	Wrap-up session by the group chairs	AEI Tèxtil, EURATEX, ECHA, CTB
17:10	17:20	Next steps, closing remarks and farewell	AEI Tèxtils
17:20		Networking Drink	



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