

## ConSensQ Consortium Begins Technical Work on Industry Guideline for Recycled Plastics in Contact-Sensitive Applications

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The **ConSensQ** (Quality Management for Recycled Plastics in Contact-Sensitive Applications) Consortium has successfully completed its start-up phase and is now fully engaged in its technical work programme. Following its official launch, participating companies from across the value chain have begun collaborating on the development of a **practical industry guideline** for quality management of **post-consumer recycled plastics** used in **contact-sensitive applications**.

Building on the scientific and operational foundations established through the CosPaTox initiative, ConSensQ aims to develop a harmonized and practical framework that supports the safe and reliable use of recycled plastics in applications where material quality and safety are critical, including personal care, household cleaning, hygiene products, and other contact-sensitive packaging.

Since the beginning of the consortium activities, members have established the technical working structure and initiated the development of the **first sections of the guideline**. Current work focuses on defining key **quality management principles**, identifying relevant quality assurance elements throughout the recycling value chain, and developing a **risk-based approach** that can support consistent recyclate quality while reducing the need for extensive batch-by-batch testing.

The consortium's aim is to bring together all relevant stakeholders from across the value chain, including recyclers, polymer producers, converters, brand owners, testing organizations, and technical experts. Through this collaborative effort, ConSensQ seeks to create a **robust, science-based approach** that can be applied across different recycling and packaging systems while supporting regulatory expectations and industry needs.

Dr. Michael Scriba, Chairman of the ConSensQ Consortium, commented:

*"The strong engagement of our members during the first months of work demonstrates the industry's commitment to advancing quality management for recycled plastics. We are pleased to see substantial progress already being made towards a practical guideline that can support the wider adoption of recycled materials in contact-sensitive applications."*

The development of the guideline will continue throughout 2026, with regular technical exchanges among consortium members and contributions from experts across the plastics and packaging sectors.

Organizations interested in contributing to this work and participating in the development of future guidance are encouraged to contact the consortium management team.

## **About ConSensQ**

ConSensQ is a collaborative European initiative coordinated by Consortia Management GmbH. The consortium focuses on developing practical quality management approaches for post-consumer recycled plastics used in contact-sensitive applications, supporting both sustainability goals and product safety requirements.

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