



A cooperation between industry and healthcare for a non-toxic Life+

Welcome to the Kick-Off Seminar PVCfreeBloodBag LIFE + project!

7th to 8th of February 2012, Copenhagen

"Public healthcare and plastics makers demonstrate how to remove barriers to PVC-free blood bags in the spirit of REACH"

Two interesting and inspiring days!

The seminar will take place at The National Museum in Copenhagen, lunch to lunch.

Anna Linusson, former Head of Environmental Department at Stockholm County Council, will guide you through the seminar. Associate prof. Hans Gulliksson, Karolinska University Hospital, will talk about the situation in transfusion medicine. PhD Raul Carlson, eco2win, will present a Life Cycle Assessment of the PVC bag and Dr Gavin ten Tusscher, Westfriesgasthuis, will address the matter of phasing out PVC from healthcare. You will also hear more about the companies in the project; Melitek A/S, Wipak OY, Totax Plastics A/S and Haemotronic Advanced Medical Technologies SpA.

The fee of the seminar with coffee, two lunches and dinner is: $50 \in$

Please register for this seminar via

www.pvcfreebloodbag.eu before 25th of January 2012

There is a limit of 120 guests and the registration is binding. Registration is completed when the seminar is paid.

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WHY NEW BAGS?

Blood bags that are 30–40 percent DEHP are used in healthcare throughout the world. DEHP is classified as a reproductive toxin and is forbidden in toys. The latest directive regarding medical devices emphasizes the importance of labeling devices containing DEHP and evaluating the risks of using DEHP in devices for sensitive groups. Demanding a PVC-free bag means avoiding risks with other plasticizers as well as global environmental problems with PVC.