



***Inter-Cluster initiative to target the future challenges
for the European polymer converting industry***

Dear **Sir/Madam**

We are pleased to invite you to the **1st CLUSTERPLAST Dissemination Event** and to the 2009 edition of the **European Tooling Forum**, to be held on **24th - 25th September 2009** in Tortona and Milan, Italy.

The CLUSTERPLAST project, which was launched in January 2009 with the support of the European Commission, is a joint collaboration of six clusters in the polymer converting industry. The goal of the project is to increase support provided to the industry, thus enabling companies, SMEs and institutions to better react to the challenge of reinventing themselves that they face in today's global economy. The project's main aims are to identify innovation breakthroughs, promote industrial and technological synergies and, ultimately, propose common development strategies which will be included in the clusters' Joint Action Plan (JAP) (www.clusterplast.eu).

This dissemination event will be a key opportunity to present the first results of the project, to organise a specific thematic seminar on the "Latest trends on moulding temperatures conditioning control" and to foster further opportunities for networking, creating business and launching new initiatives. To this end, the umbrella event "Common Initiative Clusterplast | European Tooling Forum", will be held in conjunction with the European Tooling Forum 2009 – an ISTMA Europe organisation (www.istma-europe.com).

Please find attached the full program for this initiative.

In view of your role as an industry stakeholder, and your involvement in the fields covered by the CLUSTERPLAST project (European cooperations; Plastic processing value chain and the Polymer Converting Industry; R&D and Innovation etc.), we hope to count on your participation in this common initiative.

We look forward to seeing you in Italy,

With our best regards,

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