




**SUSTAINABILITY DROPS: News from EXPRA members
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	<p>Tender to enhance and reward the best sustainable inventions developed in the cellulosic packaging sector in Italy. The Consortium for the Recovery and Cellulose-based Recycling, member of Conai, Call for Proposals provides for the awarding of 3 prizes for an amount of 35,000 euros to be allocated to the best patents for inventions (€ 20,000), utility model patents (€ 10,000) and design and model registrations (€ 5,000) that relate to packaging or solutions applicable to it with measurable benefits in environmental terms.</p> <p>http://www.comieco.org/premio-per-linnovazione-sostenibile-nel-packaging-di-carta-e-cartone</p>	
	<p>4th Green Dot Award 2018 - category of Prevention Applications by Reducing Resources in Packaging Design The main purpose of the Green Dot Awards is to inform the public of the recycling efforts of the Green Dot family members that are steadily growing and gaining strength in our country as well as in the world. Also, among the targets of the awards are rewarding the companies that participate in the Green Dot organization and highly fulfill the set criteria while setting an example with their works beyond their legal responsibilities alongside encouraging other launching companies.</p> <p>http://www.cevko.org.tr/green-dot-awards-2018</p>	
	<p>Ecoembes ‘2015 – 2017 Prevention Plan’s Monitoring Closure Report’ In March 31st Ecoembes presented the ‘2015 – 2017 Prevention Plan’s Monitoring Closure Report’ to all the Spanish Autonomous Regions with the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2,135 member companies adhered that represent 89% of the Spanish fast-moving-goods market - 8,639 ecodesign measures saving 52,238 tons of packaging raw materials - Packaged-to-product ratio decreased in 2.7% during the 2015-2017 period, above the objective (1.1%) <p>In addition, in May 2018 Ecoembes has presented the new “2018-2020 Prevention Plan”, aiming to achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2,072 Member companies adhered. - 88% tons adhered 	

	<p>- 3,043 prevention measures forecast. 0.7% reduction of the Packaged-to-product ratio</p>	
	<p>Study on Bioplastic packaging materials EKO-KOM together with The Institute of Experimental Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and the Research Institute of Plant Production made study “Biodegradable plastics in waste management processes TA01020744” This study was financed by Technological Agencies of the Czech Republic. The study was realized in the period of 5 years (2011-2015) to cover the lack of consistency with regard to the subsequent handling of bioplastics as waste. There is a potential problem for existing systems of recycling organized by PRO in Czech Republic</p>	
	<p>Diagnostics of packaging solutions Once again this year, Fost Plus is committed to offering its members numerous tools and services that help them in their packaging eco-design and design for recycling. In addition to organizing monitoring projects with more than 40 member companies, together with VAL-I-PAC, Fost Plus has carried out 12 diagnostics of packaging solutions with the help of university partners specialized in the field of packaging. This service was developed to help companies optimize their packaging. A clear and precise report is sent to the member companies of Fost Plus and VAL-I-PAC with a description of the actions to be taken to reduce the ecological footprint of their packaging. Members are then free to apply the proposed improvements at their convenience, without significant investment in new technologies. Thus, in December 2017, a big retailer company carried out a packaging diagnosis in three main product categories, giving rise to numerous eco-design perspectives for their packaging.</p>	