

High energy costs bring the plastics processing industry to its knees with risks throughout the supply chain and significant impacts on other industries such as food, construction, healthcare and automotive

The alarm of Unionplast, the Association part of Federazione Gomma Plastica

Milano, 21 marzo 2022 - Unionplast, an Association representing Italian companies involved in the processing of plastics within Confindustria, a sector of great importance in the national manufacturing system, second only to Germany in the European context, is very concerned about the dramatic situation caused by high energy prices.

“The energy price crisis is also seriously affecting the plastics processing industry, a highly energy-intensive sector with more than 5,000 companies, more than 100,000 employees, and of essential support for other strategic industrial sectors of the country such as food, construction, healthcare and automotive.” This is the alarm cry of Marco Bergaglio, President of Unionplast.

This energy shock is compounded by problems related to the shortage of raw materials, which started last year and is now intensified by the war in Ukraine, with unfortunately significant impacts both on the costs of raw materials and on their availability, also due to the growing problems in the entire global logistics chain.

“The uncontrolled rise in energy costs and the growing difficulty of sourcing raw materials - continues Bergaglio - is a deadly mix for our industry and creates the real risk of not being able to meet the demands of our customers, companies operating in industrial sectors with a strong impact on the final consumer. This situation has inevitable consequences also on the prices of our products, in order not to suffer heavy losses that would endanger the companies of the sector. ”



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Founded in 2005 by the merger of Assogomma and Unionplast, Federazione Gomma Plastica is the trade organization in the confindustrial field, which supports the interests of the Rubber Industries, the Electrical Cables and the Plastics and Related Industries, a sector that in Italy has 140,000 employees. Thanks to its two primary components, Assogomma and Unionplast, the Federation boasts over 70 years of experience of daily activity in the promotion and protection of the sectors represented: 457 companies of the two sectors that join the Federation and employ about 45,000 people, all united by a concrete commitment to growth, with a view to Sustainable Development. The primary objective of the Federation and the Federated Associations is to meet the needs of the Associated Companies by providing them with advice, information and publications, organizing events and initiatives and supporting strategic projects whose primary aim is the growth of the represented industrial system. Through the monitoring and active participation in the implementation of processes of standardization, regulation and standardization, the Federation is committed to pursuing the growth and improvement of the sector, also from a legislative point of view and of guarding the most important industrial issues. In this perspective, the Federation and the Federated Associations are a reference, in the context of Confindustria, towards European, national and local institutions. The Federation represents the sector in the stipulation of the National Collective Labour Contract of the Rubber and Plastics industries, also taking care of its drafting. Federazione Gomma Plastica is the natural meeting point for the Entrepreneurs and Managers of the two Sectors, fostering a networking activity, which finds its concrete reference in the social bodies and in the numerous work and product groups. For the number of employees involved in the sector, it represents one of the most important sector federations of Confindustria, as well as playing a leading role in the context of the Italian manufacturing industry, second only in Europe to Germany and among the top seven in the world.

Unionplast

Unionplast, a non-profit association founded in 1945, is the National Union of Italian Plastic Transformers, recognized and open to all companies interested in the plastics and synthetic resins industry. The Association has 21,000 employees, representing about 110,000 total employees of the sector. The readiness to always find innovative and functional solutions, the firmness, the clarity and the deep technical competence, also in relation to environmental and sustainability aspects, together with the ability to talk with European and Italian political and institutional decision-makers, are characteristics that distinguish Unionplast and have made it a point of reference in the entire material processing chain. plastics, including recycled plastics. There is a wide variety of products in this industry: semi-finished and finished products and applications in various fields such as piping systems for construction, industry, water and gas pipelines; packaging products (cassettes, containers, films, bags, bags, etc.) for agriculture (cloths, nets, pipes). filters, tanks, etc.), for transport (protection, finishes, interiors, etc.), for infrastructure (poles, supports, tanks, drains, etc.); construction products (thermal insulation, skylights, gutters, windows, internal and external cladding, floors, etc.).



Since its foundation, it aims to defend and promote the sector of products made with plastics, offering a direct service of consulting, listening and support to the specific requests of companies in the sector, also collaborating with the standardization bodies. Since 2004 Unionplast has been one of the founding members of IPPR, Institute for the Promotion of Recycled Plastics, a non-profit organization that aims to consolidate the spread of the use of recycled polymers in the national industry and to make these materials known to public and private clients.

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