

THE JOURNEY TO A LEAD-FREE STABILISERS INDUSTRY IN EUROPE

In 2000, the European Stabiliser Producers (ESPA) committed to **replace lead-based stabilisers by the end of 2015** across the EU.

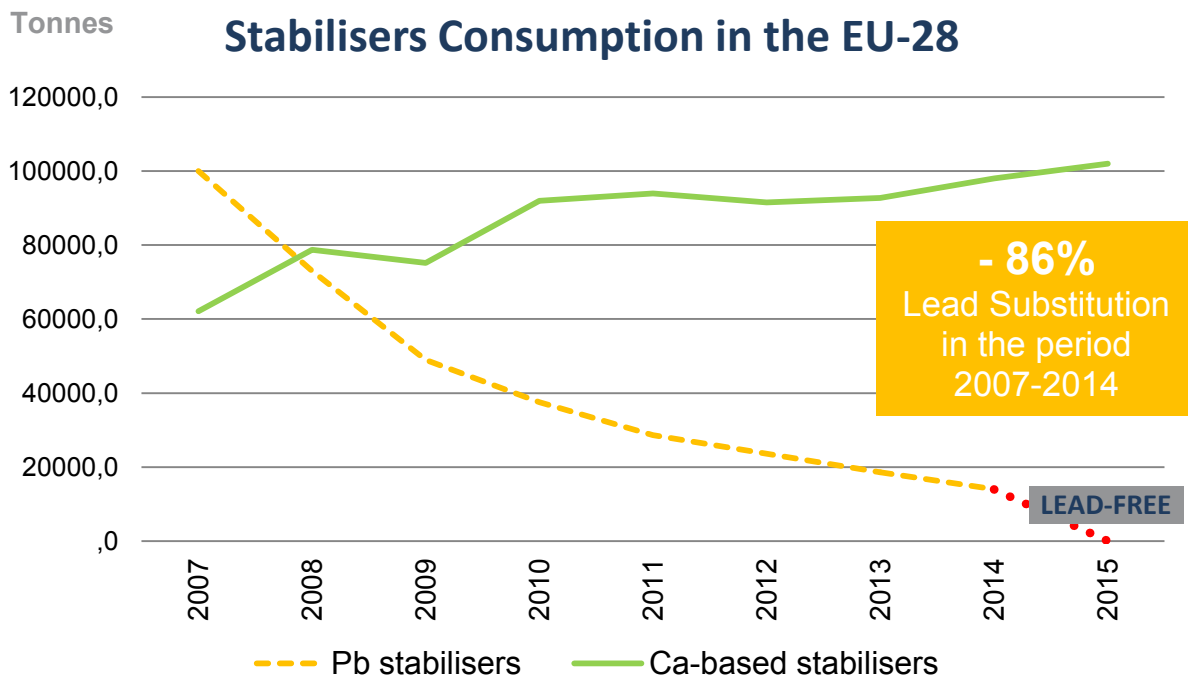


We are only a few months away from accomplishing this **major transformation** for the entire PVC value-chain.

Stabilisers producers have invested **considerably in time and resources** to develop alternatives to the widely used lead-based systems. The **close collaboration** of manufacturers and downstream users has been critical in this process.



By the end of 2014, lead-based stabilisers use decreased by 86% as shown in the graph below. The graph also shows the correlated growth in calcium-based stabilisers, which are used as an alternative.



Only a few months left to complete lead substitution!

OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY & VINYLPLUS

The substitution of lead-based stabilisers in Europe is being carried out within the framework of the Voluntary Commitment of the European PVC industry to Sustainable Development, first as Vinyl 2010 and since 2011 under the VinylPlus programme. www.vinylplus.eu