The European Stabiliser Producers Association (ESPA) is a pan-European trade association representing more than 95% of the stabiliser industry across Europe. ESPA is an affiliated member of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council.

ESPA’s mission is to promote the use of stabiliser additives for vinyl applications and to provide a forum for the study and discussion of matters of scientific, technical, and environmental interest.

ESPA cooperates with national and supranational organisations (EU, OECD, United Nations), other industry associations, consumer organisations and non-governmental organisations. Carrying joint projects on technical, scientific and regulatory matters contributes towards the sustainable use of PVC stabilisers.

ESPA is a founding member, first of Vinyl 2010 and since 2011 of VinylPlus, the Voluntary Commitment of the European PVC industry towards sustainability.

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The first voluntary commitment of the European PVC industry is signed by ESPA, ECPI, ECVM and EuPC. Vinyl 2010 is officially born. ESPA members commit to the full replacement of Pb-based stabilisers in EU-15 by 2015.

Recovinyl is set-up to boost PVC recycling across Europe including applications containing Pb-based stabilisers.

First interim target of 15% Pb-based stabilisers reduction is achieved.

ESPA members agree to implement a programme, called LiBRE (Lead in Blood Reduction Programme), aiming at reducing workers' exposure.

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The consumption of Pb-based stabilisers in the EU-15 reduced by over 85% since 2000.

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