



Flexo Best Practice Tool Box Technical Meeting—support of companies

Following recent developments and confirmation of the first supporting companies, the first Flexo Best Practice Tool Box Technical Meeting will take place in Milan at the ATIF offices on Monday 15th of May 2017.

The technical meeting will start the coordination of the works for the next months, in order to prepare and finalise the first Technical Guideline on Maintenance and Press Analysis.

Representatives of supporting companies, experts from the icm.print team, and the FTA

Europe Technical Committee will participate in the meeting.

FTA Europe counting on the support of European companies that can still join the project at the conditions already reported until Friday 1st of September 2017.

After this date, support to the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box Project may be subject to different conditions.

To register for the meeting and support the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box project, please contact lconti@fta-europe.eu

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FTA Europe delegation to attend FTA US Annual Forum 2017

FTA Europe is pleased to inform that a delegation of printers/suppliers from the EU flexo sector will attend FTA US's Annual Forum.

FTA USA Annual Forum and InfoFlex 2017 is taking place in Phoenix April 30-May 03. The European delegation comes about following the agreement with the American flexography association FTA USA, aimed at strengthening the cooperation between the two associations. FTA Eu-

rope participants will benefit from the linked [registration conditions](#).

Moreover, FTA USA will organise a Welcome Hospitality Cocktail Hour for Saturday, 29 April inviting all the members of the FTA Europe delegation, alongside its staff, board and other key dignitaries to welcome members of the delegation. For further information please contact: lconti@fta-europe.eu.



EFIA UK annual Print Awards

On Thursday 16th March, the EFIA UK Print Awards and Gala Dinner took place for the second year at the prestigious Vox Conference Centre in Birmingham NEC.

The event allows the flexographic industry to celebrate flexographic print quality, efficiency, innovation, technical development, and sustainability. Over 500 participants attended the event, among them representatives of FTA Europe and national flexography associations.

On behalf of FTA Europe, President Sante

Conservan awarded some winning companies. The Gold Best in show was handed to Amcor, Ultimate Packaging Ltd achieved Silver, and Bronze went to Americk Packaging. Follow the link for the [full list](#) of award winners.

Companies winning gold in each category will automatically compete in the FTA Europe Diamond Awards in 2018, together with the winning companies of the next edition of the EFIA UK Annual Print Awards foreseen for March 2018.



FTA Europe at DFTA Proflex Event

On 8th and 9th March, the Annual DFTA Proflex Event and Flexo Awards took place in Stuttgart.

FTA Europe Secretary General, Beatrice Klose participated in the conference and the Award Ceremony with the aim of deepening contacts with DFTA – the German Flexography Association on behalf of FTA Europe.

During her contacts with participants, including DFTA officials and members' companies, Ms. Klose promoted cooperation at EU level to strengthen the relation between DFTA and FTA Europe. Moreover, she presented FTA Europe activities to those interested, particularly the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box Project which is currently being launched.

Award season is approaching: who will be the winners?





Upcoming national events and Flexo Awards

EFTA-Benelux Flexo Awards, 9 November 2017 in Antwerp (Belgium): <http://www.efta.nl/nieuws/berichten/fta-benelux-flexo-awards-2017.html>

ATIF Italy: Best in Flexo Bologna, 14 November 2017: <http://www.atif.it/it/bestinflexo-2017>

Flexo Day 2017, 15 November 2017: <http://www.atif.it/it/flexoday-2017/>

ATEF Spain and ATF France annual ceremonies

will take place during late 2017 (November/December). ATIF, ATF and ATEF Flexo Print Awards are an annual event happening in late part of the year every year, whereas EFTA Benelux Flexo Awards is a bi-annual event.

Considering the structure of the national awards and the fact that the FTA Europe Diamond Awards is a bi-annual ceremony, it is already possible to foresee that about 150 samples will compete for the FTA Europe Diamond Awards edition in 2018.



Future events

DATE	EVENT
14 May 2017	Flexo Best Practice Tool Box technical meeting, Milan
29 June 2017	FTA Europe General Assembly, Barcelona
9 November 2017	EFTA-Benelux Flexo Awards, Antwerp
14 November 2017	ATIF Italy Best in Flexo, Bologna
15 November 2017	ATIF Italy Flexo Day, Bologna

What flexo events are approaching? Please contact Luca Conti, lconti@fta-europe.eu, if you have an event to advertise in FTA Europe's Newsletter.