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## Flexo News

# Diamond Awards 2024 nominees are announced

FTA Europe is delighted to reveal the nominees for the FTA Diamond Awards 2024, a distinguished European flexographic event showcasing the exceptional works of the continent's top printers. The finalists, representing outstanding companies, have successfully secured their positions to compete across 16 flexo print categories in this prestigious competition.

The jury session, conducted on the 5th and 6th of March in Brussels, proved to be a challenging yet rewarding experience, as the judging panel meticulously reviewed more than 130 printed works of excellent quality. Diamond Award entries are already winners in national flexo awards of FTA Europe member

### NOMINEES:

ACM – SIT Group(IT)

Alucart (IT)

Aro (IT)

Bastin Pack NV (Benelux)

Bischof & Klein (UK)

DS Smith Packaging Livingston (UK)

Ekaflex (IT)

Essity Italy (IT)

Eurolabel (IT)

Europoligrafico (IT)

Felco BV (Benelux)

Flessofab (IT)

Flexomed (ES)

Imprimerie de l'EPERON (FR)

Indusac (ES)

Lysipack (FR)

Minova Labels (IT)

Orbo nv (Benelux)

countries, establishing them as the pinnacle of flexographic excellence. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the remarkable companies that have advanced to the final stage, setting the scene for a thrilling competition among the best flexo products in Europe and beyond.

The culmination of this prestigious event will be the Diamond Awards ceremony, scheduled to take place on the 30th of May at the Kö59 Hotel in Dusseldorf. This grand celebration will coincide with the renowned drupa exhibition, providing an ideal platform to honour and showcase excellence within the flexographic industry.

Ovelar (ES)

Reflex Labels Newcastle (UK)

Saica Viana (ES)

Sacchettificio Nazionale g. Corazza (IT)

SDR Pack (IT)

Schur Flexibles Uni Flexo (FR)

Scatolificio Ceriana (IT)

Smurfit Burgos (ES)

Smurfit Kappa CRP Pre-Print & Coatings (UK)

Smurfit Kappa Markham Vale (UK)

Smurfit Kappa Totana (ES)

Smurfit Kappa Turnhout (Benelux)

Sofpo (FR)

Soyaux Plastique Complexages (FR)

Südpack Grootegast B.V. (Benelux)

SICAL Groupe Rossmann (FR)

Soyaux Plastique Complexages (FR)

Universal Sleeve (ES)

# FTA Europe Diamond Awards 2024 sponsors: April 2024 update

## DIAMOND SPONSOR



## GOLD SPONSORS



## SILVER SPONSORS



## COCKTAIL & AFTER PARTY SPONSORS



# FTA Europe introduces additional Gold Sponsorship slot for Diamond Awards

In response to high demand, FTA Europe is thrilled to announce the addition of an extra Gold Sponsorship opportunity for the prestigious Diamond Awards. Moreover, FTA Europe extends an invitation to interested parties to explore our Silver and Cocktail & After Party sponsorship. Don't miss out on this outstanding opportunity to be part of the flexo industry's premier event. Secure your spot at the FTA Diamond Awards 2024 by exploring the available options today.

### COCKTAIL & AFTER PARTY SPONSOR: € 2,500

- Visibility in the promotional material (online – including logo on FTA Europe website - and offline)
- Visibility during the cocktail preceding the awards ceremony and the ceremony afterparty
- Creation of a cocktail in the name of the company to be on offer during the cocktail and afterparty.
- 2 free tickets with a reservation of 2 seats at a 10-seat table.

### GOLD SPONSOR: € 5,000

- 2 free tickets with a reservation of 2 seats at a 10-seat table or a possibility to book a 10-seat table (with your company logo) for 1300 EUR + VAT.
- Visibility in the promotional material (online – including logo and description on the FTA Europe website - and offline) and during the award ceremony
- One 10-seat table (with company logo)
- The opportunity to award one winner
- A banner at the ceremony showing the company logo

To enquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact FTA Europe at [info@fta-europe.eu](mailto:info@fta-europe.eu).

### SILVER SPONSOR: € 2,500

- Visibility in the promotional material (online – including logo on FTA Europe website - and offline) and during the award ceremony
- 2 free tickets with a reservation of 2 seats at a 10-seat table or a possibility to book a 10-seat table (with your company logo) for 1300 EUR + VAT.



## FTA Europe Diamond Awards 2024: registrations are open

FTA Europe is excited to open the registrations for its flagship event, the FTA Europe Diamond Awards 2024, taking place in Düsseldorf on May 30, 2024, during the renowned Drupa exhibition.

Attendees can secure their presence by purchasing individual tickets at a cost of EUR 170 plus German VAT or opt for a 10-seat table at the exclusive rate of EUR 1450 plus German VAT.

The event will kick off at 18:30 CET at the Kö59 Hotel at Königsallee 59, 40215 Düsseldorf. To secure your spot and join the industry's luminaries, visit our ticket webshop [here](#). Seating is limited, so act fast to guarantee your presence at this occasion.

As the pinnacle of achievement within the European flexographic sector, the FTA Diamond Awards owe their success to the support of generous sponsors. These sponsors

play a pivotal role in fostering continuous growth and innovation in the flexographic printing.

[BUY YOUR TICKET & TABLE HERE.](#)

## EFTA-Benelux establishes new Committees and Shadow Board

FTA Europe's member association EFTA-Benelux has recently established new committees and a Shadow Board, and they have hit the ground running with ideas, developments, and other tasks. The three main pillars include the Education Committee, Communication Committee, and Technical Committee, along with a Shadow Board.

The Shadow Board serves as a network and platform for young EFTA-Benelux members. By sharing knowledge and insights in technology, education, communication, and governance, they also act as a sounding board for the board and committees. Shadow Board members are to actively shape the future of the flexo industry in the Benelux by applying for positions on the board or one of the committees.

The EFTA Committee & Shadow Board Top Day, held on February 7th, 2024, at Hotel Van der Valk in Breda, was a dynamic event focused on collaboration and innovation. Attendees enjoyed insightful presentations by committee and shadow board chairs, outlining their respective objectives. The day featured engaging discussions and breakout sessions, fostering knowledge sharing and networking opportunities.



**FTA EUROPE DIAMOND AWARDS**  
30 May 2024 in Düsseldorf

**May, 30<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
Kö59 Hotel  
Königsallee 59, 40215 Düsseldorf, Germany

*Program*

- 18.30** Registration of participants & Welcome cocktail
- 19.45** Call for the Awards Ceremony
- 23.00** After Party

Dress code: Formal Business Attire  
RSVP before May, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

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**GOLD SPONSOR**

**SILVER SPONSOR**

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# FIA UK's Annual Print Competition and Awards 2024 to take place on 20 June

Save the date for June 20th as the FIA UK Annual Awards Dinner.

Competition entries for the UK flexo companies are currently being accepted until April 22nd.

Whether you're a printer or a supplier, there are various categories available, covering all aspects of the industry. Additionally, international participants can explore specialized overseas categories.

The FIA UK Annual Awards offer an opportunity to celebrate outstanding flexographic works from the past year. Participants not only get a chance to compete for prestigious awards within the UK but also stand a chance to shine on a broader European stage at the FTA Europe Diamond Awards, where winners of the national awards of the FTA Europe members compete once in 2 years.

Join FIA UK in honouring excellence and innovation within the flexo community.

For entry details and guidelines, please visit:

- Digital Entry Form 2024: [Link](#)
- Rules and Regulations 2024: [Link](#)



# Provisional deal reached on the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation with reservations from the European Commission

A provisional deal was reached by the co-legislators on the proposed Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation, however with a reservation from the Commission.

The text maintains the general spirit of the initial Commission's proposal and several of its requirements.

It includes targets for minimum recycled content in plastic packaging, exempting packaging whose plastic component represents less than 5% of its total weight.

It sets binding re-use targets, which will vary depending on the type of packaging used by operators. Transport and sales packaging would be covered however with exemptions like flexible packaging in direct contact with food and cardboard packaging. Derogations are foreseen for micro-enterprises or for instance when Member States exceed applicable recycling targets.

As proposed by the Commission, the text introduces restrictions on certain packaging formats, including single-use plastic packaging for fruit and vegetables; for food and beverages in the HORECA sector; for small cosmetic and toiletry products used in the accommodation sector; and for very lightweight plastic bags.

It also introduces a restriction on the placing on the market of food contact packaging containing PFASs above certain thresholds.

It sets an empty space ratio of 50% in grouped, transport and e-commerce packaging.

The Commission has a strong reservation as the final text as the definition of post-consumer plastic waste when read in conjunction with the recycled content targets could have unintentional trade impacts.

The text now needs to be formally approved by the European Parliament and Council. The different formal steps, if there is no blocking of the Commission, may lead to a final adoption at the end of 2024. This would be followed by its publication in the Official Journal and its entry into force 20 days after. The Regulation will be applicable 18 months after that date.

Press release of the Council can be found [here](#).



# FLEXbinar

On Wednesday 23 April 2024 at 11:00 to 12:00 CEST  
we organize a webinar

## Water based inks: formulation and application new challenges

Free registration at:  
<https://forms.gle/bX65qaSvFH9hPK3Q7>



23/04/2024 FLEXbinar: Water based inks: formulation and application. Register [here](https://forms.gle/bX65qaSvFH9hPK3Q7).

30/05/2024 FTA Europe Diamond Awards, Düsseldorf, Germany.

20/06/2024 FIA Print Awards 2024, Liverpool UK.

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