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## Fishing for support!

### Would you buy a new type of blood bag?

**PVCfreeBloodbag will attend the annual CleanMed Europe Conference in Oxford, 17-19 September 2013.**

There are no PVC-free blood bags for red blood cells on the market today.

This project has two objectives: To increase demand from

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healthcare organizations and to show that it is possible to make a PVC-free blood bag that fulfils the requirements specification.



*The project will of course have representatives in place and will also participate in the poster exhibition. Click on the picture for more information.*



**Meet us in Oxford 17-19 September!**  
PVCfreeBloodbag will attend **CleanMed Europe 2013**, the world's leading conference focusing on sustainable health care.

#### New project colleagues

Project manager Lena Stigh is invited to speak at the LIFE-EDESIA kick-off meeting October 14, 2013. The meeting will be held at ISS, Marotta seminar room, in Rome. The LIFE EDESIA project aims to contribute to improved implementation of the REACH Regulation by providing at least one suitable alternative for bisphenol A/BPA, phthalates and parabens

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#### The first test samples of film

 In the project the film for the blood-bags is produced by Wipak in Finland. Now samples are made by the first batch of compound from Melitek in Denmark.

"We have completed the first Blood Bag film trials and it is promising", says research and development engineer Pekka Weeraratne, Wipak Medical.

Everything is proceeding according to plan.

#### Our comments on the LCA

This is the project's response to the vinyl manufacturers' press releases below.

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#### How many blood bags do you use?

Help us calculate how much PVC and DEHP we can get rid of by exchanging the current bloodbags for new pvc-free ones.

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#### WHY NEW BAGS?

Blood bags that are 30–40 percent DEHP are used in healthcare throughout the world. DEHP is classified as a reproductive toxin and is forbidden in toys. The latest directive regarding medical devices emphasizes the importance of labeling devices

containing DEHP and evaluating the risks of using DEHP in devices for sensitive groups. Demanding a PVC-free bag means avoiding risks with other plasticizers as well as global environmental problems with PVC.

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