

ISOPA/ALIPA continue their successful campaign to provide the mandatory training under REACH for the safe use and handling of Diisocyanates

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We are delighted to share the news of ALIPA and ISOPA's remarkable success with the digital training platform they developed together. Launched in 2021, the website www.safeusediisocyanates.eu has evolved into the primary resource for workers across Europe seeking comprehensive training on the safe handling of diisocyanates, the essential building blocks of polyurethanes. This platform plays a pivotal role in ensuring compliance with the REACH restriction on diisocyanates, which came into effect on August 24, 2023.

In October 2023, we celebrated a significant milestone, with over **600,000 people** registering for online training through the platform. This impressive number underscores the commitment of the entire value chain to upholding the highest safety and compliance standards.

The substantial registration figures also serve as a testament to the quality of the training offered. The platform is now available in 26 languages and features training materials created by a team of over 100 experts from our member companies and downstream users' associations.

It is important to note that the 600,000 online registrants represent only one part of the total number of workers who have already received training on the safe use of diisocyanates. We have indeed educated more than 150 trainers who are now conducting online and offline training sessions in all 27 Member States. We have also established agreements with multinational companies that have recognized the value of our training content and are integrating it into their learning management systems.

This achievement highlights the diisocyanates industry's dedication to promoting safety and ensuring that workers across diverse sectors and countries are well-trained to handle this chemical while remaining compliant with the REACH restriction.

Jörg Palmersheim, Secretary General of ISOPA/ALIPA, commented, *"This accomplishment reflects our industry's commitment to safety and compliance. We are proud of the positive impact our training platform has had on a significant number of workers and are eager to continue enhancing safety standards across Europe."*

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ISOPA represents major European manufacturers of aromatic diisocyanates and polyols, the main raw materials used to make polyurethanes. More information on diisocyanates, their applications and ISOPA's product stewardship initiatives can be found on the [ISOPA website](http://www.isopa.org).

ALIPA was created by the major European producers of aliphatic isocyanates and polyisocyanates – key components for high quality coatings, adhesives and elastomers – in order to encourage the safe and proper use of these materials. You can find more information about ALIPA's objectives and initiatives on the [ALIPA website](http://www.alipa.org).

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