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Join representatives from the global product safety community in Brussels for ICPHSO's International Symposium. A unique event bringing together international regulators and industry leaders as part of the European Commission's International Product Safety Week.

October 9, 2018 -- The International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO) is returning to Brussels on November 12 – 13, 2018 for its one and a half-day International Symposium during the European Commission's International Product Safety Week (November 12 – 15, 2018).

The theme is "*Alignment and Inclusion in a Divergent World*" and the Symposium will focus on how the product safety community can increase focus on inclusion and diversity when addressing product safety issues, to benefit consumers everywhere.

There are some spaces still available and **registration is open until October 19, 2018**. Further registration details can be found [here](#) including a detailed [agenda and speakers list](#).

Highlights include:

- Hearing keynote speeches from Commissioner Jourová (Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, European Commission) and Ann Marie Buerkle (Acting Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission).
- Learning and sharing expertise via interactive panel discussions and workshops on a range of topics including: EU IoT law developments and enforcement trends in the context of the Digital Single Market; the impact of digitalisation on product safety; designing products for diverse populations; and social media and product misuse.
- Networking with speakers and attendees from across the industry (including international regulators, manufacturers, retailers, importers, consumer organisations, standard-makers, test laboratories, academia and product safety experts).
- A diversity panel as part of ICPHSO's Inclusion Initiative looking at the positive benefits diversity and inclusion can bring to product safety.
- Taking part in the European Commission's wider program of events for Product Safety Week – more details [here](#).

Marc Schoem, ICPHSO's Executive Director, commented that "these symposiums offer an unrivalled opportunity for those passionate about consumer product safety to come together and share information, best practices and experiences in a neutral and unbiased setting".

ICPHSO is celebrating its 25th Silver Jubilee Anniversary and was founded in 1993 and is the only organization that is comprised of product health and safety professionals from around the world. ICPHSO's annual Symposium, Regional Product Safety Training Workshop and International Symposium provides an opportunity for health and safety professionals to come together to hear timely and relevant information from speakers pertaining to the safety of consumer products world-wide in a neutral forum. More information at www.icphso.org.