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Manufacturers of made-to-order contact lenses and Intra-Ocular Lenses (IOLs) are a driving force within EUROMCONTACT and should continue to engage at EU level, says EUROMCONTACT at EFCLIN 45th Congress.

On 27th April, EUROMCONTACT President, Nicoletta Losi, presented EUROMCONTACT and its activities to the EFCLIN membership at the 45th EFLCIN Congress. Activities focus on educating the EU decision-makers on the specificities of the contact lens sector and contributing to the shaping of the legislation on medical devices while promoting contact lenses to Eye Care Professionals and leveraging the issue of eye health and vision onto the EU health agenda.

Nicoletta Losi highlighted the role of EFCLIN within EUROMCONTACT *"as the representation of the manufacturers of made-to-order lenses and IOLs, EFCLIN plays a major role in EUROMCONTACT. Membership of EFCLIN, many of which are SMEs, contribute to the innovation and economic growth in our sector and should be recognised. It is important that their voice and concerns be echoed at EU level"*, she added.

The following day, Antonieta Lucas, chair of the Regulatory Affairs Group of EUROMCONTACT presented the impact of the Medical Devices Regulation on the contact lens sector and the work of EUROMCONTACT to help shape the regulatory framework according to the needs of manufacturers. *"The costs of the implementation of the new regulatory framework will be a major challenge for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and EUROMCONTACT is actively working to leverage this issue to the Commission, Competent Authorities and representatives of Notified Bodies"*, Antonieta said.

EFCLIN is an international meeting platform and forum for manufacturers, wholesalers & distributors of contact lenses and IOLs and is a member of EUROMCONTACT. The 45th EFCLIN Congress took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on 26-28th April 2018 and featured more than 300 participants.

EUROMCONTACT is the voice of European contact lens and lens care industry to the European Institutions, media, stakeholders and the public. EUROMCONTACT is the European Federation of National Associations and International Companies of Contact Lens and Lens Care Manufacturers. EUROMCONTACT members include National Associations of Manufacturers, representing Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom; the global companies Alcon, Bausch & Lomb, CooperVision, Johnson & Johnson Vision, Mark'ennovy, Menicon and the European Federation for the Contact Lens Industry EFCLIN.

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