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Sustainability in PPE: Highlights from the A+A Webinar Series "Expert Talks"

Sustainability and innovation – two buzzwords that are revolutionizing the future of personal protective equipment (PPE). On November 5, 2024, the A+A webinar series "Expert Talks" focused entirely on this forward-looking topic. The event provided new impulses and demonstrated that sustainable PPE is not only feasible but also essential.

Inspiring Voices and Smart Solutions

With Christine Hentschel from UVEX Safety Group and Bernadette Niehaus from 3M Germany, two true experts shared valuable insights and solutions for eco-friendly PPE. Their approach: sustainability must be practical and tangible – from production to usage.

The strong response from various industries highlights the importance of the topic. Particularly impressive were the best practices that showcased how recycled materials such as polyester and repurposed nylon can be used in PPE production. The result? High-quality products that are both durable and environmentally friendly.

Pathways to Greater Sustainability

Beyond material selection, several exciting approaches were discussed:

- **Reducing waste and recycling:** From recycling programs to repair services – circular economy was a major topic.



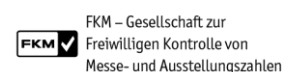
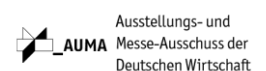
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- **Engaging employees:** Regular training and a better understanding of sustainable practices ensure that PPE lasts longer and is used more consciously.

Working Together for a Greener Future

Lars Wismer, Director of A+A, summed it up: *"The A+A Expert Talks provide our community with the perfect opportunity to actively shape the future of personal protective equipment. Sustainability can only be achieved together – by sharing knowledge and experiences, we can develop practical solutions that benefit both the environment and the workplace."*

Looking Ahead

The next session is scheduled for February 11, 2025, when the "Expert Talks" will focus on the trending topic of exoskeletons. With inspiring use cases and the latest research findings from the Exoworkathlon at A+A 2023, this event promises to be another highlight. Companies will learn how exoskeletons can not only enhance employee health but also strengthen their competitive advantage.



The Road to A+A 2025

The "Expert Talks" serve as the perfect preview of A+A 2025. Topics such as occupational safety, digitalization, and sustainability will be explored in depth at expert forums and on the Live Fashion Stage. This will be a unique opportunity to catch up on the latest trends and gain valuable expert knowledge.

The future of PPE is in our hands. Formats like the "Expert Talks" show that we can shape it together. Be part of it and help create a more sustainable and safer working world!

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