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The Intergraf and EGF project, 'Printing and the Environment; Guidance on Best Available Techniques (BATs) in printing industries' was co-funded by the European Commission's DG Social Affairs.

The group compiled and published a guide on techniques for dealing with the environment in the European printing industry for printers, suppliers, and enforcement authorities. The content was based on information from all over the European Union and was checked, validated and where necessary corrected, by a multinational group of experts, working for both employer federations and trade unions.



The project covered all process emissions from printing and focused on health, safety, and environmental protection. The Guidelines acknowledged the fact that at least 85% of printing companies are SMEs and therefore the advice was tailored accordingly.

This initiative has produced a set of guidelines which are widely regarded as a great improvement over other existing documents. Furthermore, the project encourages innovation and development of BATs for the future and represents a new and novel set of guidelines with the full support of the European Commission. In addition, in each of the cases considered, in order to compile the guidelines, the cost effectiveness and product performance were checked to ensure no decrease in either standard.

For details of how you can obtain a copy of the guide please visit www.intergraf.org or contact

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