### Four Pees creates Ghent PDF Output Suite Conformance training

**Ghent, XX/XX/2021** – **The Ghent Workgroup recently developed a conformance certification program around the Ghent PDF Output Suite 5.0. Printers who obtain the conformance certification label show they have a modern workflow, that is compatible with and optimized to process PDF/X-4 files. Certification is granted by the Ghent Workgroup but is always guided by a Ghent Workgroup member. As one of its newest members, Four Pees can not only guide printers through this process but has also created a full training course to help printers make sure they are ready for this certification.**

**David van Driessche, CTO at Four Pees:** “Getting the Conformance certificate is of course nice, but the real value for printers is to understand the underlying principles of the PDF format and the relevant ISO and GWG standards. It is this knowledge that will help printers to become more efficient in how they deal with incoming PDF files. As Four Pees we didn’t just want to provide support to get the Ghent PDF Output Suite Conformance Certificate, but we wanted to combine that with essential training to increase knowledge at printers. The certification then is the cherry on the proverbial cake.”

The Ghent PDF Output Suite consists of several dozen patches, each testing a specific aspect of the PDF/X-4 standard. These are composed into six larger sheets (with 8 patches each), are fully PDF/X-4 compliant and contain only valid PDF/X-4 features which could also be part of any ordinary PDF/X-4 file. To be certified, a test file containing the six sheets is personalized for the candidate printer. The printer must output it and provide proof of a good result. As the Ghent PDF Output Suite is easy to judge, pictures of the 4 or 6 printed sheets (depending on level) provide sufficient proof.

To help prepare for this certification, Four Pees has created an essential training course. This consists of two half days of training, focusing on the architecture of the PDF file format, essential features of the file format, PDF standards such as the GWG and PDF/X standards, and how to detect and deal with problematic PDF files. As any Four Pees training, it can be further customized so the participating printer gets maximum value out of it.

More information on the training can be found [here](https://www.fourpees.com/en/ghent-pdf-output-suite-certification-course).

Information on the Ghent PDF Output Suite and other resources can be found on the GWG website [here](https://www.gwg.org/workflow-tools-downloads/test-suites/ghent-output-suite/)

### About Four Pees

Reimagine your print production. Four Pees turns your printing operations into a success by ensuring their smooth automation. The result? Your work becomes easier and your entire organisation functions optimally. We offer solutions to streamline print and packaging production from start to finish. Whether you need advice, a software product, or a seamlessly integrated solution that takes you from the drawing board to a tailored design, resulting in fully automated production.

Four Pees was founded in Ghent, Belgium in 2007. Today, more than ten years later, Four Pees offers solutions that streamline entire print and packaging production processes across the world, with sales in Belgium, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and France. Thanks to its network of more than 40 trusted partners and resellers around the world, Four Pees can offer the best possible service.

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**About Ghent Workgroup**

The Ghent Workgroup, formed in June 2002, is an international assembly of industry associations, suppliers, educators and industry members from around the globe. The Ghent Workgroup’s objective is to establish and disseminate process specifications for best practices in graphic arts workflows.

Since its inception almost 20 years ago, the organization has consistently produced numerous process specifications for PDF exchange, as well as developing useful tools for automating processes and testing and establishing consistent PDFs for print, publishing and packaging production – all available free at [www.gwg.org](http://www.gwg.org).

Members are comprised of graphic arts associations including CIP4 (Switzerland), KVGO (the Netherlands), Febelgra (Belgium), Fespa (UK), Medibel+ (Belgium), PDFX-ready (Switzerland), Printing United Alliance (USA), and VIGC (Belgium). Vendor members include Agfa, callas software, Canon, DALIM Software, EFI, Enfocus, Esko, Global Graphics, Heidelberg, HYBRID Software, Kodak, Ricoh, Tech Research (TagG) and Ultimate Technographics. Industry members are Four Pees, Igepa Sagamgraphic, JP/Politikens Hus, Litografia Rosés, Prinovis, RRD and ybam. Educational members are Arteveldehogeschool Gent, CEC LATAM, Future Schoolz India, Media University Stuttgart, Ryerson University, the University of Ljubljana, the University of Novi Sad, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), The Regional Institute of Printing Technology Kolkata and the University of Wuppertal.

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