puncture the inner and/or outer container, which is avoided by the labyrinth sections.

Preforms and preform assemblies will be discussed and disclosed for forming a container.

In view of the above, in accordance with a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a container of a bag-in-container type, wherein a neck region of the container is provided with at least one opening extending substantially radially there through, into a space between the outer container and an inner container adjacent thereto, wherein the neck region is provided with coupling elements, preferably at opposite sides of said at least one opening, seen in circumferential direction, for coupling of a connecting device to the container for introducing a pressure fluid through said at least one opening into a space between the inner and outer container.

In accordance with a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a set of preforms for forming a container as describes herein.

In accordance with a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for forming a set of preforms for integrally blow moulding a BIC type container, wherein an inner preform is inserted into an outer preform, wherein the inner preform is connected to the outer preform by at least a ring, welded or glued to a free end of at least one of the inner and outer preforms, wherein the ring can be an integral part of or can be connected to the other of the inner and outer preform, such that a space between the inner and outer preform is closed off by said ring and wherein at least one opening is provided through a neck region of the inner preform or outer preform, opening into said space and preferably extending substantially radially through a wall of said neck region.

In accordance with a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a tapping assembly for a beverage, comprising a container as described herein or formed from a set of preforms as described herein or

using a method as described herein, wherein the assembly further comprises a connecting device, connected or connectable to the neck portion of the container, wherein the connecting device comprises at least one connecting element for connecting to the at least one opening, wherein the connecting element is connected to a source of pressurised gas.

In order to further elucidate the present invention, embodiments thereof shall be disclosed and discussed hereafter, with reference to the drawings. Therein shows:

Fig. 1 in side view part of an assembly according to the disclosure, showing a neck region of a container with a connecting device, in a first embodiment;

Fig. 2 in side view part of an assembly according to the disclosure, showing a neck region of a container with a connecting device, in a second embodiment;

Fig. 3 in perspective view the embodiment of fig. 1;

Fig. 4 in cross sectional side view along the line IV - IV in fig. 3 the first embodiment;

Fig. 5 in cross sectional side view along the line V - V in fig. 3 the first embodiment;

Fig. 5A in a view according to fig. 5 an alternative embodiment, especially of the valve and of the container, for example according to fig. 14 C and D and fig. 15A, wherein the connecting device has been rotated such that the connecting elements are in engagement with the container;

Fig. 6 in perspective view the embodiment of fig. 2;

Fig. 7 in cross sectional side view along the line VII - VII in fig. 6 the second embodiment;

Fig. 8 in cross sectional side view along the line VIII - VIII in fig. 6 the second embodiment;

Fig. 9 a gas connecting unit of a connecting device, in perspective view, from a top and a bottom side;