



PANEL 1 **Decarbonising Power Systems for an Industrial Transition**

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FEDERICO BENITO DONA – EUROFER

Federico is currently working as Policy Manager in the Climate & Energy Department of EUROFER, the European steel association, working closely on energy policy within and outside the decarbonisation process of the steel sector. The topics range from electricity markets design to industrial carbon management passing through energy-efficiency, hydrogen and renewable energy policy. Additionally, he covers the role of Policy Assistant to EUROFER Director General.

BRAM CLAEYS – REGULATORY ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Bram is senior advisor and power team lead at the Regulatory Assistance Project. His personal focus is on market design, renewables, and sector integration. Before joining RAP in 2020, Mr. Claeys was the director general of the Organisation for Sustainable Energy in Belgium. In the U.S., Mr. Claeys served as the renewable energy deputy director for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources



ANNA STÜRGKH – MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, RENEW EUROPE

Anna is dedicated to advancing energy policy with a focus on establishing the Energy Union. As a member of ITRE, her primary goal is to ensure Europe's energy future is sustainable, renewable, and independent. She also serves on IMCO and ENVI, where she supports initiatives that foster both economic growth and environmental protection. In addition, she co-chairs the Intergroup on Children's Rights. Before joining the European Parliament, she served as National Chair of JUNOS – Young Liberals NEOS. She holds a Master of Advanced International Studies from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and a BA in History from the University of Cambridge.



Moderator

LUISA KESSLER – BELLONA EUROPA

Luisa has a background in Political Science and holds a master's degree in Sustainable Development, with a focus on Earth System Governance. Before she joined Bellona's Berlin office in 2022, she contributed to a broad range of interdisciplinary sustainability research projects. As policy advisor for a sustainable hydrogen economy, She is part of Bellona's cross-office Energy Systems team and responsible for analysing and advocating for a systemically sensible production, distribution, and use of hydrogen in Germany and beyond.





PANEL 2
Unlocking Markets for Low-Carbon Materials: The Role of Green Public Procurement

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EVITA GOŠA – SCHWENK LATVIJA

Evita is an Environmental and Legal Director at SCHWENK Latvija, representing the cement industry in our panel. She is also the chairperson of the Supervisory Council of Transparency International Latvia and advancing sustainability implementation in the construction sector as the European Climate Pact Ambassador.



ELEANOR BATILLIET – AGORA INDUSTRY

Eleanor is Project Manager at Agora Industry, working on climate neutral industry. In her work she focuses on European and German policy for climate-neutral energy-intensive industries, especially relating to embodied carbon, lead market instruments and trade. Recently, she was part of the research team of two reports analysing the importance of creating markets for climate-friendly basic materials, and discussing the potentials of establishing limit values for the embodied carbon emissions of new buildings in Germany. Previously, she worked on transport and trade policies in an EU public affairs consultancy in Brussels, and gained experience working on subnational climate finance at the German development agency (GIZ).



Moderator

IRENE DOMÍNGUEZ – BELLONA EUROPA

Irene has a Master's in Industrial Engineering and a Master's in Electromechanical Engineering. At Bellona, she focuses on embodied carbon in the construction sector, and the creation of lead-markets for low-carbon materials, such as low-carbon cement and steel, via tools like green public procurement. In her free time, she volunteers at ClimaTalk, a youth-led climate NGO. Prior to joining Bellona, she worked in sustainability-oriented projects in the FMCG industry.



PANEL 3
**Clearing the Path for Industrial
Decarbonisation Through CO₂
Infrastructure Deployment**

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**KRZYSZTOF BOLESTA – MINISTRY OF CLIMATE
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Krzysztof is an appointed official of the European Commission, having served in various roles from 2004 to 2012 and from 2020 to 2024. He has supported Poland's EU accession in energy and R&D and advised on the second European energy and climate change package. He has also worked as a political advisor in Poland, research director at Policy Insight, and co-founded the Foundation for the Promotion of Electric Vehicles. He was awarded the Silver Cross by the President of Poland in 2014 for services to strengthen and develop European integration.

DANIEL KITSCHA – EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Daniel is a member of the European Commission's team supporting the transition of the European industrial economy through low-carbon solutions. His unit focuses on the deployment of all innovative technologies and solutions capable of eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from energy production, industrial production, processes, and products.



ISABELLE RYCKBOST – ESPO

Isabelle has been the Secretary General of the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) since 2013. She previously served as Director of the European Federation of Inland Ports (EFIP) and Senior Advisor for ESPO. Isabelle holds a Law degree from the University of Namur and KU Leuven, and a degree in European Law from UCL Louvain. Before joining EFIP, she worked at the European Commission (DG AGRI), at an EU Public Affairs consultancy, and as a political assistant at the European Parliament. She is co-author of the handbook "Zo Werkt Europa".

Moderator

MICHAŁ WENDOŁOWSKI – BELLONA EUROPA

Michał is Senior Climate Technology & Policy Manager at Bellona Europa, working on industrial decarbonisation projects, with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe. He holds a master's degree in International Relations from the University of Lodz and a postgraduate diploma in Carbon Management from the University of Edinburgh. He has extensive experience in the energy-intensive fertiliser sector, focusing on low-carbon technologies, EU ETS, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, and natural gas markets.





PANEL 4
**Effective Carbon Pricing for
a European Low-Carbon
Manufacturing: a Dialogue**

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ROB VAN DER MEER – CEMBUREAU

Rob is Industrial Policy Director at CEMBUREAU, the European cement association. As chemical engineer he started his career in public services as responsible for environmental permitting with focus on emissions to the air, at the Provincie Limburg in the Netherlands. In 1996 he started in the cement industry as process engineer in the Maastricht plant of ENCI. In 2004 he was appointed CO₂ coordinator for HeidelbergCement in Heidelberg (Germany). In 2007 his position on climate change was combined with policy issues in his new function as Director EU Public Affairs of HeidelbergCement in Heidelberg (Germany). Early 2021 he started in CEMBUREAU. he graduated in 1991 as a chemical engineer from the Technical University Twente in the Netherlands.



LIDIA TAMELLINI – CARBON MARKET WATCH

Lidia's work centres on the decarbonisation of the European Union's industry, covering the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), and other related legislation. She has a legal background, holding a master's degree in comparative, European and International law from the University of Trento, and significant expertise on the energy sector gained in her previous roles.



Moderator

**FRANCESCO LOMBARDI STOCCHETTI -
BELLONA EUROPA**

Francesco focused his academic career on International Relations and European Studies, which made him an expert of EU policy and politics. He has worked on human rights protection and sustainable mobility. At Bellona Europa, he works on topics related to Sustainable Finance and Economy, focusing especially on the EU ETS, CBAM and the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy. He is also the policy coordinator for Bellona's 2024 EU Elections work.