

Panelist Line-Up

Opening & Welcome Remarks

➤ 14:00 - 14:15



Evangelos Mytilineos

- Chairman & CEO of METLEN Energy & Metals, has been re-elected as President of Eurometaux, securing a second two-year term to guide the industry through critical challenges and opportunities.



Nicolàs González Casares

- Elected to the European Parliament in May 2019 for the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, he sits with the S&D Group and serves on the Committees on Industry, Research and Energy and on Public Health and Food Safety.



Panel 1: Driving Clean Industrial Competitiveness for Metals in Europe Discussion Focus: Measures proposed in the Clean Industrial Deal and Affordable Energy Action Plan

➤ 14:15 - 15:15

In this session will be discussed and assessed in terms of their success in supporting the metals sector's competitiveness and decarbonization efforts.

Speakers:



Pierre Schellekens

- Director for Energy Policy, Strategy and Coordination at the European Commission's DG Energy, leading strategic work on Europe's energy transition.



Guido Janssen

- CEO of Nyrstar, a global leader in multi-metals production with over two decades of industry experience.





Frauke Thies

- Executive Director of Agora Energiewende, driving forward research and strategies for Europe's Energy future.



Anna-Maria Karjalainen

- Director for Climate and Sustainability at the International Copper Association Europe, focusing on copper's role in the clean energy transition.



Panel 2: Circular Economy: How to create an effective single market for waste?

➤ 15:45 - 16:45

This session will address what the Clean Industrial Deal includes regarding improvements to the single market for metals-containing waste, focusing on critical raw materials and alignment with the existing EU waste acquis.

Speakers:



Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea

- Director for Circular Economy at DG Environment, European Commission, overseeing EU policies on waste, recycling, and circularity.



Daniel Peltonen

- President at Boliden Smelters, leading operations in one of Europe's largest base metals and recycling companies.





Eva Maria Bille

- Head of Circular Economy at the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), focusing on policies that promote sustainable resource use and waste reduction.



Vincenzo Conforti

- Head of Government Relations Europe at Glencore, managing advocacy and public policy engagement on energy, raw materials, and sustainability.



Sara Matthieu

- Member of the European Parliament for the Greens/EFA Group, focusing on sustainable trade, circular economy legislation, and social justice, with a strong commitment to climate action and environmental protection.



Panel 3: Aligning the Zero Pollution Action Plan with Industrial Competitiveness

➤ 16:45 - 17:45

The discussion will focus on aligning the EU's climate, environmental, and industrial goals while ensuring regulatory coherence and sustainable metals leadership.

Speakers:



Veronica Manfredi

- Director for the Zero Pollution Action Plan at DG Environment, European Commission, leading efforts to advance Europe's environmental and health protection objectives.



Macarena Gutiérrez

- CEO of Atlantic Copper, a leading European copper producer specialising in sustainable smelting and refining operations.





Bart Sap

- CEO of Umicore, a global materials technology and recycling group, focusing on sustainable supply chains and clean mobility transition.



Dimitris Tsiodras

- Member of the European Parliament (EPP), working on environment, public health, digital policies, and the internal market.



Wrap-Up & Closing Remarks

➤ 17:45 – 18:00



Alexandre Paquot

- Director General of DG CLIMA at the European Commission since January 2023. He previously held senior roles in road transport, MRV systems, and environmental policy within DG CLIMA and DG ENV.



James Watson

- Director General of Eurometaux, bringing to the company over 25 years of experience in policy, advocacy, and public speaking. Prior to this role, James served as Secretary General of Eurogas, where he led the European gas industry association for five years.



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