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Christian Ehler, Member of the European Parliament

Per Strand Sjaastad, Ambassador of Norway to Belgium & Deputy Head of Mission

Ena Voûte, Professor and Pro Vice Rector of International Affairs, TU Delft

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& Professor, NTNU

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Head of Unit Maritime Transport and Logistics, European
Commission

Anders Strømman

Professor, Member of IPCC WG3, NTNU

Chris Waddington

Technical Director International Chamber of Shipping

Jaap Gebraad

Secretary General of Waterborne Technology Platform

Sverre Steen

Head of Departement Marine Technology, NTNU

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Peter Handley

Head of Unit, Energy Intensive Industries - Raw Materials, European Commission

Kurt Aasly

Associate Professor NTNU

Thomas Garabetian

Research and Innovation Manager, SolarPower Europe

Markus A. Reuter

Chief Expert and Professor at SMS groups in Düsseldorf

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Frank Siebern-Thomas

Head of Unit, Fair Green and Digital Transitions, DG EMPL,
European Commission

Katja Iversen

Sentral Policy Advisor to the WEF, WHO and World Leaders

Caroline Costongs

Director, EuroHealthNet

Terje Andreas Eikemo

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Irène Tolleret

Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the European Food Forum

Hélène-Diane Dage

Deputy Head of Unit DG GROW Food, Retail, Health, European Commission

Marleen Onwezen

Scientific Expertise Leader, Consumer Behaviour at Wageningen University & Research

Tom Gilbert

Professor of Palaeogenomics, Director, Center for Evolutionary Hologenomics

Laurent Bontoux

Senior Foresight for Policy Expert at European Commission Joint Research Centre

Paolo Patruno

Deputy Secretary General CLITRAVI

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Pro-Rector for Research and Dissemination

Dimitri Lorenzani

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Evening Reception



Rolf Einar Fife

Ambassador of Norway to
the European Union

Rolf Einar Fife is ambassador of Norway to the European Union since January 2019. He was previously, inter alia, ambassador to France 2014-2019 and Director General of Legal Affairs at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2002-2014. Ambassador Fife was also chief negotiator of Norway for the maritime delimitation with the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea and the Arctic Ocean.



Tor Grande

Pro-Rector for Research
and Dissemination, NTNU

Tor Grande is Pro-Rector for Research and Dissemination at NTNU. He became professor of Materials Chemistry/Materials Science in 1997 at NTNU and was previously Vice-Dean for research at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Head of Department at the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. He has broad teaching and research experience in chemistry and materials science with extensive research collaboration both with industry, the institute sector and academia in Norway and internationally. He has supervised over 60 doctoral candidates and published around 300 articles in international peer review journals. He has been a visiting researcher at several foreign institutions including Northwestern University and EPFL. He has been a member of the Committee for Gender Balance and Diversity in Research and he received the Gender Equality Award at NTNU in 2009.

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Elisabeth Werner

Deputy Secretary-General
Policy Coordination
European Commission

Elisabeth Werner, an Austrian national, has been working for the European Commission since 1996, where she held numerous roles in the area of budget and transport. In 2014, Ms. Werner joined the Cabinet of Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva, responsible for Budget and Human Resources, where she became Head of Cabinet. In the field of transport and mobility, she was Director of Land Transport, responsible for road and rail transport in the EU and its security. In March 2021, Ms. Werner was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the European Commission. She is responsible for policy coordination, including the Green Deal. She is also Chair of the EC's Taskforce on Equality. Ms. Werner holds a degree from the University of Vienna in economics and a MA from Collège d'Europe, Bruges.



Christian Ehler

Member of the European
Parliament

Dr Christian Ehler has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2004 and has been a Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy for over ten years. As rapporteur for Horizon 2020 (2014-2020) and Horizon Europe (2021-2027) he is considered one of the leading figures in the design and implementation of the European Framework Programmes. Furthermore, Dr Ehler is Chair of the Parliament's think tank, the STOA (Science and Technology Options Assessment) Panel.



Per Strand Sjaastad

Ambassador of Norway to
Belgium and Deputy Head
of Mission

Per Strand Sjaastad has worked in the Norwegian Foreign Service for three decades, after completing his graduate studies in Political Science and worked as a Research Fellow at the University of Oslo. He has specialized in European and EU affairs, and been posted to Brussels (twice), London, the Western Balkans (Kosovo and Albania), and Budapest (short-term). He has broad experience from work related to the geoeconomics, EU internal market, program participation, as well as the green and digital transitions.

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Ena Voûte

Professor and Pro Vice
Rector of International
Affairs, TU Delft

After graduating at TU Delft's Faculty of Industrial Design Engineering, Ena Voûte spent 25 years in industry with Unilever and Philips, where she had roles in marketing, innovation, strategy and business management, in B2C and B2B, in various countries, often with global responsibility. From 2012, she returned to her alma mater, as dean, leading a programme of academic research and education during a period of change for the design discipline. During the faculty's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2019, she noted: "Products are no longer stand-alone but are part of a larger whole of products and services. The context and the system they are part of now play a key role in design." In September 2022 Ena Voûte started her current position as Pro Vice Rector of International Affairs at TU Delft.



Massimo Busuoli

Director of NTNU Brussels
Office

Massimo Busuoli is Director of NTNU Brussels office since 2016 and EARMA Board Member. As a physicist, he started his career in ENEA (Italy) becoming the Head of the European Affair Unit located in Brussels. Active in Brussels since 2006, he is an expert in EU policies and strategies and he coordinated several EU networks (like IGLO and the EERA Secretariat) and projects. He has been instrumental in the creation of some important EU initiatives such as the European Energy Research Alliance, the Italian Node in the KIC Raw Materials and the UnILiON network.

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Olav Bolland

Dean and professor, NTNU

Olav Bolland is Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), and professor of Thermal Power Engineering. Bolland's scientific interests include power cycle analyses, CO₂ capture from power plants, fuels cells, and dynamic performance of various energy processes. Olav Bolland was one of the lead authors for the 2005 IPCC Special Report on Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage.



Annika Kroon

Head of Unit, Maritime Transport and Logistics, European Commission

Annika Kroon is head of the Maritime Transport and Logistics Unit in the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport in the European Commission. The unit deals with sustainable maritime policies, maritime markets and international maritime agreements, but also with digital and sustainable intermodal freight transport and logistics. Annika is an economist with Master's degrees in Cybernetics, Economy and International Finance, having devoted the last 12 years to transport policy. Before joining the European Commission in 2008, she worked as a financial and business analyst in the banking and telecommunication sector in Estonia.



Anders Strømman

Professor, NTNU

Anders Hammer Strømman is a Professor with the Industrial Ecology Programme at NTNU. He has conducted research in the fields of climate change mitigation and circular economy for more than two decades. His research has spanned multiple sectors, from forestry and agriculture, via energy systems, hydrogen, and battery production, to transport, including shipping and aviation. In 2011 Professor Strømman received the Laudise medal in Industrial Ecology in recognition of his work. He has served in different leadership roles, including as the director of the industrial ecology program at NTNU and as a member of the council of the international society for industrial ecology. Over the last four-year period, he served as a Lead Author on working group three of the intergovernmental panel on climate change.

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Chris Waddington

Technical Director
International Chamber of
Shipping

Chris Waddington is Technical Director at the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), and is responsible for ICS policy on technical, operational, and environmental regulatory risks on international shipping. His career has been in the shipping sector, working on the design, construction, and operational support of passenger ferries, as well as in the floating production sector of the Oil and Gas industry, project managing FPSO and FLNG design work; supporting field developments, and supervising procurement of floating production vessels.



Jaap Gebraad

Secretary General of
Waterborne Technology
Platform

Jaap has worked as Board Secretary and Senior Project Manager of the "Bureau Innovation Research & Development" of the Foundation STC Group for about 10 years. He was also the Daily Secretary of the European Association EDINNA (Education in Inland Navigation). From 2018 to March 2022, Jaap was Director Research and Development Affairs at SEA Europe and the Executive-Director of the Waterborne Technology Platform. Jaap holds a Bachelor's Degree in Logistics and Economics of the University of Applied Sciences (HES) in Rotterdam.



Sverre Steen

Head of Departement
Marine Technology, NTNU

Sverre Steen is currently head of the Department of Marine Technology. He is also director of the Kongsberg Maritime University Technology Centre "Ship Performance and Cyber-physical Systems". Steen is one of two members of the standing committee of Symposium of Marine Propulsors, and is engaged in the planning of the new marine technology research center in Trondheim, Norsk havteknologisenter. His topics of interests are greening shipping, analysis and utilization of in-service data from ships, resistance and propulsion, seakeeping of ships, including propulsion in waves.

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Knut Marthinsen
Professor, NTNU

Knut Marthinsen is professor of physical metallurgy, Department of Materials Science and Engineering since 1998. His research interests include quantitative electron diffraction and microscopy as well as characterization and modelling of materials nano-/microstructure and its relation to material properties. Marthinsen's current research activities are mainly related to the development and application of physically based computer models for the evolution of microstructure and texture during thermomechanical processing of aluminum alloys. Marthinsen is currently Director of the CRI (Center for Research based innovation) Centre for Sustainable and Competitive Metallurgical and Manufacturing Industry, hosted by the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, NTNU.



Peter Handley
Head of Unit, Energy
Intensive Industries - Raw
Materials, European
Commission

Peter Handley, EU official, currently heading the team on energy-intensive industries, raw materials and hydrogen at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. Previously, head of policy coordination for Energy Union, 2030 climate and energy package, low emission mobility strategy and the circular economy at the Secretariat General. Past EU trade negotiator (steel, WTO market access and industrial tariffs). Former UK government official, coordinated UK preparations for 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). Graduated in French and Politics from the University of Bristol. Studied at France's Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA)



Kurt Aasly
Associate professor, head
of Mineral Production and
HSE research group, NTNU

Kurt Aasly is Associate Professor in Process Mineralogy and Head of the Mineral Production research group at NTNU. Aasly is currently leading the initiation of the NTNU Raw Material Forum.

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Thomas leads the activities of SolarPower Europe on research and innovation, notably including the management of the secretariat of the ETIP-PV, The European Technology and Innovation Platform for Photovoltaics. Prior to joining SolarPower Europe, Thomas worked as Senior Policy Advisor at EREC on geothermal energy. Previous experiences also include working in Energy Cities and on climate adaptation economics at I4CE. Thomas holds a Master Degree in International Energy from Sciences Po Paris.

Thomas Garabetian

Research & Innovation
manager, SolarPower
Europe



Markus A. Reuter has participated in Chief Technologist Ausmelt Australia & Director Technology Management Outotec, and is currently in the Chief Expert SMS Group. From 2015-2020 he was the Director at Helmholtz Institute Freiberg, Full Professor at TU Delft from 1996-2005, and holds an honorary & adjunct professorships at TUBAF Freiberg and Curtin University Perth. He is ranked 9th globally - 2022 Stanford top 2% Global Scientists in the Mining & Metallurgy category. In 2022 he was awarded TMS Science Award, TMS Best paper "Journal of Sustainable Metallurgy", and Light Metals Luncheon Lecture.

Markus A. Reuter

Professor & Chief Expert
at SMS group in
Düsseldorf

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Parallel Session 3: Wellbeing economy: Co-creating a Fair and Inclusive Europe



Jesper Aa. Petersen

Vice dean research, SU
Faculty, NTNU

Jesper Aagaard Petersen is the Vice-Dean of Research and Innovation at the Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences at NTNU. As Vice-Dean he is responsible for building excellent research and innovation as core activities through strategic leadership, leading the faculty Research Committee and other arenas for research and innovation, as well as representing the faculty in research contexts locally, nationally and internationally. His background is in Religious Studies and Anthropology of Religion, working primarily in the fields of Religious Education, theory and methodology, and contemporary religion in the West. His current fields of interests include the interplay of religion and science and conspiracy thinking in school and society.



Katja Iversen

Sentral Policy Advisor to
the WEF, WHO and World
Leaders

Katja Iversen has a strong track record as a high-level adviser to international institutions, C-suite executives and world leaders. Her areas of focus correspond to the broad ESG agenda, with specific expertise in gender equality and diversity, advocacy and communications, and global health. She has been a member of Prime Minister Trudeau's and President Macron's G7 Gender Equality Councils, an adviser to the Clinton Global Initiative, on MIT Solve Challenge's Women and Tech Leadership Group, as well as a member of various working groups shaping the Sustainable Development Goals.



Caroline Costongs

Director, EuroHealthNet

Caroline Costongs is Director of EuroHealthNet, the European Partnership for improving health, social equity and wellbeing, based in Brussels. Caroline leads a multi-disciplinary team working on European Union and (sub)national policy, research and capacity building addressing health inequalities and the social determinants of health. Caroline is active in various EU and WHO fora, as well as in Advisory Boards of European projects and is a member of the Economy of Wellbeing Expert Group for Finland and of the ICC - International Council for the European Public Health Conference. Caroline has a MSc in Public Health from Maastricht University

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Terje Andreas Eikemo

Professor, leader of CHAIN,
NTNU

Terje Andreas Eikemo is a Professor of Sociology at NTNU, the Chief Editor of the Scandinavian Journal of Public Health, and the leader of CHAIN. The mission of CHAIN is to create a global transformation in actionable health inequalities research. Bringing together leading scholars, academic institutions and international organizations and acting as a change agent, CHAIN aims to monitor, explain, and reduce health inequalities in the global North and South.



Frank Siebern-Thomas

Head of Unit, Fair Green
and Digital Transitions
DG EMPL, European
Commission

Frank Siebern-Thomas is Head of Unit for “Fair Green and Digital Transitions, Research”, in charge of policy development and analysis related to the employment and social dimensions of the twin transition, as well as links with the Horizon Europe programme, notably related to economic and social transformations, inclusiveness, skills and social innovation. He studied applied mathematics and economics in Hamburg and Louvain-la-Neuve and holds a Ph.D. in economics from the European University Institute, Florence.



Sophie Howe

Future Generations
Commissioner for Wales

Sophie Howe recently came to the end of a seven year term as the first Future Generations Commissioner for Wales. With a legal mandate to be the guardian of the interests of the future generations of Wales, she was the first person in the world to hold such a role and has led high profile interventions resulting in policy transformation in transport, planning, education and skills. She has a background in public policy and service delivery and was an adviser to two of Wales’ First Ministers and the Deputy Commissioner of Wales largest Police Force. She is named as no 5 in the BBCs Women Power List and as one of the UK’s leading Changemakers. She is an adviser to the UN on future fit governance and a fellow of the Good Governance Institute

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Parallel Session 4: Changing habits for sustainable food systems



Eva Falch

Eva Falch is Associate Professor in Food science at NTNU and Head of the multidisciplinary NTNU Food Forum. Her professional activity is heavily motivated by a wish for better utilisation of global food resources and has >25 years' experience from R&I and strategy work in academia, research institute and food and biotechnology industry. She is engaged in European (e.g. European Food Forum) and national boards aiming for a sustainable food future and engages students in this mobilisation.

Associate professor, Head
of NTNU food forum, NTNU



Irène Tolleret

Winegrower by profession, Irène Tolleret has been elected at the European Parliament in 2019. She is a full Member of the Committee on Regional Development and a substitute Member of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. In addition, she is co-chair of the EP's Intergroup on Wine, Spirits and Quality Foodstuffs as well as founding member and Chair of the European Food Forum.

Member of the European
Parliament



Hélène-Diane Dage

Hélène-Diane Dage is Deputy Head of the European Commission DG GROW Unit Food, Retail, Health. She has been supporting the competitiveness and sustainability of different ecosystems along the years. She worked on the development of the first European Space Policy, on Entrepreneurship Policy, and on innovation, internationalisation and circularity support for SMEs. Her Unit's mission is to support the Food, Retail and Health ecosystems in the EU Single Market and globally by promoting effective industrial value chains, ensuring fair trade practices and access to markets, and a fair and balanced regulatory framework.

Deputy Head of Unit DG
GROW Food, Retail,
Health, European
Commission

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Marleen Onwezen

Scientific Expertise Leader,
Consumer Behaviour at
Wageningen University
& Research

Marleen Onwezen studied social psychology at Tilburg University and received her PhD on emotions and sustainable consumer choices in 2014. She works at Wageningen University and Research as theme ambassador of consumer science. Additionally, she manages large-scale projects that focus on consumer choices for sustainable and healthy food, aiming to answer how consumer choices can be explained and guided. Topics she works with are for example alternative proteins, emotions, social norms. Besides her function at WEcR, she is figurehead of the Dutch Scientific Agenda (NWA) competent consumers, she takes place in the scientific board of LVMH, she is part of the advisory board of the FoodEducationPlatform, and she is part of the core team healthy and safe food systems of WUR.



Tom Gilbert

Professor of Palaeogenomics,
Director, Center for
Evolutionary Hologenomics

Tom Gilbert holds professorships at NTNU University Museum and the University of Copenhagen, where he also directs the Center for Evolutionary Hologenomics. His research interests include viewing the host and its microbes as a single entity, and applying analyses of the combined datasets in questions of both evolutionary as well as applied interests, such as in the H2020 funded RIA 'Holofood' project that he leads.

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Laurent Bontoux

Senior Foresight for Policy
Expert, European
Commission Joint Research
Centre

Laurent's foresight work brings future-oriented systemic thinking into EU policymaking using participative approaches with all relevant stakeholders. This inclusiveness is essential to build the best collective intelligence for effective policymaking. Originally a food technology engineer, Laurent spent most of his career working at the science/policy interface. Beyond sustainable development, his portfolios have focused on health and environmental risk assessment topics as well as food. This led him to gain hands on experience on how to use various types of scientific evidence in policy and on the reality of engaging with diverse stakeholders. He was recently involved in a project to reflect on the sustainability of the food system in support of the Commission's efforts to develop a framework legislation in this domain.



Paolo Patruno

Deputy Secretary General
CLITRAVI

Paolo Patruno graduated in Law with 110/110 at Trento University (Italy). He serves as Deputy Secretary General of CLITRAVI, the European Association representing meat processing industry, as Visiting Professor of Food Legislation and as Chairman of the European Livestock Voice. He served as a Legal and European Affairs Manager at Federalimentare, the Italian Food Industry Federation and worked for Confindustria, Italian Small Business in Europe, a primary law firm and several newspapers and journal. He's active in several European Commission Advisory Groups and Civil Dialogue Groups, as well as within the International Meat Secretariat and FoodDrinkEurope.

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Dimitri Lorenzani

Member of Cabinet of
Maroš Šefčovič,
Vice-President for
Interinstitutional
Relations and Foresight

Dimitri Lorenzani is a member of the Cabinet of Maroš Šefčovič, European Commission Vice-President for Inter-institutional relations and Foresight. In the Cabinet, he is responsible for strategic foresight, European Raw Materials and European Battery Alliance, as well as for economic affairs and the European Semester. From 2020 to 2021, Dimitri was team-leader at the Secretariat-General of the European Commission, coordinating the implementation of the institution's strategic foresight strategy. Between 2011 and 2020, at the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN) of the Commission, he led the team of economists dealing with Italy's fiscal surveillance under the Stability and Growth Pact and acted as main contact point vis-à-vis the government, other public institutions, and the press. Dimitri holds postgraduate degrees in economics and finance, and in EU affairs.



Tor Grande

Pro-Rector for Research
and Dissemination, NTNU

Tor Grande is Pro-Rector for Research and Dissemination at NTNU. He became professor of Materials Chemistry/Materials Science in 1997 at NTNU and was previously Vice-Dean for research at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Head of Department at the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. He has broad teaching and research experience in chemistry and materials science with extensive research collaboration both with industry, the institute sector and academia in Norway and internationally. He has supervised over 60 doctoral candidates and published around 300 articles in international peer review journals. He has been a visiting researcher at several foreign institutions including Northwestern University and EPFL. He has been a member of the Committee for Gender Balance and Diversity in Research and he received the Gender Equality Award at NTNU in 2009.

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Matteo Vespa

President, European
Students' Union

Matteo, a Sardinian, has been active in the organised student movement at the local, national, and European levels since 2016. From 2018 to 2020, he served as International Officer for UDU, Italy's main student union. As a member of the ESU Executive Committee, he worked extensively on academic freedom, Belarus, Next Generation EU, the Conference on the Future of Europe, global outreach and solidarity, the European Education Area and European Universities, brain drain, Erasmus+, Swiss-EU student mobility, Internationalisation at Home, and the proposal for a European level Students At Risk scholarship scheme. Matteo graduated from the University of Bologna with a Master's degree in International and Diplomatic Sciences. In his book *Europa e India: Partiti a Confronto*, he examined the nature of European political parties in comparison to India.



Muriel Attané

Secretary General, EARTO

Muriel Attané, EARTO Secretary General since July 2013, is a EU Public Affairs professional with a strong track record in strategic programming of EU policies helping research organisations to develop successful European strategy, as well as support them in setting-up and running powerful and efficient EU representation and networks. She is the Founder & CEO of EUROPE SYNC a professional EU Public Affairs Boutique Consulting Firm based in Brussels. Before joining EARTO and founding EUROPE SYNC, she worked as EU affairs manager for more than 10 years for TNO (Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research), the largest Dutch RTO. There, she gained extensive hands-on experience on EU Research & Innovation Policies & Funding Programmes. In parallel, she was Secretary General of EARPA, the European association of automotive R&D organisations for 7 years.



Massimo Busuoli

Director of NTNU Brussels
Office

Massimo Busuoli is Director of NTNU Brussels office since 2016 and EARMA Board Member. As a physicist, he started his career in ENEA (Italy) becoming the Head of the European Affairs Unit located in Brussels. Active in Brussels since 2006, he is an expert in EU policies and strategies and he coordinated several EU networks (like IGLO and the EERA Secretariat) and projects. He has been instrumental in the creation of some important EU initiatives such as the European Energy Research Alliance, the Italian Node in the KIC Raw Materials and the UnILiON network.

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