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Journalist and Moderator

Dave Keating is a Brussels-based journalist and moderator specialising in EU politics and policy. He regularly moderates high-level events and has been ranked among the most influential EU social media voices. He has reported from across Europe and the United States, covering EU affairs, climate policy and international politics. He holds degrees from New York University and Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.



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Journalist and Moderator

Chris Burns is a Franco-American journalist, moderator and media consultant with over 25 years' experience reporting worldwide. He currently reports and moderates for Euronews, following roles with CNN, Bloomberg TV and the Associated Press. He has covered major global events, from conflicts to financial crises. He regularly moderates high-level discussions, including at the World Economic Forum, and holds a degree in political economy from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Director General at FuelsEurope

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Apostolos Tzitzikostas

European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism



Apostolos Tzitzikostas has served as European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism since December 2024. He previously served as Governor of Central Macedonia from 2014, with multiple re-elections, and as President of the Association of Greek Regions. He is also a former President and First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions.

Elena Donazzan

Member of the European Parliament



Elena Donazzan has been an MEP since June 2024, representing Fratelli d'Italia in the ECR Group. She is Vice-Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and of the European Parliament's Sky and Space Intergroup. She is also a member of the Committees on Security and Defence, Employment and Social Affairs, and Women's Rights and Gender Equality, and serves as European Parliament Rapporteur on the EU Space Act. Before becoming an MEP, she served for 19 years as Regional Minister for Labour, Education and Training in the Veneto Region, Italy.



Umberto Carrara

CEO at Eni Industrial Evolution

Umberto Carrara is Chairman and CEO of Eni Industrial Evolution. Since 2018, he has held senior executive roles across downstream activities, including refining, logistics, marketing and trading. He began his career in upstream operations and has extensive international experience across Africa, Asia and Europe, spanning development and operations. He joined Eni in 1985 and holds a degree in engineering from the Politecnico di Milano.

Glenn Schmidt

Vice-President Sustainability at BMW



Glenn Schmidt is Vice President Global Sustainability at BMW Group, leading the integration of sustainability across the company's strategy and operations. He previously headed global government and external relations. Since joining BMW in 2004, he has held several international roles, including media relations and business and finance communications. Prior to joining the BMW Group, he was a consultant specialised in the automotive industry. He holds an MBA degree from Krannert School of Management.

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Senior Vice-President Refining Petrochemicals Orient and Growth at TotalEnergies



Benoit Decouvellaere is Senior Vice President Asia, Middle-East & Growth at TotalEnergies and a member of the Refining & Chemicals Branch Management Committee. He previously led the Polymers Business Unit and served as General Manager of the Donges Refinery. He brings extensive international experience across refining, petrochemicals and operations leadership. He holds engineering degrees from École Polytechnique and IFP School, as well as a Master of Science from McGill University.

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Farid Trad is Vice President Bunkering & Energy Transition at CMA CGM, where he leads the Group's energy strategy and supply across marine and aviation activities. He is responsible for sourcing both conventional and renewable fuels and oversees the development of alternative fuels, including LNG, biofuels and e-fuels. He also manages compliance with international environmental regulations and drives long-term decarbonisation efforts. He joined CMA CGM in 2005 and has extensive experience in energy and maritime operations.

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TOGETHER WE CREATE VALUE: WHY EUROPE'S CRITICAL INDUSTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS RELY ON FUEL MANUFACTURING

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Secretary General at COPA COGECA

Elli Tsiforou has served as Secretary General of Copa-Cogeca since September 2024. With over 20 years' experience in EU agricultural policy, she previously served as CEO of GAIA EPICHEIREIN and chaired the COGECA Cooperative Coordination Committee. She has extensive experience in EU-level advocacy and has served in several high-profile policy roles, including as a policy advisor at the European and Hellenic Parliaments and Head of Cabinet to the Greek Minister of Culture and Tourism. She holds degrees in Communication and Media from Greece and France.



Marc Billiet

Associate Director at IRU

Since 2006, Marc Billiet has led EU Goods Transport at IRU's Permanent Delegation to the EU in Brussels. Previously, he was Head of EU Passenger Transport at IRU. Before joining IRU in 1995, he was Secretary to the European Commission Committee of Enquiry on "Road Freight Transport in the Single European Market". He holds a Master's in oriental languages and in international relations.

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Antoine Hoxha

Director General at FertilizersEurope



Antoine Hoxha has been the Director General at Fertilizers Europe since 2023 and has been working for the association since 2010, playing an active role in driving the industry's decarbonisation efforts. Before that, he worked for 8 years in the fertilisers industry, where he held positions in R&D and licensing, and he was a teaching assistant at the University of Liège and at Warwick University. Antoine holds a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Liège as well as an Executive MBA from Louvain School of Management.



Ourania Georgoutsakou

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Ourania "Rania" Georgoutsakou is Managing Director of Airlines for Europe (A4E), representing Europe's leading airlines in Brussels. Since 2023, she has been responsible for the association's strategy and impact. She has 20-years' experience of advocating for membership associations, previously leading LightingEurope and working as Director of Public Policy for Europe for SEMI and as Senior Policy Coordinator with the Assembly of European Regions in Strasbourg and in Brussels.

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Sotiris Raptis is the Secretary General of European Shipowners (ECSA), a role he has held since 2022. He joined ECSA in 2020 as Director of Environment and Safety. He previously worked with EU institutions and stakeholder organisations, including the European Parliament, ESPO and T&E. He is a qualified lawyer with degrees from the University of Thessaloniki, the University of Athens and King's College London. In 2008, he was awarded the European Citizens' Prize of the European Parliament as a member of the "G700" blog for promoting intergenerational justice.



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Alessandro has served as Director of FuelsEurope in Brussels since 2011. In 1986, he joined ENI as a refinery technologist, and later held senior roles in refining and marketing, including CEO positions, in Italy, the Czech Republic, the USA, and Germany. He holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pisa.

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Cristian Buşoi

Secretary of State in Romania's Ministry of Energy



Cristian Buşoi is holding the position of Secretary of State within the Ministry of Energy of Romania. During 2007-2024, he was an MEP, and between 2019 and 2024, he served as the President of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) in the European Parliament. In 2022, Cristian Silviu Buşoi was named, by The Parliament Magazine, the most influential MEP in the field of energy due to his significant contribution to the European Union's energy policy.

Radmila Shekerinska



Deputy Secretary General NATO

Radmila Shekerinska has served as NATO Deputy Secretary General since December 2024. She previously served as Deputy Prime Minister and twice as Minister of Defence of North Macedonia, where she led major reforms and the country's accession to NATO. Under her leadership, North Macedonia increased its contributions to Alliance operations. She has also served as a Member of Parliament and played a key role in landmark agreements shaping the country's democratic and Euro-Atlantic path. She holds degrees in engineering and international relations.

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Head, Oil & Gas Industry at World Economic Forum



As the Head of Oil and Gas at the World Economic Forum, Renée leads the industry agenda and engagement with CEOs and partners. She joined the Forum in 2015 as Community Lead Oil & Gas and has subsequently worked on European governmental relations and led the Mission Possible Partnership's Aluminium and Steel sectoral initiatives. Before the Forum, Renée was a commodities trade finance banker in New York and Amsterdam, dedicated to US-based oil and gas trading companies.



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Associate Director at Oxford Economics

Sean is an Associate Director on the Industry Team at Oxford Economics, which forecasts economic activity for 100 sectors across 78 countries. He regularly presents on the global industrial outlook and co-ordinates the team's research output. His research often focuses on energy and climate and how these forces shape the industrial landscape. Sean holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics.

Gerard Ostheimer



CEO Molecule at Group

Dr Ostheimer serves as Head of Secretariat of the Clean Energy Ministerial Biofuture Industry Council, engaging industry in high-level international processes. He is also CEO and Co-Founder of Molecule Group. With over 14 years of experience in bioeconomy and sustainability, he focuses on advancing bio-based solutions for the energy transition and circular economy. He has a PhD in Molecular Biology from the University of Oregon and performed post-doctoral research in Cancer Systems Biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer at Neste



Markku Korvenranta is Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer at Neste, leading Technology & Innovation, Engineering and Procurement, and driving group-wide performance. He brings over 25 years' experience in the oil and chemicals sectors, with previous senior roles at Borealis and Marquard & Bahls. He holds an M.Sc. in Industrial Economics.



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Charles Amyot is CEO of North Atlantic Energies and Strategic Relationships Manager since November 2025. He previously served as CEO of Esso S.A.F. and as President of ExxonMobil companies in France, leading major organisational transformations and global supply initiatives. He has held senior roles across refining, supply chain and commercial operations in Europe, the USA and Africa. He currently serves on the boards of several French industry associations and holds an engineering degree from ECAM Lyon.

SESSION IV

TOGETHER WE UNLOCK INVESTMENT: WHAT INDUSTRY NEEDS FROM POLICYMAKERS TO INVEST IN EUROPE

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CEO at H&R

Niels H. Hansen is CEO and Sole Managing Director of H&R KGaA, responsible for the company's strategic direction, international business, and corporate communications. A great-grandson of the company's founder, he has been with H&R since the 1990s and has played a key role in its development, including major acquisitions and the company's international expansion. He has been leading H&R's management since 2016.

Juan Abascal



Executive Managing Director of Industrial Transformation and Circular Economy and member of the Executive Committee at Repsol

Juan Abascal leads value-creating projects in industrial transformation, circular economy, and decarbonisation at Repsol, focusing on improving margins through digitalisation and new technologies. He previously served as Director of M&A, leading key transactions including major asset sales and acquisitions. Before joining Repsol, he held senior roles in government and finance, including at Spain's Ministry of Economy and Barclays. He holds a degree in Economics and a Master's in Advanced Finance.

Dimitar Lilkov



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Member of the European Parliament

Radan Kanev has been an MEP since 2019, sitting in the EPP Group. He is a member of the Committees on Industry, Research and Energy and on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, where he contributes to legislation on the green transition and industrial transformation. He served as rapporteur on the Industrial Emissions Directive and currently works on financing industrial transformation and defence. He is also an EPP shadow on the Environmental Omnibus. A lawyer by training, he previously served as a national MP and party leader in Bulgaria.

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Ambassador of Greek Permanent Representation to the EU



Ioannis Vrailas has served as Permanent Representative of Greece to the European Union since 2020. With a long diplomatic career, he previously held senior roles with the European External Action Service, including as Deputy Permanent Representative of the EU to the United Nations in New York and Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the UN General Assembly. He also served as EU Ambassador to the OSCE and held postings in Washington, Tehran and Brussels. He holds a degree in Economics and a postgraduate diploma in European Studies.



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