

Meet the Speakers

FEAD Strategic Workshop: "How to make the circular economy work?
A new alliance between the waste management and manufacturing industries"



Claudia Mensi

Claudia Mensi, after graduating as a Class A Chemist from the University of Pavia, worked as a safety management consultant and later became a Laboratory Manager at Sistema Ambiente. In 1998, she established Hydrae and consulted on various projects, from contaminated site remediation to integrating safety and environmental systems. Claudia Mensi served as the Technical Director for Fertilvita and currently holds the position of Technical Manager at A2A, contributing to waste classification and EU regulatory frameworks. Since January 2023, she has been the President of FEAD, the European Waste Management Association.

Panel A



Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea

Aurel Ciobanu has been Director of Directorate B – Circular Economy in the Directorate General for the Environment of the European Commission since 1st of May 2022. Between 2014 and 2022, he was director of the Directorate for Compliance, Governance and Support to the Member States in DG Environment. He was also previously the director in charge of equality issues in DG Justice and, before that, the director in charge of EU citizenship and fundamental rights in DG Justice, Freedom and Security of the European Commission. He has been working in the Commission since 2009. He has previously worked in different positions in the Romanian administration and in academia.



Patrik Brodd

Patrik Brodd is Environment counsellor at the Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU, working with circular economy, waste and chemicals. During the Swedish Presidency he was chairing the council Working Party of the Environment for the Waste shipments and Packaging and packaging waste regulations. He is an environmental engineer and economist with almost 20 years of experience of environment and climate policy, at international and EU-level as well as at national and local level. Before coming to Brussels last year he was head of unit at the Chemicals division, at the Swedish ministry of Environment.

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Victor Dries

Victor Dries is a civil chemical engineer, graduating from KULeuven in 1991. He has held various positions throughout his career, including roles at OVAM, the cabinet of Deputy Prime Minister Liesbeth Homans, and the cabinet of Minister Zuhal Demir. Currently, he is a member of the International Management team at OVAM, focusing on files related to the Ecodesign Regulation and Critical Raw Materials Act, with a strong interest in the Soil Directive and the Asbestos Directive. Victor's expertise lies in environmental policy development and sustainable resource management.



Herwart Wilms

After two state examinations, Herwart Wilms began his career in the recycling industry in 1991 and thus has over 30 years of professional experience. After holding various positions with operational and strategic tasks, he is now managing director of a holding company of REMONDIS SE. In addition to his responsibility for corporate communication, marketing and governmental affairs for the Remondis Group, Herwart Wilms has also been Vice President of the Federal Association for the Waste Management, Water and Recycling Industry (BDE), which represents the German and European interests of the industry, for many years. At the Federation of German Industries (Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V.), Mr Wilms is Chairman of the Raw Materials Policy Working Group and on the Board of the BDI Circular Economy Initiative. This initiative, like the BDI as a whole, supports the transformation of industrial society towards climate neutrality and resource self-sufficiency.

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Panel B



Leonardo Forner

Leonardo Forner holds BS and MSc degree in Business Administration from University of Padua (Italy). He started to work for Sirmax Group in 2018 following Marketing Department where he is now Group Coordinator. In 2023 is coordinator of the Sustainability Team of the Group which is in charge to run and evaluate short, medium and long terms goals, regarding ESG topics.



Almut Reichel

Almut Reichel is a senior expert on circular economy and waste at the European Environment Agency (EEA), located in Copenhagen, Denmark. In the EEA, she has for example developed multiple European and country level assessments on municipal waste, packaging waste and bio-waste, as well as on circular economy, including on the links between circular economy and climate change. Moreover, she is managing the EEA's cooperation with the EEA's country network on circular economy, and has co-led the development of the EEA's State of the Environment and Outlook Report 2020. Almut is an environmental engineer by training. Before joining the EEA, she has worked on waste management in the private sector in Germany, on best available technologies in the German Environment Agency, and on assessing waste policies in Germany during her employment at the secretariat of the German Advisory Council on the Environment.

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Sandro Gozi

EDP Secretary General Sandro Gozi was elected as a member of the Italian parliament in 2006. He was appointed Secretary of State in charge of European Affairs in the Renzi and Gentiloni governments in Italy from 2014 to 2018, then in 2019 was project manager in the cabinet of Prime Minister Édouard Philippe in France. The same year, he was elected a member of the European Parliament on the Renaissance list and sits in the Renew Europe group, where he is a member of both the Constitutional Affairs Committee and the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee. Gozi became in December 2022 the Renew Europe group coordinator within the Committee on Constitutional Affairs. He is also president of the Union of European Federalists and advocates a transnational European policy. He is the author of numerous books and articles on Europe and teaches at several European universities.



Cédric de Meeûs

Cédric is an experienced Environmental Engineer with 20+ years in senior positions across environmental management, infrastructure, waste, and construction materials industries. He specialises in integrating political and regulatory intelligence into business decision-making, focusing on energy, climate, circular economy, sustainable construction, and sustainable development. Cédric is a recognised expert in the international climate and circular economy agenda, particularly in construction, cement, and waste sectors. Currently, he leads LafargeHolcim's public affairs and governmental relations, supporting effective integration of regulatory agendas in decision-making. Previously, he served as Deputy Representative to the EU Institutions for Veolia Environment, a global leader in environmental services.



David Lamy

David Lamy started his career at SUEZ in 2000 in Buenos Aires within Aguas Argentinas, before continuing his career within the Group Finance Department, initially in relation to SUEZ construction activities and then later covering the Central Europe businesses. He was appointed CFO of the waste business in Poland from 2006 to 2009 and then CFO of the SUEZ Australian businesses from 2009 to 2015. David then became CEO of the Australian and New Zealand Water business for the following 5 years. David returned to France in 2020 as Chief Transformation Officer, including taking responsibility for the carve-out the new SUEZ perimeter, before being appointed Vice President Strategy and Sustainable Development in February 2022. In April 2023, David took over the role of CEO of SUEZ Recycling and Recovery France.