



# Accelerating the Industrial Transition Safe and Sustainable by Design Conference

19 March 2026, Albert Borschette Conference Centre (CCAB), Brussels

## AGENDA

9:30 - 10:00

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10:00 - 10:15

### Opening remarks

- Maria Cristina **RUSSO**, Deputy Director-General DG RTD
- Alessandra **ZAMPIERI**, Director JRC.D Sustainable Resources
- Ciaran **NICHOLL**, Director, JRC.F Health and Food

10:15 – 11:00

### SSbD news: Insights from the SSbD Commission Recommendation

Presentation and sli.do quiz

Garbiñe **GUIU**, DG RTD, Aleksandra **MALYSKA**, DG ENV, Giulio **BRACALENTE** and Irantzu **GARMENDIA**, JRC

11:00 - 12:30

### Why safe and sustainable innovation matters

Moderator: Carsten **SCHIERENBECK**, DG RTD

Panel discussion:

- Jonatan **KLEIMARK**, ChemSec
- Paul **YLIOJA**, MERCK
- Martijn **ANTONISSE**, DSM-Firmenich animal nutrition & Health
- Audrey **COLIN**, Airbus
- Serenella **SALA**, JRC
- Paul **SPEIGHT**, DG ENV

Q&A

12:30 - 13:30

LUNCH BREAK AT COMMISSION PREMISES

## Opportunities for making SSbD happen

Moderator: Serenella **SALA**, JRC

Unlocking SSbD potential – Showcasing Horizon Europe

- **ALCHEMISST**: Development of alternatives to substances of very high concern in high-impact markets, Carlos **FITO**, ITENE
- **RADAR**: Replacing fossil-based chemicals with safer and renewable alternatives, Laura **TRULLEMANS**, KU Leuven
- **ECOLYTE**: EU innovation radar price – Sustainable energy storage & biodegradable alternatives to PFAS, Stefan **SPIRK**, ECOLYTE
- **PINK**: Integrated computational approaches for industry ready SSbD solutions, Thomas **EXNER**, Sevenpastnine

13:30 - 15:00

Panel discussion:

- Emma **STROMBERG**, IRISS & IVL
- Dimosthenis **SARIGIANNIS**, PARC & National Hellenic Research Foundation
- Mar **GONZALEZ**, OECD
- Carlos **FITO**, ITENE & Sentiotech
- Samira **GALLER**, Austria chemical policy

Q&A

15:00 - 15:30

COFFEE BREAK

## EU Chemicals Innovation and Substitution hubs

Moderator: Otto **LINHER**, DG GROW, Aleksandra **MALYSKA**, DG ENV

Introductory remarks:

- Kristin **SCHREIBER**, Director GROW Chemicals, Bioeconomy and Retail
- Veronica **MANFREDI**, Director ENV C, Zero Pollution, Water Resilience & Green Urban Transition

Presentations:

- EU Chemicals Innovation and Substitution Hubs: Paul **SPEIGHT**, DG ENV
- EU Substitution Hubs Study: Laia **PEREZ SIMBOR**, DG GROW

15:30 - 16:55

Panel discussion:

- René **KORENROMP**, IVM
- Nina **MELANDER**, RISE
- Christopher **BLUM**, Federal Environment Agency Germany
- Claudia **BRUNORI**, ENEA
- Elke **VAN ASBROECK**, Apeiron
- Jonatan **KLEIMARK**, ChemSec
- Erwin **BOËNNE**, CTF 2000 / Flamaway

Q&A

16:55 - 17:00

## Wrap up and conclusions

- Carsten **SCHIERENBECK**, DG RTD

17:00 - 18:00

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