

16th European Parliament Ceramics Forum

Tuesday, 1 December 2015

Plenary 15:00-18:15 | Cocktail 18:30-19:45

Leopold Hotel Brussels EU

Keynote speeches by

MEP Antonio Tajani, Vice-President European Parliament
Mr Stefano Bonaccini, President of Emilia Romagna Region

Panel debates on

EU Trade Defence Instruments and non-MES of China
Post-2020 EU Emissions Trading Scheme review

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AGENDA

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15:00-15:05 Welcome and opening comments

MEP Paul Rübiger, EPCF Chair, EPP

15:05-15:20 Keynote speech

MEP Antonio Tajani, EPCF Vice-Chair, Vice-President EP, EPP

15:20-16:00 Panel 1: EU Trade Defence Instruments and the non-Market Economy Status of China

Introduction by Renaud Batier, Director General Cerame-Unie

MEP Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero, EPCF Chair, INTA, S&D

Mr Leopoldo Rubinacci, Director Trade Defence, DG TRADE

Ms Inès Van Lierde, Spokesperson AEGIS Europe

Mr Alain Delcourt, President Cerame-Unie

Moderator: MEP Jude Kirton-Darling, EPCF member, INTA, S&D

16:00-16:25 Q&A from audience

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16:40-17:40 Panel 2: The post-2020 EU Emissions Trading Scheme in the context of COP21

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Mr Hans Bergman, Head of Unit, DG CLIMA

Mr Christophe Hansen, Attaché Environment, Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU

MEP Ivo Belet, shadow rapporteur on EU ETS reform, ENVI, EPP

MEP Simona Bonafè, ENVI, S&D

MEP José Inácio Faria, EPCF member, ENVI, ALDE

Dr Heimo Scheuch, Vice-President Cerame-Unie, CEO Wienerberger

Moderator: MEP Paul Rübiger, EPCF Chair, ITRE, EPP

17:40-18:00 Q&A from audience

18:00-18:15 Keynote speech on European ceramic regions

Mr Stefano Bonaccini, President of Emilia Romagna Region

18:30-19:45 EPCF / CU cocktail

MEP Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero, incoming EPCF Chair, S&D

Mr Alain Delcourt, President Cerame-Unie



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Keynote speakers



MEP Antonio Tajani, EPCF Vice-Chair, Vice-President European Parliament, EPP

After having held the position of Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Enterprise and Industry, Antonio Tajani was re-elected to the European Parliament in 2014. He is Vice-President of the European Parliament and a member of the ITRE Committee. He is also a member of several delegations: for relations with the Federative Republic of Brazil, with Mercosur, and to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly. He is a substitute member of the ECON Committee and of the Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee. He is Vice-Chair of the EPCF since 2014.



Mr Stefano Bonaccini, President of Emilia Romagna Region

Stefano Bonaccini, an Italian politician from the Democratic Party (PDS), is President of the Regional Council of Emilia-Romagna since November 2014. His career as public administrator began in 1990 when he became a Young Councillor with responsibility for Youth Policy, Culture, Sports and Free Time in Campogalliano, near Modena. He then became Provincial Secretary of the Youth Left and held positions in Modena including PDS Secretary and Councillor with responsibility for Public Works and Historical Heritage. He later contributed to the Emilia-Romagna Region as PDS Secretary, Regional Councillor and Executive in charge of Local Authorities of the National Secretariat. He was also named Deputy Commissioner for the implementation of interventions for reconstruction, assistance to the population and economic recovery of the areas affected by the May 2012 earthquakes.

PANEL 1
EU Trade Defence Instruments
and the non-Market Economy Status of China

The ongoing debate around the Market Economy Status (MES) of China first evolved around the legal interpretation of Article 15 of China's WTO Accession Protocol and China's lack of progress towards meeting its WTO commitments. Recent publications highlighted the number of EU jobs currently at stake – anti-dumping cases cover 300,000 jobs, including 100,000 ceramic jobs – and pointed at indirect impact on the EU's economy should MES be given to China prematurely. In addition to the economic and legal analyses, the political dimension and relations with China also enter into the debate. This panel will address the efficiency of trade defence instruments in the light of the multi-faceted discussion on the MES of China.

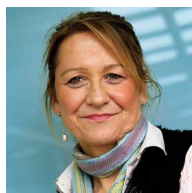
Moderator



MEP Jude Kirton-Darling, EPCF member, INTA, S&D

Jude Kirton-Darling was elected to the European Parliament as representative of the North East of England in 2014. As a member of the INTA committee, much of her work has been focused around scrutiny of the negotiation of the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, as well as other trade agreements involving the EU. Following her previous work in the trade unions movement, she has had a particular focus upon trying to ensure the centrality of sustainable development and workers' rights. She previously directed European trade union work in the areas of energy, industrial policy, environment and health and safety, all key areas for the European Union in the years ahead. She is a member of the EPCF since 2014.

Panellists



MEP Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero, incoming EPCF Chair, INTA, S&D

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero is a Spanish MEP since 2014. She is a member of the INTA Committee and of the Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee. She is a substitute member of the ITRE Committee and of the Delegation for relations with the US and the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly. Prior to becoming an MEP, she was Federal Secretary for Economic Policy and Employment of the Executive Committee of the Spanish Socialist Party, Secretary-General for Infrastructure in the Spanish Ministry of Public Works and Member of Spanish Congress of Depu-

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Mr Leopoldo Rubinacci, Director Trade Defence, DG TRADE

Leopoldo Rubinacci is Director for Trade Defence in DG Trade of the European Commission. Between 2011 and 2015 he was Head of Unit for investment and between 2005 and 2011 he was Head of Unit for bilateral trade relations with Russia, other CIS countries, Western Europe, Western Balkans and EU candidate countries in the same Directorate General. After joining the European Commission in 1995, he held several positions in DG Environment and DG Trade. He started his professional career at Arthur Andersen & Co. He holds a business administration degree from the Solvay School of Economics and Management.



Ms Inès Van Lierde, Spokesperson, AEGIS Europe

Inès Van Lierde is the Spokesperson for AEGIS Europe, an alliance of close to 30 key industries and trade unions promoting free and fair trade. She is also Secretary General of Euroalliages, the Association of Ferro-Alloy and Silicon Producers, whose main objective is to promote the safe, environmentally-friendly and competitive production of ferro-alloys and silicon in Europe. She is a key player in EU trade defence and policy issues with 30 years of experience including six years leading the Anti-Dumping complaints office in DG Trade. As a lawyer, she has defended the interests of Euroalliages' members in trade defence procedures for about 25 years. More recently, she was appointed Chair of the BusinessEurope Trade Policy Instruments WG.



Mr Alain Delcourt, President Cerame-Unie

Alain Delcourt is President of Cerame-Unie, appointed in 2009 by the Cerame-Unie General Assembly. Since 2012, he is International Sales Director for all non-German-speaking countries at AGROB BUCHTAL, a brand from Deutsche Steinzeug Cremer & Breuer AG that exports its products to over 100 countries. He is an experienced insider in the international ceramic business with excellent market knowledge. Formerly, he was the CEO of Desvres-Cofrac-Cermix. In addition, he was the President of the French Ceramic Tile Association (CSCCF) from 1998 to 2009 and the President of the European Ceramic Tile Manufacturers' Federation (CET) in 2005 and 2006.

PANEL 2

The post-2020 EU Emissions Trading Scheme in the context of COP21

Climate negotiations in Paris (COP21) and the review of EU Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) are both an occasion to look more broadly at the impact of our climate actions on European industry. Ceramics, being the largest industry in terms of the numbers of installations in the EU ETS (10%) and one of the smallest in terms of emissions (1%), is actively contributing to achieving the EU's global climate commitments. At the same time, all ceramic sectors in the EU ETS have been recognised to be at real risk of carbon leakage. This panel will discuss whether post-Paris and post-2020 carbon leakage mitigation measures will be sufficient and effective enough to preserve the international competitiveness of the industry.

Moderator



MEP Paul Rübige, EPCF Chair, ITRE, EPP

Paul Rübige, an MEP since 1996, is the longest-serving Austrian MEP. He is Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula and member of the ITRE and BUDG Committees. He is also substitute member of the DEVE Committee and the Delegation for relations with the European Economic Area Joint Parliamentary Committee. He spent five years in regional politics and over 20 years in the private sector prior to joining the European Parliament. He is EPCF Chair since 2014 after having been a member since 2010.

Panellists



Mr Hans Bergman, Head of the Benchmarking Unit, DG CLIMA

Hans Bergman works with the EU Emissions Trading Scheme at DG Climate Action since 2007. Since 2010, he is Head of the Benchmarking Unit where he is in charge of free allocation to industry and competitiveness issues. Prior to joining DG Climate Action, he worked at DG Competition first handling the control of state subsidies and then dealing with antitrust cases in the European electricity and gas markets. He also worked on environmental economics in DG Environment and for the Swedish government, after spending a few years in the private sector. His background is as an economist from Stockholm School of Economics.



Mr Christophe Hansen, Attaché Environment, Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU

Christophe Hansen is Environment Attaché at the Luxembourg Permanent Representation to the EU since January 2014. He is also currently the Chair of the Council Working Party Environment on ETS. Previously, he worked for six years as political advisor in agricultural and environmental matters for former MEP and Quaestor Astrid Lulling in the European Parliament. He holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Sciences and Risk Management awarded in 2007 by the Louis Pasteur University in Strasbourg.



MEP Ivo Belet, shadow rapporteur on EU ETS reform, ENVI, EPP

Ivo Belet is a Belgian politician elected to the European Parliament in 2004. He was recently appointed as the EPP's ENVI Committee shadow rapporteur on the EU ETS Directive review. He is also a member of the Delegation for relations with India and a substitute for the TRAN Committee, Subcommittee on Security and Defence, Delegations for relations with the US and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He is a former news anchor of VRT, the Flemish public broadcaster.



MEP Simona Bonafè, ENVI, S&D

Simona Bonafè was elected MEP in 2014 with the Italian Democratic Party after formerly being elected to the Italian parliament in 2013. She is a full member of the ENVI Committee and the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China. She is a substitute member on the ITRE Committee and the Delegation for relations with the United States. In 2004 she was appointed Councillor for the Environment in Scandicci, a role she held until 2013. She graduated in political science at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan and started her political activity in 2002 with The Daisy party. From 2007, she also worked as a journalist for the newspapers Corriere di Firenze and Europa.



MEP José Inácio Faria, EPCF member, ENVI, ALDE

José Inácio Faria is a Portuguese MEP elected to the position in 2014. He is a member of the ENVI Committee, Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America and Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly. He is a substitute member of the TRAN Committee and the Delegation for relations with Japan. His educational background in Law led him to the role of public service legal adviser for the government from 1992 to 2014. He was also involved in the Portuguese Earth Party first as Chair of the National Jurisdiction Council then General Secretary. He is a member of the EPCF since 2014.



Dr Heimo Scheuch, Vice-President Cerame-Unie, CEO Wienerberger

After the completion of legal studies at the Universities of Vienna and Paris and studies at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration and École Supérieure de Commerce de Paris, Heimo Scheuch began his career with the legal firm Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Milan and London as a corporate finance specialist. In 1996 he joined Wienerberger AG as assistant to the Managing Board; in 1997 he transferred to the senior management of Terca Bricks in Belgium, where he became CEO in 1999. He was appointed to the Managing Board in 2001 and appointed Chief Executive Officer of Wienerberger AG by the Supervisory Board in 2009.



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