

11 April 2024 Brussels, Belgium  
**CLEANTECH CONFERENCE:  
DRIVING SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION**

How to boost cleantech  
manufacturing in the EU



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## AGENDA

09:00 - 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome and outline of the event
10:10 - 10:30	Opening Speech: Why is cleantech manufacturing important for Europe?

**Maroš Šefčovič**

Executive Vice-President of the European Commission

### SESSION 1 | 10:30 - 12:10

#### **Cleantech manufacturing: technological and investment challenges and opportunities**

What are the technological challenges faced by Europe's cleantech manufacturing of components?

What are the investment opportunities in Europe's cleantech manufacturing for international and European investors?

This session will set the scene for the conference by discussing these important questions.

10:30-11:00	<b>Keynote speeches</b> Powering Tomorrow: The case for investing in European battery technology
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**Barbara Thierart**

President of Battery Systems - Northvolt

**Henrik Stiesdal**

Founder and CTO of Stiesdal

11:00 -11:20	<b>Networking Coffee</b>
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11:20 -12:10	<b>Panel discussion: Cleantech manufacturing in Europe</b>
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Moderator:	<b>Kurt Vandenberghe</b> Director General - DG CLIMA
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Panellists:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kerstin Jorna</b> Director General – DG GROW</li><li>• <b>Henrik Stiesdal</b> Founder and CTO - Stiesdal</li><li>• <b>Sonia Gilde S. Rathscheck</b> Chief of Staff to the CEO - Freyr</li><li>• <b>Barbara Thierart</b> President of Battery Systems - Northvolt</li><li>• <b>François Paquet</b> Impact Director - The Renewable Hydrogen Coalition</li></ul>
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12:10 - 13:40	<b>Networking lunch</b>
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## SESSION 2 | 13:40 - 15:00

### Deployment and scaling up cleantech manufacturing

This session will allow current Innovation Fund cleantech manufacturing projects to present their concrete pathways and solutions to support Europe's transition to climate neutrality.

- 13:40 - 14:05 **Keynote speech:**  
Profitable sustainability, renewable hydrogen, overcoming challenges  
**Vaitea Cowan**  
Co-founder - Enapter
- The cleantech manufacturing project pipeline resulting from EU support  
**Paloma Aba Garrote**  
Director - CINEA
- 14:05 - 15:00 **Panel discussion: Advancing the state of the art in cleantech manufacturing**
- Moderator: **Roman Doubrava**  
Head of the Innovation Fund Unit - CINEA
- Panellists:
- **Robert Chryc-Gawrychowski**  
CEO - Northvolt Systems Poland  
Innovation Fund project: [NorthSTOR PLUS](#)
  - **Sven Lindström**  
Co-founder and executive vice president - Midsummer  
Innovation Fund project: [DAWN](#)
  - **Jesper Juul da Silva Francisco**  
Chief of Staff to the CEO - Topsoe  
Innovation Fund project: [TopSOEC](#)
  - **Thomas Thiemann**  
Senior Vice President Energy Transition Technologies - Siemens Energy
- 15:00 - 15:20 **Networking coffee**

## SESSION 3 | 15:20 - 16:40

### Tomorrow is too late: unlocking investment in cleantech manufacturing

How can we overcome the challenges to attract investment in Europe's cleantech manufacturing?

How can we 'de-risk' financing to bring equity investors in early stages of technology development and make projects bankable?

The session will cover how EU, other public funding sources and private investors can be deployed together to spur investment in the cleantech manufacturing sector.

- 15:20 - 15:30 **Keynote speech**  
EU funding: streamlining funding from the Innovation Fund  
**Alex Paquot**  
Director of Innovation for a Low Carbon, Resilient Economy - DG CLIMA
- 15:30 - 16:30 **Panel discussion: How to unlock investment in cleantech manufacturing?**
- Moderator: **Jacek Truszczynski**  
Deputy Head of Unit Green and Circular Economy - DG GROW
- Panellists:
- **Ruben Devogelaer**  
Senior Investment Officer - European Investment Bank
  - **Tim van Pelt**  
Global Lead Batteries & Charging - ING
  - **Katrien de Marez**  
Deputy Head of Unit - DG COMP
  - **Dr. Friedrich von Schönfeld**  
Policy Advisor - Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)
- 16:30 - 16:40 **Closing remarks**  
**Kurt Vandenberghe**  
Director General - DG CLIMA
- 16:40 - 16:45 **Wrap up**
- 16:45 - 18:00 **Networking drinks**



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