# INITIATE Final Conference

## Building Symbiotic Value Chains Across the Steel and Chemical Industries: Results and Lessons Learned

**23 October 2026**

*RodeBol Events, Communication Campus (building 485), Sint-Denijslaan 485, B-9000 Ghent (BE)*

| DRAFT AGENDA | |
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| 8.30 – 9 am | **Registration & welcome coffee** |
| 9 – 9.10 am | **INITIATE project overview**<br>Eric van Dijk, *INITIATE Project Coordinator*, TNO |
| 9.10 – 9.40 am | **Steel-to-chemicals value chain demonstration**<br>*Material development, Piloting, demonstration campaign*<br>Eric van Dijk, *INITIATE Project Coordinator*, TNO // with contributions from:<br>Siebe van der Veer, *Researcher*, Kisuma<br>Malin Hagemalm, *Group Manager*, Swerim<br>Giulio Galdieri, *Incremental Innovation Process Manager,* KT Tech |
| 9.40 – 10.10 am | **Beyond the Demonstration: Assessing the Impact**<br>*Multiscale Modelling, Techno-economic and Life Cycle Assessment*<br>Giampaolo Manzolini, *Full Professor*, Politecnico di Milano<br>Rosalie van Zelm, *Associate Professor*, Radboud University (TBC) |
| 10.10 – 10.40 am | **From Results to Deployment**<br>*How INITIATE will move towards industrial implementation*<br>Mathijs van Heteren, *Senior Business Developer*, TNO<br>Akbar Siddiqui, *Product Portfolio Manager*, Stamicarbon |
| 10.40 – 11.10 am | **Coffee break** |
| 11.10 – 11.50 am | **Panel discussion: Innovation, circularity and industrial symbiosis for the future of EU Steel**<br>*Moderator:* Marian Flores Granobles, *Technical Advisor for CCUS*, ArcelorMittal<br>Wim van der Stricht, *Secretary General*, ESTEP<br>Marco Guala, *VP of Technology Development*, Paul Wurth Italia<br>Valentina Colla, *Associate Professor*, Sant'Anna University<br>Akbar Siddiqui, Product Portfolio Manager, Stamicarbon |
| 11.50 – 12.40 pm | **Insights from Fellow EU Projects**<br>*Sharing experiences, challenges and lessons learned*<br>Leonie Lücking, *GreenSmith Project*, TNO<br>Carlos Abanades, *CalBy2030 Project,* CSIC |
| 12.40 – 12.50 pm | **Closing remarks**<br>Eric van Dijk, *INITIATE Project Coordinator*, TNO |
| 12.50 – 14.00 pm | **Lunch** |



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