

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