



Monday 5 June 2023 | 09:00 - 12:30

# Join us for the EUBCE Monday Opening Session

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## Plenary Session

Theme: Is Carbon the enemy?  
What would the EU do without it?

### MODERATOR

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#### David Chiamonti

Politecnico di Torino, Italy

### Setting the scene:

#### Michael Carus

Founder and CEO of nova-Institute and Executive Manager of the Renewable Carbon Initiative

#### Panelists:

- **Michael Carus**  
Founder and CEO of nova-Institute and Executive Manager of the Renewable Carbon Initiative
- **André Faaij**  
Director of Science, TNO Energy Transition
- **Michela Morese**  
Senior Natural Resources Officer, Energy Team Leader, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment
- **Calogero Schillaci**  
European Commission JRC, Sustainable Resources - Land Resources Unit

#### Conclusions:

- **Ana Maria Bravo**  
Director of Government Affairs at International Flavors & Fragrances

The Linneborn Prize recipient for outstanding contributions to biomass

Giuliano Grassi Prize for Excellence in Biomass Industrial

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## Opening Addresses

CHAIR

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**Isabella De Bari**

EUBCE Conference General Chair, ENEA, Processes and Technologies for Biorefineries and Green Chemistry

With:

- **Kadri Simson**  
Commissioner for Energy of the European Commission (video message)
- **Salla Saastamoinen**  
Deputy Director-General, JRC, European Commission
- **Virginia Puzzolo**  
CBE JU Head of Programme Unit

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## Moderated Panel Debate:

### Biomass: Headwinds and opportunities around the globe

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**Paolo Frankl**

Head of Renewable Energies Division, IEA

Panelists:

- **Giulia Gregori**  
Head of Corporate Strategy Implementation and Engagement, Novamont
- **Marko Janhunen**  
Director Public Affairs, UPM – The Biofore Company, Finland & Chair LSB – Leaders of Sustainable Biofuel Coalition
- **Sangita M. Kasture**  
Head – Energy, Environment & Forest Decision Unit, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India
- **Jim Spaeth**  
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Bioenergy Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy
- **ENI, Italy**
- **Representative of Brazil**

Q&A

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