


Meeting with Fertilizers Europe

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Participants :

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- Joan Canton, Cabinet Breton

Summary

Fertilizers Europe presented their vision on the contribution of the sector to the decarbonisation objectives of the EU. More specifically, Fertilizers Europe explained the concept and opportunities associated with the production of green ammonia, but also the bottlenecks. Fertilizers Europe stressed in particular the need to work on certification (what green ammonia is), on access to decarbonised electricity (issue with intermittency of renewables, remote location), on scaling up and retrofit, and on geographical limitations (difficulty to work on industrial symbiosis projects).

Fertilizers Europe also regretted the lack of focus on the developments of hydrogen in Central Europe, and wished the Hydrogen Alliance roundtables could allow for more in-depth discussions on the regulatory obstacles.

Fertilizers also presented their expectations as regards the carbon border adjustment mechanism, stressing in particular the significant export potential of fertilizers produced in Europe.

The Commission answered the questions asked and clarified the state of play in the preparation of the various initiatives.