

EUROPE
2026

Conference Programme*

HYATT REGENCY PARIS ETOILE — FRANCE
7TH - 9TH OCTOBER 2026

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2026

15:00 Exhibition set-up

16:00 Delegate registration

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2026

07:30 Delegate registration

08:45 Welcome address by the conference organisers

09:00 The French cement industry: challenges and transition roadmap: Bruno Pillon, CEO, Heidelberg Materials France and President, France Ciment (France)

09:20 A new era for clinker production: Eric Bourdon, Deputy CEO, Vicat (France),

09:40 Applied modern technology solutions for low carbon cement: Alain Cordonnier, CEO, Fives FCB (France)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Benchmarking sustainability excellence to 2030 and beyond: Jim O'Brien, Managing Director, Jim O'Brien CSR Consulting

11:20 European cement market outlook - a narrow path to recovery: Jean-Christophe Lefèvre-Mouleng, Independent Analyst (France)

11:40 How free allocation phase-out and CBAM are reshaping competitiveness in the EU: Ben Crick, Fastmarkets (UK)

12:00 A strategic overview of recent market and trade evolution across Euromed: Sylvie Doutres Ghizzo and Sophie Robert, DSG Consultants (France)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Rewriting the industrial operating system: redefining organic growth through technology and circularity: Erkam Kocakerim, Global CEO, Limak Cement Group (Türkiye)

14:30 The future of European cement assets and material flows: Sebastian Reiter and Harry Forbes, McKinsey & Company (Germany)

15:00 Rethinking cement decarbonisation: strategic pathways for a two-speed global transition: Amr Nader, A³&Co (UAE)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Titan Materials decarbonisation pathways in practice: Samir Cairae, CTO, Titan Cement Group

16:30 Holcim's CaptureLab - an industrial collaboration to de-risk flue gas impurities management: Richard Dubettier, Cryogenic Technology Director, Air Liquide (France)

17:00 Ci4C Mergelstetten: first operational results from the world's largest pure oxyfuel cement demonstration plant - advancing carbon capture to TRL 7: Eike Wilms, CTO, thyssenkrupp Calvion

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2026

09:00 The grinding constraint: system readiness for low-clinker cement at industrial scale: Kiranmai Sanagavarapu, Fuller Technologies (USA)

09:30 Enabling reliable LC³ production: from raw material assessment to turnkey plant implementation: Evelin Battistella Ferreira, KHD Humboldt Wedag (Germany)

10:00 From Lab to Reality... how ACT is shaping the future of low carbon cement and concrete: Olivier Guise, Executive Director of Strategy Technology & Business Development, Ecocem Global (France)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Panel session: delivering carbon capture at scale and speed - Claude Loréa, Cl4Change (Belgium), Roze Wesby, VP CCUS, Head of Business Development, Holcim (Switzerland) and Dr Richard Leese, Head of Europe, Global CCS Institute (UK)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Fives: French industrial engineering driving cement industry decarbonisation: Loïc Pottier, Fives FCB (France)

14:30 From AI-assisted quality control to autonomous mill operations: Alejandro Espejel, Alcem (Germany)

15:00 Digitalising the cement supply chain for logistical excellence: Nikolas Manolis, Holcim and Sébastien Applanat, Nanolike (France)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Saint Pierre La Cour - pioneering zero-emission calcined clay production: Lafarge (France)

16:30 Accelerating the transition: alternative fuels in cement: Luc Rieffel, Walter ATS (France)

17:00 Optimisation of cyclone separators and calciner for improved efficiency and CO₂ emissions reduction: Uğraş Akay, CEO and Board Member, Dal (Türkiye)

19:30 Gala Dinner & Entertainment

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