


## PROGRAMME

**Meeting:** **ESIG 5<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder Day**  
**“Solvents – Simply Essential: How to Maintain a European  
 Competitive Solvent Value Chain in an Evolving Regulatory  
 Environment”**

**Date:** **21 April 2026**

- 09.00 (Welcome Coffee)
- 09.30 – 12.30 hrs (Meeting)
- 12.30 – 14.00 hrs (Lunch)

**Place:** **Cefic, Rue Belliard 40, 1040 Brussels / [Videoconference](#)**

<i>Welcome Coffee</i>			<i>09.00</i>
<b>1.</b>	<b>WELCOME, REMINDER OF COMPETITION LAW AND USE OF AI TOOLS &amp; INTRODUCTION</b>  Competition compliance and rec	Rob Oades – Chair ESIG Alain D’haese – Chair ESVOC Anna Tancorra – Chair ESIG PA Norbert Hannig – Secretariat	09.30
<b>2.</b>	<b>SOLVENT VALUE CHAIN &amp; ECONOMIC RELEVANCE</b>	Norbert Hannig	09.40
<b>3.</b>	<b>BALANCING HAZARD AND RISK: ENSURING SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF SOLVENTS</b>	Adrian Tristram – ExxonMobil Karen Smet – Ineos Oxide	09.55
<b>4.</b>	<b>SOLVENTS SIMPLY ESSENTIAL – KEY ENABLERS OF PRODUCTS AND PROCESS IN EUROPE</b>	Cornelia Tietz – EuPIA	10.15
<i>Break</i>			<i>10.30</i>
<b>5.</b>	<b>COMPETITIVENESS AND REGULATION: UNDERSTANDING MULTIPLE FACTORS SHAPING EUROPE’S CHEMICAL INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	Moncef Hadhri - Cefic	10.50

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<b>6.</b>	<b>HOW EU MARKET POLICIES CAN STRENGTHEN THE RESILIENCE AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOLVENT VALUE CHAIN — TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE</b>	Ana-Maria Blass-Rico – EU Commission DG GROW	11.05
<i>Break</i>			<i>11.35</i>
<b>7.</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Moderator: Dunja Drmac – Cefic</b>	All Speakers DG Grow Luc Turkenburg - CEPE	11.50
<b>8.</b>	<b>CLOSURE</b>	Rob Oades – Chair ESIG Alain D’haese – Chair ESVOC Anna Tancorra – Chair ESIG PA	12.25
<i>Lunch</i>			<i>12.30- 14.00</i>

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