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She holds a PhD in Material Science and an Engineer Degree in Metallurgy and has 30 years of experience in the Steel and Automotive Industry.

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Gerardo Herrera is working as a Policy Officer in the Energy Intensive Industries and Raw materials unit at the Directorate General Internal market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs in the European Commission. In DG GROW he is acting as a Seconded National Expert from Spain, where he is research professor at the Geological Survey of Spain. In DG GROW he is part of the raw materials team working on data analytics, earth observation and international partnerships with Latin America.

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Patrice Christmann, PhD, MBA, is a self-employed researcher and consultant, specialised in minerals and metals and related issues (sustainability, policies, governance, economics, research, technologies ...). He retired from BRGM, the French Geological Survey, in 2016, after a 40 years long career. He also was a member of the UN International Resource Panel (2011-2020, resourcepanel.org). He currently teaches on minerals, metals; the energy Transition and Sustainable Development at EPF, a French Engineering School.

Asko Saastamoinen works for Keliber Oy as the Chief Human Resources Officer. He is a M.Sc. in Civil Engineering, having years of experience in different fields of HR and Safety in chemical and process industries as well as mining. His work is both on strategic level on planning and leading people activities as well as on practical level in recruiting, managing and developing employees for Keliber, aiming to be the first company in Europe producing Lithium from own ore resources.



Blandine Gourcerol currently works at the French Geological Survey (BRGM) as a researcher on ore deposit geology. Her research aims to characterize a variety of magmatic and hydrothermal ore systems using both traditional and novel approaches. Her work incorporates field studies supported by a large range of petrologic and mineral-fluid chemical studies (e.g., lithogeochemistry, fluid inclusions) using analytical facilities at the BRGM and collaborating institutions

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Carlos Nogueira is a researcher at LNEG and Head of the Materials for Energy R&D Unit. Its main expertise is in extractive metallurgy and recycling of end-of-life products, namely in the development and optimization of extractive processes by hydrometallurgy. Has an also scientific interest in the field of energy storage. Has been participating in national and international research projects and has many publications in scientific journals. Lithium has been one of the core topics of its activities in recent years.

Nathália Cristine Vieceli works at the Chalmers University department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Industrial Materials Recycling Unit. Nathália researches lithium recovery from spent Li-ion batteries by hydrometallurgical processes. Her interests in recycling include optimization of processes to recover critical raw materials from secondary resources. Nathália also has experience on lithium recovery from natural resources (ores).



Léa Rouquette also works at the Chalmers University department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Industrial Materials Recycling Unit. Léa's PhD project is focused on lithium-ion batteries recycling. The goal is to recover valuable metals from the spent batteries.