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Utimia Madaleno is a Senior Consultant at Eupportunity. She works in the field of research, development and innovation through studies and the creation of partnerships of international cooperation in the field of new technologies with applications in the several areas, such as energy. Previously, Utimia worked in industry and EU institutions. She also worked in the Portuguese Representation in Brussels, and as member/leader of various advisory groups for the European Commission. Utimia holds a degree in Materials Engineering from Instituto Superior Técnico, she has a post-graduate degree in metal matrix composites from the Tokyo Institute of Technology and she is a graduate in EU studies at ULB.





Louis Roche is a sustainability engineer for Verkor in Grenoble, France. He works on various topics related to batteries sustainability, including carbon footprint, materials traceability, battery recycling, and talents training. In particular, Verkor is coordinating the Ecole de la Batterie project, which aims to develop the training offer around the battery value chain in France, and to enhance the attractiveness of this sector. He holds an engineering degree in electrochemistry and a master's degree in energy management, and also has a short experience in hydrogen and electrolysis."

Hervé Weytens is currently Human Resources Director & General Affairs Europe for ProLogium.

A seasoned HR Leadership with a proven track record in diverse sectors; Consultancy, IT, Food & in Industry. His expertise includes Global HR Executive Management, Social Dialogue, Labor Relations, ESG and CSR. He concurrently serves as a Professor of HR Management at Sciences Po Lille, emphasizing global HR management, executive leadership, and CSR. His journey includes impactful roles at The Kraft Heinz Company, where he spearheaded HR strategies in dynamic environments, blending innovation with sustainable practices. He holds an MBA from EDHEC Business School and has honed his skills through programs at Stanford University in Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Committed to excellence, his passion resides in driving innovative thinking in organizations and inspiring teams to think differently and make a sustainable impact.







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David HUANG is Overseas Administration Officer at XTC New Energy Materials Co,. Ltd China. XTC New Energy is an industry leading company from China that produces lithium-ion cathode materials and precursors, whose goal is to become one of the world's top three energy material suppliers, providing energy material solutions for carbon neutrality. David holds a master degree in Management Conseil Gestion from l'IAE Lyon 3. After seven years of education and work experience in France, David decided to pursue a career in the circular economy. Utilizing his bilingual skills and cross-cultural management work experience, he's ready to contribute to the sustainable development industry between China and France.

Déborah Bolleman is Human Resources Manager at BORAX Français, part of the International Rio Tinto Group. She is the HR pilot for the project to set up a lithium conversion unit, strategically located at the heart of the Dunkirk area's transformation dynamic. This project, currently under study, combines the acquisition of a new technology with the search for new profiles in maintenance, production and the service sector. She holds a degree in Management Sciences from MSG Lille and has also worked as an employment agency manager and interim and recruitment account manager in the Ardennes and Northern France."



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Thomas Xantippe trained as a labour law specialist at the Sorbonne and gained experience with the PSA Group and Engie. For ten years, he developed experience in human resources management at France Televisions, where he held various positions in social dialogue and HR project management. In 2022, Thomas joined the Orano Group as Head of Social Regulations at corporate level in which he consolidated the group's social identity and employer brand. Since March 2024, he is Head of Human Resources at Orano's new Dunkirk-based subsidiary, Orano Batteries. He will be in charge of HR staffing, communication and human development, in a context of a joint-venture with the XTC New Energy group for the production of cathode materials, precursors and recycling. Thomas is also VP of the association Les Assises du Social that stimulates debate on changes in work and business in the contemporary era.





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Mercredi, le 27 mars 2024 14:00 – 16:30 CET **Kari Valkama** is a project manager at Technology Centre Merinova in Vaasa, Finland. Merinova is the leader of the EnergyVaasa Cluster that possesses the Gold Label of Cluster Management Excellence. Its cutting-edge expertise is in energy technology and business development. Merinova is involved in various projects, programs and services regionally, nationally and globally. Kari holds a degree in Business Administration. He has years of experience in working with business and general development related tasks in SME companies in metal and cleantech industries.





João Alves graduated in Environmental Engineering in 2001 and is ATEC's Cooperation Projects and Certifications Area Coordinator since 2011, having coordinated ATEC's participation in several European Commission and national funded projects for the fulfilment of ATEC's Mission. He also supports relationships with external entities and is responsible for the regulations and standardisation processes at ATEC since 2004, namely to those related with VET development and delivery and for the relations between ATEC and the Portuguese governmental institutions.

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Nicolas Balland is territorial delegate in charge of R&D and innovation at the Regional Association for Automotive Industry Hauts-de-France (ARIA HDF) and also director of the ElectroMob project (27 million euros budget and 40 partners), which aims to attract, train and recruit 17,000 people by 2027 for the gigafactories that are setting up in Hauts-de-France. He has participated in numerous regional, national and European collaborative projects on connected vehicles, autonomous vehicles and industry 4.0 topics in connection with the region's academic laboratories and manufacturers. With the ARIA Hauts-de-France team, he supports companies in the region, from SMEs to large groups in their digital transformation and their transition to electromobility







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As Director of Attractiveness and Employment at the Communauté Urbaine de Dunkerque, I have been involved for over 10 years in the urban and industrial transformation of this area of French maritime Flanders, which, according to the World Economic Forum, makes it "one of the 20 territories that will save the world". I make an active contribution to this thanks to my ability to embrace the complexity of territorial development and explore new levers of innovation, based on cooperation and the search for concrete results. Since 2019, I have been contributing to the transformation of Dunkirk's industry, based on decarbonisation and reindustrialisation, putting skills, employment, training and education at the heart of the approach, with a collective of many public and private partners

Rafael Ponce, graduated in 1994 from HES School of Engineering and Architecture of Fribourg, Switzerland, as a civil engineer specialized in water technology.

He started his career as business engineer and project engineer in Switzerland before he joined the Lyonnaise des Eaux, France in 2001.

After spending 15 years for Lyonnaise des Eaux and 5 years for Suez (including around 13 years in Dunkirk), Rafael Ponce moved to the community sector by joining the Urban Community of Dunkirk as Deputy General Director for Economy and Attractivity in 2021. In addition, he is General Manager of Euraenergie and Dunkerque Promotion since 2022.

