

WEBSITE BLOGPOST (NL/EN) – Flanders Metal Day (Nr°1)

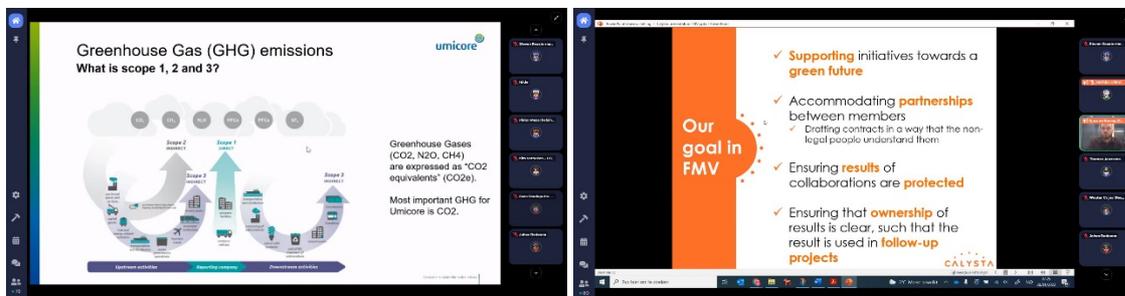
Flanders Metals Valley organizes first Flanders Metal Day.

On 26 January, Flanders Metals Valley organized its first Flanders Metal Day. The virtual event could count on more than 80 sector professionals and sympathizers, making it a great success. "The great interest in Flanders Metals Valley as a catalyst for a vibrant, climate neutral and circular metallurgical cluster in Flanders proves that cooperation in our sector has enormous potential" said acting coordinator Mathias Chintinne.

As the organizing partner, Umicore kicked off the event with an introduction to its sustainability vision. Wouter Ghyoot, Group Director Sustainable Value Chain at Umicore, gave an exciting insight into the company's journey towards becoming climate neutral by 2035. The virtual tour of the Hoboken site by Marjan Rottiers and Stephanie Vervynckt added an extra dimension to the digital event. The plenary session ended with pitches from InsPyro (Els Nagels) and CALYSTA (Sjors de Koning).

"We are excited to be a part of this new ambitious organization, and looking forward to contribute towards a green future by helping with IP-matters related to collaborations and partnerships"

Sjors de Koning, Belgian & European Patent Attorney at CALYSTA



The virtual Gather platform provided an excellent opportunity to network with other participants, while enjoying healthy snacks and drinks delivered to the participant's homes in advance. It was great to see the FMV community in action and discuss the progress made in the various working groups within the organization.

"The Flanders Metal Day was a true example on how a virtual networking event could be as real as possible! Great talk on sustainability, spot-on company pitches, and amazing to join the virtual plant tour of the Umicore Hoboken site. Gatherings like these are important to form one big team towards the challenges of the future."

Kristof Ramharter, Junior Manager RDI at Aurubis Olen

