



European Metals: Evangelos Mytilineos welcomes new President Inge Hofkens, COO Aurubis

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Athens, Greece, 1st July 2026. Today the Members of European Metals elected a new President, following the conclusion of the maximum four-year term of current President **Evangelos Mytilineos, Executive Chairman of METLEN**. The new President will be **Inge Hofkens, COO for Multi Metal Recycling, Aurubis**, who has been elected for a two-year term starting immediately.

Announcing the election of the new President, Evangelos Mytilineos stated ‘Over the past four years it has been my great privilege and honour to lead the European non-ferrous metals industry in its work to improve the policy situation for our sector. We have seen great strides taken at the EU level with the delivery of the Critical Raw Materials Act, the Steel and Metals Action Plan, the Clean Industrial Deal and more recently the Industrial Accelerator Act. But there is still a lot of work to do on energy costs, on the Emissions Trading System, the CBAM and importantly on circularity in the metals sector including addressing the record volumes of aluminium and copper scrap leaking from the EU to our global competitors.’ He added ‘This is an important moment for Inge Hofkens to lead the association into the next phase of boosting our industry in the corridors of power in Europe.’

Inge Hofkens announced ‘I am grateful to the members of European Metals for placing their trust in me to lead the association in this vibrant moment. We have crucial policies for our sector coming up in the next few months, not least the Circular Economy Act, which must deliver on multiple opportunities for metal recycling, processing and refining in Europe in answer to the strongly growing metal demand and desired raw material resilience. This is a huge potential source for critical raw materials that today are left untapped. As demand for critical raw materials grows and Europe's need for resilience becomes more urgent, unless we strengthen Europe's processing and smelting capacities, critical raw materials will continue to flow to competing economies, where the economic value, strategic resilience and industrial competitiveness they generate will increasingly accrue elsewhere. We need to take swift action to address the loss of scrap copper and other strategic metals from the EU. It will be my priority to make sure that our European metals industry has the best possible policy framework to thrive in Europe.’

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[European Metals – Non-Ferrous Metals Association](#) is the industry association representing the entire value chain of all non-ferrous metals in Europe. It is also the main representative body for Critical and Strategic Raw Materials.

More details about the new President can be found here: [CV Inge Hofkens](#)

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