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Agenda

9h30-9h40

Welcome words by
Dr. Ronald de Bruin
COST director

and **Pascale Van Dinter**,
Belgian member of COST
Committee of Senior Officials,
COST National Coordinator,
BELSPO

9h40-10h10

What is COST and how to
engage with COST

Bart Veys,
Head of Policy Unit,
COST Association

10h10-10h30

The Added Value and
Benefits of Participation in
a COST Action

Prof. Dr. Lore Mergaerts,
KU Leuven, MC member and
Working Group Leader in
CA22128

*Establishing Networks to
Implement the Principles on
Effective Interviewing for
Investigations*

10h30-10h50

The Added Value and
Benefits of Participation in
a COST Action

Dr. Ahmed Rassili,
Centre de recherches
métallurgiques, MC-Member in
CA20133

*Cross-border transfer and
development of sustainable
resource recovery strategies
towards zero waste and*

Working Group member in
CA21127

*Techno-economic analysis of
carbon mitigation technologies*

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10h50-11h20

How to prepare your COST proposal

Bart Veys,
Head of Policy Unit,
COST Association

11h20-11h40

Tips and tricks for preparing a COST proposal

Dr. Alessandro Parente,
ULB and chair of the COST
action CA22151

*Cyber-Physical systems and
digital twins for the
decarbonisation of energy-
intensive industries*

11h40-12h

Q&A

12h-14h

**End of session and
networking lunch**

Who's who



RIA NOUWEN

Federal Public Service Health, Food
Safety and Environment
Target group: Sciensano



PASCALE VAN DINTER

BELSP0
**Target group: federal scientific
institutions and federal
departments**



PARIS VAN PAESSCHEN

COST Coordinator for Flanders
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**Target group: universities,
colleges, industry and SMEs in
Flanders**



GAÉTAN DU ROY

Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles
**Target group: universities and
colleges in the French community**



PIERRE DEMOITIÉ

Service Public de Wallonie
**Target Group: industry and SMEs in
Wallonia**



KOUROSCH ABBASPOUR TEHRANI

Innoviris
**Target group: industry and SMEs in
Brussels**