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3<sup>rd</sup> International Akademie Fresenius Conference

# Green Claims and Sustainability Labelling in Europe

Are you ready for the fight  
against greenwashing?

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10 February 2026

## Highlights

### EU sustainability labelling initiatives

- Empowering Consumers (EmpCo) and Green Claims Directive
- Coordinated EU actions shaping new anti-greenwashing standards

### Impact on national laws and labels

- France: Green claims law and Eco-Score experimentation
- The Netherlands: National green claims regulation
- Germany: EmpCo implementation and climate neutrality label experience
- Italy: EmpCo integration into national law

### Practical application and latest jurisprudence

- Key case law influencing green claim criteria
- Communicating full environmental impact: Colruyt Group's Eco-Score insights



## The Experts

**Sarah Arayess** Law firm Say Legal, The Netherlands

**Shafik Asal** ECO2 Initiative, France

**Bärbel Hintermeier** Law firm Lekker Partners, Germany

**Veerle Poppe** Colruyt Group, Belgium

**Gaëlle Saint-Jalmes** Law firm Qolumn, France

**Dennis Uieß** ClimatePartner, Germany

**Cesare Varallo** Food Law Latest and Food Orbit, Italy

**Franca Werhahn** Law firm Lekker Partners, Germany

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Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Timings are in  
Central European Time CET.



## Morning Session | 09:00 – 12:40 CET

**09:00** Welcome address by Akademie Fresenius and introduction by the Chairs

**Bärbel Hintermeier** and **Franca Werhahn**, Law firm Lekker Partners, Germany

The presentation slots include sufficient time for questions and answers.

## EU sustainability labelling initiatives

**09:10** Empowering Consumers (EmpCo) and Green Claims Directive and intertwining EU-Initiatives shaping new criteria in the fight against green washing

**Bärbel Hintermeier**

## Impact on laws and labels in France

**10:20** French national legal framework for green claims

**Gaëlle Saint-Jalmes**, Law firm Qolumn, France

**11:10** Short break

**11:20** The impact of the Green Claims Directive and the French experimentation on the Eco-Score: Challenges and chances?

**Shafik Asal**, ECO2 Initiative, France

## Situation in the Netherlands

**12:00** Dutch national legal framework for green claims

**Sarah Arayess**, Law firm Say Legal, The Netherlands

**12:40** Lunch break

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### Residues of Food Contact Materials in Food

6 and 7 October 2025 in Dusseldorf/Germany and via Live Stream

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## Afternoon Session | 13:40 – 16:00 CET

## Impact in Germany and latest jurisprudence

**13:40** National implementation of EmpCo Directive in Germany and case law shaping new criteria

**Franca Werhahn**

**14:10** Experience as a certifier for the climate neutrality label in Germany

**Dennis Uieß**, ClimatePartner, Germany

**14:40** Short break

## Impact on laws and labels in Italy

**14:50** Italian legal framework implementing EmpCo and criteria for green claims

**Cesare Varallo**, Food Law Latest and Food Orbit, Italy

## Sustainability claims in practice

**15:20** More than greenhouse gas emissions – how to assess and communicate the full environmental footprint in practice?

**Veerle Poppe**, Colruyt Group, Belgium (invited)

**16:00** Summary by the chairs and end of the online conference

17<sup>th</sup> International Conference

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## Do you have any questions?



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## Who will benefit from this conference?

Regulatory, marketing, scientific, and legal professionals throughout the food supply chain who want to keep up-to-date on the latest developments impacting the food and food-contact industry in Europe.

### Sectors that should take part:

- ☒ Food and drink industry
- ☒ Food trade
- ☒ Packaging industry
- ☒ Food inspection offices
- ☒ Laboratories

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