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- Met with **DG GROW** (Mrs. Rossi and Mrs. Nowakowska) to discuss the cement industry's priorities; DG GROW suggested to focus on innovation projects and to think of common breakthrough objectives for energy-intensive industries ahead of the negotiations on the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF) post-2020 and the next Research and Innovation Framework Programme for the period 2021 – 2027 (FP9); the Commission referred to the [Batteries Alliance for Europe](#) where industry works on a full value chain for batteries in Europe;
- Met with **DG CLIMA, ETS Implementation team** (led by Head of Unit Mrs Quinn assisted by Mr. Kunst, Mrs. Serrano Gomes, Mrs. Kranz, Mr. González Álvarez) on Tuesday 5th February to discuss **next steps and timing in the EU ETS execution**: carbon leakage list will be adopted in December 2018 (preliminary list in May, final list in August); two stakeholder events will be held, one in March and one in May; rules for allocation closer to production will be available in Q3 2019; compiled data for HAL/Benchmarks will be ready by September 2019; benchmark update foreseen by Q2 2020. CEMBUREAU submitted its answer to the carbon leakage consultation;
- Met with **DG CLIMA** (Director European and International carbon markets Mrs. Jordi and Mr. Kunst) to discuss CCS/CCU accounting and Monitoring and Reporting rules.
- Met with **DG GROW** Chemical Unit (Mr De la Fuente) to discuss CCU and their **Roadmap on the recovery and utilization of gaseous industrial effluents**;
- Attended **TC 104/SC 1/TG 20** "Product Category Rules for concrete" which is developing a Technical Report to **quantify carbonation in an LCA context** and provide guidance for the purpose of declaring CO₂ uptake in concrete EPDs.
- Joined the **LEILAC Conference** where the cement industry's innovation in carbon capture was presented and attended the ground breaking ceremony for the Calix Carbon capture pilot at CBR's cement plant at Lixhe. For more information, see <https://www.project-leilac.eu/>

EU POLICY

- A discussion on the **Future of European Industrial Policy** took place between Economy Ministers in Sofia on 1st February. The Ministers [agreed](#) that it is essential to lay the foundations for a comprehensive and long-term industrial strategy. Key aspects addressed by the Ministers included digitalisation, value added chains, the integration of European companies and how they can compete most successfully on the global markets, and the role of core and energy-intensive industries for the overall European industry. The meeting will be followed by a series of meetings at political and expert level in Brussels.

LEGISLATIVE AND EVENTS CALENDAR

- On 2nd March, **EUPave** will hold a Workshop under the title "Concrete Safety Barriers: a Lifetime of Safety." See here for the [Programme](#).
- On 14 February, CEMBUREAU organizes a **Building Block Workshop on Energy** where energy experts from companies have been invited to discuss our position on the Clean Energy Package. In a morning session before this internal discussion, several experts from DG Energy, ENTSO (network operators) and other industries have been invited to provide us with a broader context. The event will be preceded by a dinner on 13th February with H.E. Hoogmartens, COREPER I Ambassador of Belgium to the EU.