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### **Discussants' short biographies**

#### **Tom Brookes**

Mr. Tom Brookes is Executive Director, Strategic Communications, and a member of the ECF Executive Management Team. Based in Brussels, he works to advance the policy response to climate change, and has responsibility for external communications, public affairs, and political communications strategy for the ECF, its affiliates, and network. He is Senior Advisor, Global Communications Strategies for ClimateWorks Foundation. Tom joined the ECF in 2009.

Tom started his career as a journalist, covering technology, regulation, and European politics, and moved into communications, public affairs, and media relations in the late 1990s. Following regulatory and standards work for Alcatel and other organisations, Tom joined an international public affairs consultancy and worked on his first competition case in 2000. That case, IMS Health, became the defining case on the balance between intellectual property and competition law in the EU.

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Tom worked on the Microsoft anti-trust case in Europe, representing Microsoft as press spokesman on the case and acting as political advisor to Microsoft's general counsel from 2002 to 2007. He also worked on mergers, international trade issues, and regulatory issues in copyright, environment, and other areas. He then left consultancy and joined Apple as Director of Government Affairs, Europe.

### **Stefaan Vergote**

Since March 2014, Stefaan Vergote is Head of Unit 'Economic Analysis and Financial Instruments' in the Directorate General for Energy of the European Commission. His team is responsible for energy modelling, economic analysis, the development of financial instruments in the energy field, energy statistics and monitoring of energy markets.

From 2010 to 2014, he was Head of Unit 'Strategy and Economic Analysis' in the Directorate General for Climate Action. He led the team in charge of the 2050 Low Carbon Roadmap and the 2030 framework for climate and energy policies.

From 2002 to 2010, he worked in DG Environment as policy officer and Deputy Head of Unit. He worked on various climate and energy related topics such as the ETS, CO2&cars, the Effort Sharing Decision, renewable energy, energy efficiency and CCS. In 2007-2008, he led the team in DG ENV in charge of the development of the 2020 climate and energy package.

From 1998 to 2002, he was policy officer working on automotive emission control standards in DG Enterprise.

He has a diploma of civil electrotechnical-mechanical engineer at the Catholic University of Leuven (KULeuven) and holds a Postgraduate Degree in Environmental Management and Technology (KULeuven).