SPEAKER PROFILES



Gerald Renner

Cosmetics Europe

Gerald Renner is a technical regulatory affairs professional with extensive experience at the intersection of science, EU legislation, international regulatory convergence and industry advocacy in the cosmetics and personal care sector. He has worked with the industry association Colipa, now Cosmetics Europe, since 1996.

He leads the association's work on technical regulatory affairs and international cooperation. His expertise covers the EU Cosmetic Products Regulation, cosmetic ingredient safety, chemicals legislation and regulatory interfaces between different legislative frameworks. He also contributes to developing guidance for association members on complex regulatory developments and emerging requirements.



Andrey Mitov

EFEO

Andrey Mitov is a Board Member of the European Federation of Essential Oils (EFEO) and has nearly 30 years of experience in the essential oils trade. He has extensive knowledge of the regulatory issues affecting the sector and actively supports the development of Bulgarian essential oil producers.

His work at European and national levels focuses on coordinating industry associations' efforts on key sector issues and representing the industry's interests before national and European authorities. He contributes to strengthening cooperation across the sector, advancing regulatory dialogue and communicating the perspectives of essential oil producers.



Marlene Lartigue

Seppic

Marlene Lartigue is Senior Business Development Manager for Cosmetics at Seppic, covering Western Europe and Francophone Africa. She is also an associated researcher with Seppic Research and Innovation in Castres, France.

Her work combines business development with scientific and technical expertise in cosmetic ingredients and formulation. She has co-authored scientific and technical publications on sustainable manufacturing and the stability of cosmetic formulations, including biopolymer-stabilized emulsions.



Filip Lissicharov

Enio Bonchev Ltd.

Filip Lissicharov is CEO and owner of Enio Bonchev Production Ltd., a Bulgarian family-owned company producing rose and lavender essential oils and floral waters since 1909. After graduating from Knox College in the United States with a degree in Integrated International Studies, he returned to Bulgaria to dedicate his career to developing the family business founded by his great-grandfather, Enio Bonchev.

Under his leadership, the company focuses on sustainable and fair supply chains and close cooperation with farmers, harvesters, customers and other stakeholders. Filip is a Board Member of the European Federation of Essential Oils (EFEO), Vice-Chairman of the Bulgarian National Association for Essential Oils, Perfumery and Cosmetics, and a participant in the professional communities of IFEAT and UEBT. The company has received an EcoVadis Platinum Medal.



Aleksandra Zmiric

CLARIANT

Aleksandra Zmiric is a Business Development Manager at CLARIANT, specializing in functional ingredients for the personal care industry. She holds an MSc in Chemistry from the University of Belgrade and has extensive experience in cosmetic formulation.

Her work focuses on translating scientific innovation into high-performance and sustainable personal care solutions. She combines technical expertise with an understanding of the evolving needs of the cosmetics industry.



Rebecca Lentini

NOVE

Rebecca Lentini leads the Sustainability team at NOVE, a Brussels-based public affairs consultancy. She has more than 10 years of consulting experience, with expertise in sustainability, critical raw materials, the circular economy, industrial policy, waste management, environmental health and safety, and occupational health and safety.

She also has extensive experience in EU regulatory developments affecting the essential oils sector, including chemicals legislation, classification and labelling requirements, and sector-specific regulatory frameworks. Her work includes supporting industry engagement with EU institutions and helping stakeholders navigate complex regulatory developments.



Asst. Iva Stoykova

CPSBB

Iva Stoykova is an Assistant at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) and an early-career scientist at the Center of Plant Systems Biology and Biotechnology (CPSBB), where she is part of Professor Milen I. Georgiev's team. Her research focuses on the mechanisms of photoaging and the development of new approaches to skin protection.

Her work explores the modulation of photoaging processes and innovative therapeutic approaches using 3D organoid models. She combines interdisciplinary interests in biomedicine with research aimed at improving quality of life and addressing premature skin aging.



Prof. Dr. Iliya Iliev

Center of Technologies, Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

Prof. Dr. Iliya Iliev is a Professor of Biochemistry at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" and Director of the university's Center of Technologies. He has extensive academic and research experience in biochemistry, enzymology and biotechnology, as well as experience in managing research projects and advancing applied scientific developments.

His research interests include industrial biocatalysis, metabolic engineering, biopharmaceutical biochemistry and the study of biologically active compounds. His work combines fundamental scientific research with applied development and technological innovation, supporting the translation of scientific advances into practical applications.



Konstantin Yankov

Metric / OM Group

Konstantin Yankov leads digital strategy and innovation at OM Group. He has extensive experience in digital business development, media strategy and planning, with a focus on creating effective communication solutions.

His work includes developing new digital products and media models, as well as implementing technologies that transform how agencies plan, purchase and measure media. He focuses on solutions that help brands capture audience attention and turn it into sustainable growth.



Anna Balaguer

Provital

Anna Balaguer brings more than 30 years of experience in the beauty industry and has academic qualifications in Chemistry, Business Administration and Marketing. She has worked at Provital for over 17 years, combining scientific knowledge, commercial experience and a strong interest in industry developments.

Her work involves exploring innovative and unconventional trends from around the world to identify emerging directions in beauty and personal care. Her international perspective contributes to discovering new ideas and opportunities for innovation in the cosmetics industry.



Dr. Rosen Dimitrov

Command Area

Dr. Rosen Dimitrov is the founder of NRETIA Health, a healthcare consultancy. He has more than 15 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry and has held key positions at Novartis in Bulgaria and at the regional European level. He holds a medical degree from the Medical University of Sofia and a master's degree in Health Technology Assessment and Pharmacoeconomics from the same university.

He is Chairman of the Bulgarian Cluster for Digital Solutions and Innovation in Healthcare, a member of the Management Board of the Bulgarian Association of Pharmacoeconomics, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nana Gladwish Foundation – One in Eight. He is also a former member of the Management Board of JA Bulgaria. His professional background combines medical training, pharmaceutical industry expertise and an interest in digital innovation and healthcare solutions.



Dariusz Kosiński

Managing Director at Grupa 3 Druk sp. z o.o.

Dariusz Kosiński is an established expert with extensive experience in managing trade and production projects, marketing new products, and building company structures and strategic business models. He possesses deep knowledge of the printing industry and market, combined with excellent negotiation skills and a proven track record in establishing lasting relationships and networking both in Poland and abroad. In his professional practice, he excels at managing and motivating teams, as well as providing engineering support to solve complex problems related to manufacturing equipment.

His management approach is strongly focused on analyzing the usefulness of business solutions, identifying target groups, and driving success at domestic and international fairs and conferences. In his work, Kosiński effectively applies modern optimization and leadership methodologies, utilizing Lean Management (LM), the Theory of Constraints (TOC), and Quiet Leadership as his favorite professional tools.



Guillem Gonzalez

Provital

Guillem Gonzalez is a Technical and Sales Representative at Provital, where he manages several markets across Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), including Bulgaria. He holds a degree in Chemical Engineering and combines technical training with practical commercial experience in the cosmetic ingredients sector.

His work brings together technical support, customer engagement and international market development. Through collaboration with partners across different countries, he helps connect technical expertise with customer needs and local market requirements.



Maria Milusheva

MUCH BETTER / OM Group

Maria Milusheva is Chief Creative Officer at OM Group, Bulgaria's largest communications group, and co-founder of MUCH BETTER, an agency specializing in femvertising. She has extensive experience in advertising and communications across a range of industries, including financial services, fast-moving consumer goods, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, automotive, media and non-profit organizations.

Her ability to identify communication challenges and develop creative solutions has earned her more than 100 distinctions, including 20 awards for effectiveness at the EFFIE Awards. Maria has served on the juries of national and international advertising festivals, delivered lectures at Cannes Lions, Golden Drum, TEDx and the Ad Black Sea Festival, and teaches Brand Positioning and Strategy at Telerik Academy.



Thibault Moraine

Uviva Technologies

Thibault Moraine is a recognized expert in sun care formulation and inorganic UV filters, with over eight years of specialized experience in zinc oxide (ZnO) technology. At Uviva Technologies, he holds a key position, leading technical and commercial initiatives focused on developing optimized sunscreen formulations that meet the evolving needs of the sun protection market.

Alongside his work in industry, Thibault actively contributes to the development of international industry standards as Belgium's national representative in ISO working group WG7, which focuses on sun protection test methods. He is also an active member of EFfCI working groups on sun protection and nanomaterials, representing the strategic interests of cosmetic raw material suppliers in regulatory discussions. As the author of peer-reviewed publications on optimizing SPF testing for mineral sunscreens, he helps bridge the gap between technical innovation in sun protection and the demands of the global market.