

## Seminar

# Hydrogen-based transformation of the steel industry

Technology and challenges of CO<sub>2</sub> neutral steelmaking

6 - 8 March 2024  
Düsseldorf, Germany



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## SEMINAR'S TARGET

Europe wants to become climate-neutral by 2050 and already save 55% of greenhouse gases by 2030 compared to 1990. The EU Climate Act sets these targets in law for the first time. For large parts of the European steel industry, these targets mean a far-reaching technological change. The technical solution has been found and is: Replace coal with hydrogen! But how does the new process route work in detail? What are the challenges? In three days, the seminar will provide a technical overview of the biggest technology change in the steel industry for decades.

## ORGANISATION / REGISTRATION

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## REGISTRATION FEE

EUR 1.090,00\* registration fee VAT-free plus  
EUR 305,00 conference package (total amount 1.394,50 EUR)

EUR 1.290,00 registration fee VAT-free plus  
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The conference package includes food and beverages during the seminar (incl. 19 % VAT). This fee does not include the hotel room. A free withdrawal from the seminar is possible until two weeks prior to the start. Then, 25% of the seminar fee must be paid. The total registration amount will be charged for no show or cancellation from the first day of the event. The participant has to bear the cancellation costs of the seminar hotel.

## CONTENT

- Ways to CO<sub>2</sub> neutral steel production
- Technologies of current direct reduction concepts
- Iron ores for hydrogen-based direct reduction
- Reduction technologies of iron ore fines with hydrogen
- Green ironmaking with hydrogen and ammonia
- Hydrogen as a challenging atmosphere for refractories
- Electric arc furnace technology - AC and DC
- EAF and OBF power supply
- Technology of the OBF (Smelter)
- Melting of DRI and HBI in the EAF
- Future importance of steel scrap
- Project SALCOS: Steelmaking route DR - EAF
- Project tkH2Steel: Steelmaking route DR - OBF - Converter
- Slags of CO<sub>2</sub> neutral steel production
- Hydrogen production, transport and storage
- Green power production and availability
- Decarbonisation of downstream processes – H<sub>2</sub> burner
- A label system for green steel and green lead markets

## TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN

Jochen Schlüter

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**Recommendation:** The seminar ends on Friday afternoon – take the chance to spend the weekend in Düsseldorf! There is a beautiful old town with several famous breweries

## PROGRAMME

### Wednesday, 6 March 2024

- 09.00 **Introduction:** Peter Schmieding / Jochen Schlüter
- 09.45 **Ways to a CO<sub>2</sub> neutral steel production**  
Hans Bodo Lungen / Peter Schmöle  
EU requirements / CO<sub>2</sub> emissions / Smart Carbon Usage / Carbon Direct Avoidance / Development of direct reduction
- 11.00 coffee break
- 11.30 **Technology of current direct reduction concepts**  
Jochen Schlüter  
Konstruktion und design / Reduction with hydrogen / Concept Midrex / Concept HyL/Energiron
- 13.00 lunch break
- 14.15 **Iron ores for hydrogen based direct reduction**  
Rénard Chaigneau  
Iron ore pellets are the current raw material for direct reduction. Also for efficient hydrogen-based reduction?
- 15.15 coffee break
- 15.45 **Reduction technologies of iron ore fines with H<sub>2</sub>**  
Johannes Schenk  
Fluidized bed based direct reduction / Plasma smelting reduction
- 16.30 **Green ironmaking with hydrogen and ammonia**  
Yan Ma  
Macro-, meso-, micro- and atomic scale views of hydrogen-based reduction / Reduction with ammonia
- 17.15 **H<sub>2</sub> as a challenging atmosphere for refractories**  
Jens Sperber  
Role of OBF in decarbonization / OBF versus EAF / OBF types: circular and rectangular
- 18.00 **End of 1<sup>st</sup> day => 19.00 common dinner**

### Thursday, 7 March 2024

- 09.00 **Electric arc furnace technology – AC / DC**  
Klaus Krüger  
Historical development / construction / Process engineering of the direct current and three-phase arc furnace
- 10.00 coffee break
- 10.30 **EAF and OBF power supply**  
Klaus Krüger
- 11.15 **Technology of the OBF / Smelter**  
Ralf Nörthemann  
Role of the smelter/OBF in decarbonisation / Smelter/OBF versus EAF / Smelter types: circular and rectangular

- 12.15 lunch break
- 13.30 **Melting of DRI and HBI in the EAF**  
Markus Abel  
DRI- and HBI-production and transport / Operation with the input of DRI / Equipment design for use of DRI
- 14.30 **The future importance of steel scrap**  
Klaus Krüger  
Recycling / Scrap quantities and qualities / Scrap availability / Tramp elements / Significance in the future
- 15.15 coffee break
- 15.45 **SALCOS: Process route DR – EAF**  
Johannes Höffgen
- 16.30 **tkH2Steel: Process route DR – Smelter – Converter**  
Nils Jäger
- 17.15 **Open discussion on transformation challenges**
- 18.00 **End of 2<sup>nd</sup> day => 19.00 common dinner**

### Friday, 8 March 2024

- 09.00 **Slags of CO<sub>2</sub> neutral steel production**  
David Algermissen  
Problem of slag quantity in EAF / Slags in the oxidizing EAF and the reducing OBF / Quality & use of slags
- 10.00 coffee break
- 10.30 **Hydrogen production, storage and transport**  
Karsten Pinkwart  
Infrastructure concepts for H<sub>2</sub> and electricity / Differences between the processes / Hydrogen vs. oxygen / H<sub>2</sub> distribution
- 12.00 lunch break
- 13.00 **Green power production and availability**  
Minias Höfinghoff  
Energy market and economy / Energy production and green energy within the framework of the sustainability goals
- 13.45 **Decarbonisation of downstream processes – H<sub>2</sub> burner**  
Nico Schmitz  
Requirements / Safety engineering / Control of burner systems / Influences on furnace operation / NO<sub>x</sub> emissions
- 14.30 **A label system for green steel and green lead markets**  
Martin Theuringer
- 15.15 **End of seminar**

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