# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CERAMICS FORUM

A cross-party discussion group with the objective of facilitating dialogue between the European institutions and the European ceramics industry on all relevant policy developments.

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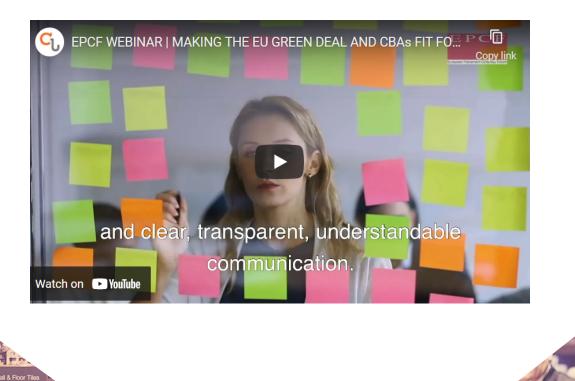






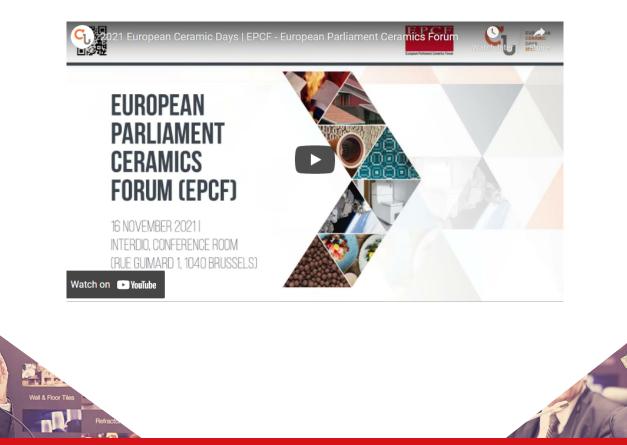












# WHY JOIN THE EPCF?



#### **EXCHANGE**

EPCF members are afforded **bespoke opportunities** to liaise with local industry representatives, business executives, and trade unionists, as well as officials from the European Commission, Member States, and fellow parliamentarians on the issues that matter to them and to the ceramics industry.

#### EXPERTISE

We act on topics ranging from, but not limited to, climate, construction, energy, environment, health & safety, innovation, industry, internal market, and trade. Members of the EPCF can access this **extensive knowledge network** to support their actions as an MEP and share *their* expertise with industrial stakeholders and other officials.

### **EXPOSURE**

The EPCF provides a vital avenue through which MEPs can **support and exchange with constituents**. At our annual plenary held in Brussels, we welcome over 100 policy and industry influencers from across Europe to engage and network with EPCF members.

#### INFLUENCE

From local start-ups and SMEs to global champions of industry, the **EPCF is the centre of policy debate in the European ceramics industry**. Our meetings bring together high-level industry representatives with EPCF members to provide meaningful exchange between parties and an opportunity for MEPs to feedback to industry.

# JOIN THE EPCF

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Refining

Steel

Retail trade

## **ABOUT THE INDUSTRY**

For more information on the industry visit: www.cerameunie.eu



**30%** 

**Direct jobs** Source of employment

**Average lifespan of a brick house** Durable products; long life-cycle

> **Production costs related to energy** Sensitive to energy prices

**Production value** *Motor for growth* 



**Č**€26bn

**Positive trade balance** *Export champion* 







**SMEs** 













Bricks & roof tiles

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Local jobs; backbone of the economy

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