

**CARBON FIBER**  
**EUROPE**

# RECREATE

## Panel II: Composites Market and EU Policy

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## BACKGROUND

- Initiated by EuCIA, the leaders of Carbon fiber in Europe decided to jointly work on a position paper to demonstrate: **“The strategic value of carbon fibre composites in a circular, low-emission Europe”**
- Position paper was co-signed also by ACEA and TechFab Europe.
- It was an important milestone for the European Carbon Fiber player who decided to continue this collaborative journey as an EuCIA alliance. **Carbon Fiber Europe was announced on Nov 18th , 2025**



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## **OUR MISSION**

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- Carbon Fiber aims to promote the positive contributions and innovative power of European carbon fiber products to society and to foster their safe and sustainable use within Europe.



## THE PILLARS



### Advocacy & Representation

- To champion the role of carbon fiber in enabling Europe's green and digital transitions, and to represent the interests of the industry in dialogue with policymakers, regulatory bodies and other stakeholders.



### Sustainability & Circularity

- To advance environmentally and socially responsible production practices, promote circular economy models, advocate for fair and transparent working conditions in the value chain. To support the reduction of carbon footprint across the carbon fiber value chain, including end-of-life management and considering the full lifecycle benefits of carbon fiber.



### Innovation & Standards

- To support research, technological innovation, and the development of harmonized technical standards that maintain and enhance Europe's leadership in carbon fiber materials and applications.



### Healthy & Safety

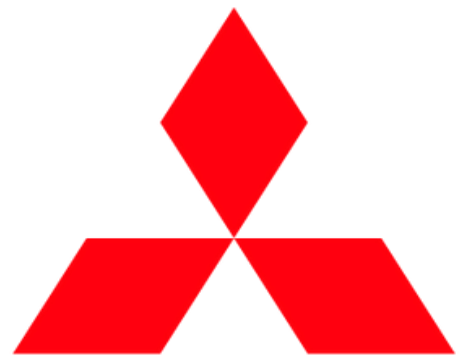
- To ensure the protection of workers, users, and the environment through the promotion of best practices and science-based safety guidelines, particularly in relation to the handling, processing, reuse, recycling and disposal of carbon fiber materials.

# THE MEMBERS

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## What is the challenge?

- Circularity in Composites today is more a market or system challenge than a pure technology challenge
- The real bottleneck is the interface between technology, markets, regulation, and value chains

## What do we ask for?

- Create Demand-Pull for Circular Composites
- Clarify End-of-Life Responsibility and Feedstock Access
- Include Composites in EPR Regimes in an appropriate way
- Align incentives across entire value chains

## Where do we see policy gaps?

- End-of-life responsibility is fragmented or unclear
- Many EPR schemes barely mention composites and treat them as ‘residual’ waste
- End-of-waste criteria are not harmonised across Member States

## What can we do as CFE Alliance?

- Engaging with policymakers and other stakeholders
- Supporting research and standardization
- Providing information on benefits and challenges
- Advocating the alliance’s position

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