

## **SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES**

### *Ella Stengler*

Ella Stengler is the Managing Director of CEWEP (Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants) since July 2003. CEWEP represents 340 Waste-to-Energy Plants in 17 countries.

Previously she was the Managing Director of ITAD the German association of Waste-to-Energy plants, and prior to that she was the Director of AGS the German association of hazardous waste companies; some of them are the official responsible body for the notification of transboundary waste shipments.

Ella studied law in Germany (Erlangen and Speyer) and Rennes (France). She wrote her doctoral thesis on the subject: recovery and disposal of waste according to national and Community law, published in 1999.

Since 2000 she is also registered as a lawyer.

She published several articles about Waste, Waste-to-Energy and environmental law in German and International magazines.

Ella's first contact with waste policy was during a stage at the European Parliament in Brussels in 1996 in the unit of Research and Environment, undertaking a study on EU-Waste Policy on behalf of the Environment Committee.

### *Kees Wielenga*

Kees Wielenga works as senior consultant with FFact Management Consultants. This Dutch consulting company is providing services to companies and authorities on the implementation of sustainable strategies. The main fields of expertise are waste management, soil management and energy.

Kees Wielenga is since 7 years responsible for the international projects of FFact and he is based in Belgium, near Brussels. He is an expert in implementation of EU legislation.

He was involved as independent expert in the stakeholder consultations the Commission undertook in preparation of the proposals for a thematic strategy and the revision of the waste framework directive. He did several studies on the impact of the proposed thematic strategies and the revision of the waste framework directive, including a study on the potential for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of high efficient Waste to Energy Plants.

Before joining FFact he worked for 4 years as national expert in the waste management unit of the European Commission.