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Excerpts from an interview with  
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**What was the biggest focus of the company/organisation you represent recently?**

The impact of the COVID crisis on the business strategy and corporate structure

**What are the signs of the inevitable refining revolution? Which major changes can we expect?**

Forecast of increasing carbon prices and decrease of free allowances under ETS have large impact on EU refining industry à this will accelerate the development of project to lower carbon-footprints of refineries. It will also result in hot discussions on CBAM.

**Do you think the oil & gas refining industry will survive the upcoming climate objectives?**

I hope so. Our industry support the climate goals, without any doubt and is an experience partner in the climate debate. O&G industry is a large industry with a large potential to contribute to the energy transition

**What are the key technologies you would recommend to maintain profitability as well as decarbonisation trends?**

Low carbon liquid fuels

**Which were the key difficulties your company/organisation faced in the recent time?**

Oil price