



25th ANNIVERSARY POLICY CONFERENCE

A Thriving European Batteries Ecosystem: Learning from the Past, Building a Sustainable and Competitive Future

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Moderated by Jack Parrock

In the context of the high-reaching REPowerEU plan and the need for Europe to increase resilience in its energy transition value chains, batteries will play a key role as enablers of a green energy system and, by extension, energy security. At the same time, batteries will be crucial in decarbonising mobility.

This high-level policy event aims to present a perspective on the future development of the batteries value chain on our continent in the context of the landmark Batteries Regulation and the proposed Critical Raw Materials Act and Net-Zero Industry Act. In addition to taking stock of the successes achieved in RECHARGE's quarter-century existence, decisionmakers and the industry will be able to share their vision of the drivers and expectations for the battery sector in the coming years. Together, we will lay out pressing tasks for the upcoming European Commission in implementing the ambitious frameworks for the strong battery ecosystem that Europe needs.

AGENDA

9:15 **Registrations & Welcome Coffee**

10:00 **Opening Remarks**

Patrick de Metz, RECHARGE Chair, Saft

10:20 **Keynote Address**

Virginijus Sinkevicius, European Commissioner for the Environment

10:25 **European Commission in Exchange with Executives**

With Kerstin Jorna, Director-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, and:

- Christophe Gurtner, CEO, Forsee Power
- Gilles Moreau, Co-founder/Chief Innovation & Sustainability Officer, Verkor
- Julia Altenhofer, Director EU Public Policy, Northvolt
- Olivier Colas, Director Public Affairs, Blue Solutions
- Thomas Mertens, Head of R&D, Varta

11:25 Unleashing Potential: The Power of Legislative Coherence and Predictability in Shaping the Future of European Batteries

Presentations:

- Annemie Turtelboom, Member, European Court of Auditors
- Julian Pröbß, Global Director, Business Management Battery Recycling, BASF
- Clémence Siret, Chemicals Management Leader, RECHARGE & Corporate Eco-design Manager, Saft

Reactions and Exchange:

- Henrik Laursen, Deputy Head of Unit for Safe and Sustainable Chemicals, DG Environment
- Ségolène Milaire, Counsellor of Industry and Innovation, French Permanent Representation to the EU

12:25 Lunch

13:15 The European Battery Ecosystem's Manifesto for the Upcoming European Commission: Priority Pillars to Enhance Competitiveness

Presentations:

- Ilka von Dalwigk, Policy Manager, European Battery Alliance
- Claude Chanson, Director General of RECHARGE

Reactions and Exchange:

- Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Director Circular Economy, DG Environment
- Tudor Constantinescu, Principal Adviser to Director-General Juul-Joergensen, DG Energy
- Jouni Nissinen, Senior Specialist, Ministry of the Environment, Finland

14:15 In Conversation With: Building a New European Competitiveness Based on Sustainability

- Mattijs van Miert, Counsellor on Environment and Climate to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Mobility of Belgium Georges Gilkinet
- Patrick de Metz, RECHARGE Chair, Saft
- Jan Tytgat, RECHARGE Vice-Chair, Umicore

14:45 Closing Remarks

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15:00 Anniversary Reception

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