

Council adopts new EU Batteries Regulation -

RECHARGE focuses on implementation to build a sustainable and competitive value chain

<u>Brussels, 10.07.2023</u> – Today the Council adopted the new EU Batteries Regulation, and RECHARGE welcomes this blueprint legislation regulating the whole life-cycle of batteries placed on the EU market. RECHARGE, the expert voice of the advanced rechargeable and lithium batteries value chain, remains supportive during the development of the secondary legislation for a successful implementation of the provisions.

"Carbon intensity and due diligence provisions have the potential to not only prevent underperforming batteries from entering the EU market, but to truly work towards the climate-neutrality and sustainability objectives of the EU. The new EU Batteries Regulation, together with the Critical Raw Materials Act and the Net Zero Industry Act, have the potential to shape the future for a competitive and sustainable battery value chain. At RECHARGE, we will focus on areas such as safety, sustainability and traceability. In addition to the publication of the Regulation, we are also looking forward to the Commission's guidelines to support the implementation of Article 11 on the removability and replaceability of batteries, a work we are closely following", added Kinga Timaru-Kast, Director for Public Affairs & Communications at RECHARGE.

"It is key that the Regulation can deliver on advancing the decarbonisation and energy transition in the EU, and that the European batteries value chain becomes a competitive global leader, able to set sustainability standards globally", commented Claude Chanson, RECHARGE General Manager, looking ahead to the implementation phase.

RECHARGE looks forward to continuing playing a key role in supporting the development of the battery value chain in Europe, to provide expert input to policymakers to shape secondary acts of the Regulation and ensuring a proper implementation of the Batteries Regulation.

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