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

26 October 2023, TownHall Europe (Brussels) and online | Moderated by Jack Parrock

9:15 Registrations & Welcome Coffee

10:00 Opening Remarks
Patrick de Metz, RECHARGE Chair, Saft

10:20 Keynote Address: Commissioner Sinkevicius
Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

10:25 European Commission in Exchange with Executives
With Kerstin Jorna, Director-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission, and:
• Christophe Gurtner, CEO, Forsee Power
• Gilles Moreau, Co-founder and 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
Input Presentations:
• Annemie Turtelboom, European Court of Auditors, on ‘The EU’s industrial policy on batteries - Report findings’
• Julian Prüß, 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
• Ségoiène 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
Input Presentations:
• Ilka von Dalwigk, European Battery Alliance
• Claude Chanson, Director General of RECHARGE

Reactions and Exchange:
• Aureli 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: Building a New European Competitiveness Based on Sustainability
• Mattijs van Miert, Adviser 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 and Cocktail Reception
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