

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 Sinkevičius

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 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

Input Presentations:

- Ilka von Dalwigk, 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: 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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