

Strategic significance of the European Battery Industry recognised, but more is needed

Brussels, 17.12.2025 – The Commission presented the Automotive Package contributing to increase competitiveness and resilience in Europe's energy transition value chains. RECHARGE welcomes the recognition of the strategic significance of the European Battery Industry, but more is needed for the struggling European car industry and the nascent battery value chain.

RECHARGE, representing the European battery industry, unequivocally underscores the vital role of the battery sector in securing Europe's economic and technological leadership. Earlier in the year RECHARGE called on the European Commission President to stay the course on the 2035 direction of travel, production support for the battery industry, and local content requirements to be gradually phased-in to stimulate local production, and for the Battery Booster to deliver real impact across the full value chain.

Having the Battery Booster Strategy today presented as part of the Automotive Package, is a true recognition that the competitiveness of our automotive industry is intertwined with a successful and prosperous European battery value chain. The challenges of the European car industry in its transition to electrification and the attempt to build up a European battery ecosystem are intimately connected – and RECHARGE commends the Commission to have recognized this with the introduced Battery Booster Strategy and its five pillars.

Ilka von Dalwigk, our Director General commented: "We welcome the Commission's Battery Booster Strategy as a first step. The European battery industry, like the EV sector, is facing challenges in sustaining itself amid aggressive low-price competition. Therefore, urgent EU action is needed to level the playing field – going beyond today's presented five pillars. RECHARGE remains committed to a holistic Battery Deal for Europe, a coordinated industrial strategy as presented to the Commission a few week ago."

To future-proof the strategic autonomy and technology leadership of our automotive industry we need a resilient and sustainable homegrown battery value chain.

RECHARGE also welcomes the corporate vehicles initiative, mandating targets at Member State level to support the zero- and low-emission vehicle uptake, though it is less ambitious in scope – see what [RECHARGE recommended](#).

On the CO2 standards, Von Dalwigk added: "Electromobility is without a doubt at the forefront of the transition. It is key to ensure that the path to decarbonize the transport sector remains consistent. Investors and car buyers alike need confidence in the long-term targets, particularly the CO2 reduction target set for 2035. We regret that we may see uncertainties created with the introduced 90% target by 2035 combined with the proposed flexibility measures."

RECHARGE has compiled a set of recommendations for the Automotive Package, which can be found [here](#).

In October, RECHARGE and the Battery European Partnership Association (BEPA) unveiled a landmark strategic report titled "A Battery Deal for Europe." This initiative calls for a coordinated European effort to build a globally competitive, sustainable, and socially inclusive battery ecosystem—one that anchors Europe's industrial renewal, supports its climate ambitions, and safeguards its strategic autonomy. Download the Battery Deal recommendations here: <https://batterydeal.eu/>

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