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## RECHARGE Statement on the Publication of the Battery Booster Facility

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**RECHARGE welcomes the publication of the €1.5 billion Battery Booster Facility and the Commission's clear recognition of the ramp-up phase as a critical and financially vulnerable moment for European battery cell manufacturers.**

Targeting operational ramp-up costs sends a strong and long-awaited signal that Europe intends to support its strategic industrial base at a time of intense global competition. We also appreciate the Commission's engagement with industry throughout the consultation process, with several concerns raised by RECHARGE and our members reflected in the final design.

Last week's adoption, however, highlights a concern regarding timing. The sector has been preparing for months, and several projects are already in the most cash-intensive phase of ramp-up. An earlier launch- or at minimum a precise and binding opening date - would provide the predictability companies urgently need, as each additional month of delay risks weakening the competitiveness the Facility aims to reinforce.

**Speed and simplification will be decisive.** The Facility's ambitious application timeline must be matched by rapid and predictable implementation. Lessons from the Innovation Fund 2024 Battery Call are clear: complex procedures and heavy documentation slowed disbursement and delayed support. To deliver its intended impact, the Facility must ensure **streamlined documentation, lighter administrative requirements and a simplified process** enabling faster evaluation, contracting and disbursement.

The Facility's support for gigafactory ramp-up is expected to **generate significant spillover effects** across the value chain- reinforcing materials, components, equipment and recycling activities - and strengthening Europe's ability to scale a complete and resilient battery ecosystem. Yet this call alone cannot meet the broader investment needs of the European battery sector. Strengthening upstream and midstream segments, as well as smaller projects and applications beyond EVs-



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including heavy-duty mobility, stationary storage and industrial electrification - will require additional and well-coordinated instruments to avoid fragmentation and ensure Europe can scale a full, resilient value chain.

**The Facility must be understood as the beginning- not the end - of a sustained European effort to rebuild competitiveness.** As a temporary bridge, it must be followed by a longer-term, predictable support framework, including output-based instruments, to close the competitiveness gap with China and secure industrial investment. RECHARGE therefore encourages the Commission to embed the Facility within a broader, multi-year pipeline of measures in the upcoming MFF, ensuring continuity and avoiding a funding cliff for projects already in development. RECHARGE stands ready to work with the Commission and Member States to ensure that the Facility becomes a cornerstone of a resilient, competitive and complete European battery value chain.

**RECHARGE** is the European industry association for advanced rechargeable and lithium batteries. Founded in 1998, it is our mission to promote advanced rechargeable batteries as a key technology that will contribute to a more empowered, sustainable and circular economy by enabling decarbonised electricity and mobility, and cutting-edge consumer products. RECHARGE's unique membership covers all aspects of the advanced rechargeable battery value chain: from suppliers of primary and secondary raw materials, to battery and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), to logistic partners and battery recyclers. [www.rechargebatteries.org](http://www.rechargebatteries.org)

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