

Workshop Agenda: Building EU Recycling Capacity From Black Mass Bottlenecks to Strategic Autonomy

11 September 2026 | JW Marriott Hotel Berlin

Time	Topic	Speaker
09:00 - 09:10 AM	OPENING REMARKS	Claude Chanson, Chairman of the Lecture Committee of the ICBR, and Technical Advisor, RECHARGE
09:10 - 09:30 AM	JRC PRESENTATION: Techno-economic analysis on selected CRMs of the EU battery recycling sector on demand and supply of secondary battery materials, also in comparison with primary materials and planned recycling capacity in the EU	Martina Orefice, Scientific Officer, JRC, European Commission
09:30 - 09:45 AM	FROM THE FIELD EXAMPLES: What are the key economic and technological challenges for a battery recycler in Europe?	Olaf Rogge, Business Development Manager, Battery Recycling, BASF Battery Materials & Cylib
09:45 - 10:15 AM	INTERACTIVE SESSION: Discussion with the workshop participants on exploring pathways to strengthen the sector and create optimal conditions for a thriving EU battery recycling industry	Discussion moderation: Martina Orefice
10:15 - 10:45 AM	COFFEE BREAK	
10:45 - 11:00 AM	RECHARGE PRESENTATION: Industry Guidance Document: "Closing Black Mass Loopholes to Enable an EU Battery Recycling Industry"	Kinga Timaru-Kast, Director for Public Affairs & Communications, RECHARGE
11:00 - 11:15 AM	FROM THE FIELD EXAMPLES: What are the key regulatory and implementation challenges for a battery recycler in Europe?	Benoît Samanos, Chief Operating Officer, Mecaware & Nick De Coker, Head of Business, Battery Recycling Solutions, Umicore
11:15 - 11:45 AM	INTERACTIVE SESSION: Discussion with workshop participants on concrete and effective actions that can enhance resilience, autonomy and competitiveness of the EU battery value chain.	Discussion moderation: Kinga Timaru-Kast
11:45 - 11:55 AM	KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR JRC & RECHARGE	Martina Orefice & Kinga Timaru-Kast
11:55 - 12:00 PM	CLOSING WORDS	Claude Chanson