

"A Battery Deal for Europe"

— A Strategic Blueprint for Europe's Industrial Renewal and Climate Leadership

Brussels, 23 October 2025 — RECHARGE and BEPA today unveiled their landmark strategic report, "A Battery Deal for Europe". The 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.

Co-authored by RECHARGE (the Advanced Rechargeable & Lithium Batteries Association) and BEPA (the Batteries European Partnership Association), the report sets out a unified vision and roadmap for Europe's battery future. By articulating a common direction and fostering collaboration across all levels, the Battery Deal for Europe aims to secure Europe's place as a global leader in sustainable batteries — driving industrial renewal, climate progress, and technological sovereignty.

"A Battery Deal for Europe aligns industrial ambition with societal benefit. It's not just about competitiveness — it's about building a battery ecosystem that delivers jobs, innovation, and climate impact for generations to come", said Ilka von Dalwigk, Director General, RECHARGE. "Europe's battery future cannot be shaped in silos, but through shared ambition. Only by acting together, and based on a robust foundation of innovation, sustainability, resilience, and competitiveness, we will shape Europe's battery future."

"Europe has all the ingredients to lead in sustainable batteries — world-class research, skilled talent, and strong industrial know-how," added Fabrice Stassin, Secretary General, BEPA. "What we now need is coordinated action and policy alignment to turn that potential into lasting global leadership. A Battery Deal for Europe is both a call to action and a framework for collaboration. To secure Europe's sovereignty and climate leadership, we must act across institutions, Member States, and industries."

Europe's battery sector stands at a critical juncture. While the continent has made major strides in research, innovation, and early industrialization, global competition is intensifying. Without decisive and collective European action, the report warns, Europe risks ceding control of a value chain central to its green, digital, and industrial transitions.

A Coordinated Strategy Built on Four Pillars

The Battery Deal proposes a coherent industrial strategy built on four mutually reinforcing pillars:

- INNOVATE Support European breakthrough research in advanced battery technologies while also investing in innovations.
- **PRODUCE** Mobilize ramp-up and scale-up support across the European value chain.
- **BUY** Boost demand for EU-made batteries through incentive frameworks.
- **SECURE** Strengthen trade instruments to counter unfair competition or dumping practices, while strategically diversifying raw material sources in Europe.









These pillars are underpinned by the guiding principles of **Scope**, **Scale**, **Speed**, **and Sustainability**, forming a comprehensive framework to translate Europe's ambition into enduring industrial strength.

"A Battery Deal for Europe provides the missing piece — a blueprint for coordination and implementation", continued Stassin.

Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, Wopke Hoekstra joined the launch of "A Battery Deal for Europe" — a pivotal moment for Europe's clean tech future: "Europe will be stepping up in the hugely strategic battery sector. We need to position Europe as a leader in battery production. We need to establish a full value chain within Europe, from raw material extraction to cell manufacturing and recycling. This is crucial for our continent's climate, competitiveness and independence goals."

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About RECHARGE

RECHARGE is Europe's industry association for advanced rechargeable and lithium batteries, representing a 360° value chain poised to tackle today's & tomorrow's challenges. We advocate for the sustainable development of an innovative and competitive rechargeable and lithium batteries value chain in Europe – a battery industry capable of taking Europe to climate-neutrality and industrial leadership.

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About BEPA

BEPA is the voice of European research and innovation across the battery value chain. We set the technological priorities, advocate for funding and financing policies, and foster collaboration, with the goal to accelerate research and innovation and its industrialisation for a competitive Europe.

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