

## The European Battery Alliance

Working collectively towards a competitive battery value chain in Europe

Tuesday 20 February 2018 18:00-20:00 MEP Restaurant, European Parliament, Brussels

Hosted by:

## **Pavel Poc**

Chair of the EP Intergroup on "Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development"

Vice-Chair of the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament

Keynote speech by:

## Maroš Šefčovič

Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union

In October 2017, Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission, launched the European Battery Alliance, an industry-led initiative that aims to scale up battery production in Europe and improve EU industry's competitiveness in this strategic sector.

Batteries are at the heart of the ongoing industrial revolution and represent a key enabling technology in the context of the Energy Union. Their development and production play a strategic role in the ongoing transition to clean mobility and clean energy systems. However, the lack of a domestic, European cell manufacturing base jeopardizes the position of EU industrial customers because of e.g. the security of the supply chain, increased costs due to transportation, time delays, weaker quality control or limitations on the design.

The initiative was therefore launched with EU industries in the lead, and in close partnership with the Commission, the European Investment Bank and interested Member States. The objective is to establish a competitive manufacturing chain, capture sizeable markets and boost jobs, growth and investment across Europe.

This event aims to bring this initiative also to the Parliament to raise awareness and further discuss how to push this agenda and cooperative action forward.

A unique intelligent hybrid battery system enabling smart homes and corporate objects to integrate power generation from renewable sources, storage and optimized distribution in an object in an unprecedented way, will be exhibited as an example of a breakthrough in the field of decentralized energetics, which open the potential of clean energy sources and smart electricity storage to the benefit of everyday users.

## **AGENDA:**

18:00-18:05	Welcoming words by MEP Pavel Poc (S&D), Vice-Chair of the ENVI Committee
18:05-18:10	MEP Fredrick Federley, ALDE Coordinator of the ITRE Committee
18:10-18:15	MEP Claude Turmes (Greens/EFA), Member of the ITRE Committee
18:15-18:30	KEYNOTE SPEECH by Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union
18:30-18:40	Questions & Answers
18:40-18:50	Daniel Beneš, Vice-president of the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of CEZ Group
18:50-19:05	Martin Kuba, Founder of the OIG Power "The Modern Technologies in Decentralized Energetics and Electromobility in the European Union"
19:05-19:15	William Todts, Executive Director of Transport & Environment
19:15-19:25	Questions & Answers
19:25-19:30	Concluding remarks by the Chair
19:30-20:00	Networking cocktail