



Sustainable battery manufacturing - Can Europe take the lead?

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In October 2017, Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission launched the **European Battery Alliance**, an industry-led initiative aimed at scaling up battery production in Europe and improving the EU industry's competitiveness in this strategic sector.

The journey towards **industrial leadership** is only starting but progress has been made. Over the past year, institutions and over a 100 stakeholders from diverse horizons have carried out intensive discussions, established a list of priorities and as a result, **the Strategic Action Plan on Batteries** was published by the Commission in May 2018. This holistic work encompasses all aspects of the value chain that need to be addressed to boost the battery sector in Europe: sustainable sourcing of materials, sustainable production, competitiveness, applications and business models, recycling and second life, R&I and skills, etc. while ensuring coherence with and mutually reinforcement of other EU policy initiatives.

The European Parliament supports the initiative, with the creation of the working group ‘**Friends of European Batteries**’ under auspices of the Intergroup on “Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”. This event aims to take stock of progress and look at the way forward, especially with regard for ongoing work on the revision of the Batteries Directive and upcoming initiatives such as the Green Label for Batteries and the Product Passport. During the panel discussion, participants will debate which concrete measures should ensure a competitive production and sustainable value chain taking into account environmental, social and economic criteria, and based on a life cycle approach.

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DRAFT AGENDA

- 13:00-13:30** **Networking coffee**
- 13:30-13:35** Welcome by **Pavel Poc MEP**
- 13:35-13:40** Introduction by **Ismail Ertug MEP**
- 13:40-13:50** KEYNOTE SPEECH by **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union
- Panel discussion: Sustainability, prosperity and responsible value chains***
moderated by MEP Ismail Ertug
- 13:50-14:05** **Prof. Dr. Gerhard Sextl, Fraunhofer Institute**
- 14:05-14:15** **Patrick de Metz, chairman of RECHARGE**
- 14:15-14:30** **Julia Poliscanova, Manager Clean Vehicles and Air Quality, Transport and Environment**
- 14:30-14:45** **Reactions from MEPs:**
- **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**
 - **Dominique Riquet**
 - **Massimiliano Salini**
- 14:45-15:35** **Discussion with the audience**
- 15:25 -15:30** Closing remarks by **Pavel Poc MEP**