

Battery value chain industry associations support the 'stop-the-clock' battery due diligence proposal

[RECHARGE](#), the voice of the advanced rechargeable and lithium batteries value chain in Europe, and [EUROBAT](#), the association for European automotive and industrial battery manufacturers, together with [Eurometaux](#), the voice of non-ferrous metals producers and recyclers in Europe, call on Members of the European Parliament to approve the Omnibus IV stop-the-clock proposal for battery due diligence, postponing the battery due diligence requirements by two years. The proposal includes no changes to the requirements as such. Postponing the rules' application is necessary in the context of the still pending Commission guidelines as well as the still missing list of notified bodies, which shall carry out third-party verification of battery due diligence obligations. There is still the need for having the guidelines to interpret legal obligations and develop internal compliance processes. An early publication of the guidelines and timely establishment of the national verification bodies is therefore necessary.

The three associations, representing companies mining and processing battery materials, battery manufacturers as well as automotive and non-automotive OEMs, and battery recyclers, urge MEPs to approve the proposed legislation ([proposal 2025/0129](#)) as soon as possible using the fast-track procedure (rule 170 of the rules of procedure) that has been used already several times during this mandate. To avoid legal uncertainty and the risk of non-compliance with the highly complex and costly requirements as well as possible penalties, the Commission [proposal 2025/0129](#) should be approved during the July plenary session to prevent the application of the rules from August 2025 as foreseen in the EU Batteries Regulation.

The stop-the-clock procedure is vital to provide the necessary clarity and give companies crucial breathing space at a very challenging time for this strategic industry.

Any further amendments to the content of battery due diligence rules to align them with the horizontal Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and Corporate Sustainability

Reporting Directive should be done preferably on the [proposal for a Regulation on simplification measures for SMCs](#) or the [proposal for a Regulation on digitalisation](#). Both proposals are part of Omnibus IV and address the Batteries Regulation, and would present an opportunity to align due diligence rules without leading to costly legal uncertainty for the industry.

ABOUT EUROBAT

EUROBAT is the leading association for European automotive and industrial battery manufacturers, covering all battery technologies, and has more than 40 members. The members and staff work with all policymakers, industry stakeholders, NGOs and media to highlight the important role batteries play for decarbonised mobility and energy systems as well as numerous other applications.

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ABOUT EUROMETAUX

Eurometaux is the voice of non-ferrous metals producers and recyclers in Europe. We are an umbrella association representing the interests of the combined non-ferrous metals industry towards EU policy makers. In total the industry employs directly 500,000 people and indirectly more than 3 million across over 900 production facilities, with an annual turnover of €120bn.

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ABOUT RECHARGE

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. RECHARGE's unique membership covers all aspects of the advanced rechargeable battery value chain in Europe: from suppliers of primary and secondary raw materials, to battery, equipment and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), to logistic partners and battery recyclers. EU Transparency Reg. 673674011803-02

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