

# Supporting lead's role in Europe's industrial renaissance

Security, the green transition and competitiveness are three areas critical to Europe's long-term future. We call on policymakers and legislators to support and develop European value chains which strengthen industrial growth, secures jobs and builds a cleaner and safer future for this and future generations.

Important foundation industries such as the lead and lead battery value chains underpin the transition, helping deliver green growth and protecting Europe's industrial strength. These businesses need a predictable and stable regulatory framework to allow them to plan for long-term investments.

Lead batteries support every area of our day-to-day lives from mobility to data networks, alongside hundreds of other products and applications requiring advanced battery energy storage. Lead is itself an essential raw material used in applications from aerospace safety systems to defence and recycling other important metals. And lead recycling is an example of the circular economy in action: all lead batteries collected in the EU are recycled and the materials re-used to make new batteries.

**In short, we are a European success story.** We proudly provide sustainable raw materials that are necessary to facilitate the European manufacturing of advanced battery energy storage solutions and other strategic net-zero technologies. And we employ hundreds of thousands of skilled people in hundreds of small and medium sized companies across member states.



Over the term of the new EU parliament we will continue to charge Europe's future by:

- **Energising the transition:** We will help accelerate the energy transition by providing more innovative, low carbon battery energy storage solutions to speed the move from fossil fuels to renewables.
- **Securing supply chains:** With a closed-loop supply chain in the EU based on recovery and recycling of end-of-life products, we guarantee security in raw materials with a low carbon footprint, while supporting thousands of skilled workers and EU companies.
- **Powering industrial innovation:** Lead is a cornerstone in numerous vital applications crucial to Europe's industrial success and economic vitality from undersea cables for renewable energy to recycling other critical or strategic raw materials and precious metals.
- **Delivering circularity:** In Europe 99% of lead batteries are collected at the end-of-life and recycled in a closed loop circular economy. Lead can be recycled infinitely.

**We ask policymakers to support our vital role in Europe's industrial renaissance by committing to these pledges:**

- **Reinforce** support for the lead battery value chain as a vital component of Europe's green transition and secure economic future.
- **Recognise** lead as a strategically important raw material indispensable to Europe's future industrial success.
- **Resist** unnecessary administrative burdens by focusing on proportionate regulatory measures, which are designed to support industry, innovation and investment, while ensuring a safe workplace and environment.

