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European Battery Alliance, RECHARGE, and Japan's BASC join forces to build resilient and competitive battery supply chains

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The [European Battery Alliance](#) (EBA), managed by clean tech impact investor [InnoEnergy](#), together with [RECHARGE](#), Europe's advanced rechargeable and lithium battery association, and Japan's [Battery Association for Supply Chain](#) (BASC), today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to reinforce cooperation across the battery value chain.

The agreement strengthens ties between Europe's and Japan's evolving battery sectors to enhance competitiveness in both regions. It establishes a framework for collaboration on recycling and circularity, data-sharing, talent development and cross-industry cooperation. Together, the partners aim to accelerate innovation, reduce strategic dependencies and strengthen the global position of their industries.

Stéphane Séjourné, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy commented: "Today's signing puts our reinforced EU-Japan industrial cooperation into concrete business cases. From closer collaboration on skills training to new joint work on black mass recycling, this industry-led MoU opens new growth opportunities for both European and Japanese companies, along our respective battery value chains. It thus helps to reduce our respective strategic dependencies, and deepens our EU-Japan cooperation towards a cleaner and more circular world".

Emma Nehrenheim, Managing Director of the European Battery Alliance, said: "To keep their global leadership in key sectors like automotive, both Europe and Japan have a keen interest in further strengthening their integrated battery value chains, from raw materials and gigafactories to recycling infrastructure. Through this MoU we commit to leveraging the synergies and expertise in taking innovation from lab to mass market."

Ilka von Dalwigk, Director General of RECHARGE, highlighted: "Strengthening the competitiveness of our industries can only be done in collaboration with our partners. The partnership between Japan and Europe in the battery value chain is a vital step forward – where circularity becomes a shared path to global leadership and reduced

dependencies. RECHARGE proudly supports this EU-Japan industrial alliance, driving innovation and sustainability.“

Hiroaki Koda, Chairman of BASC, said: “Japan’s battery industry is globally recognized for its technological excellence and reliability. The industry’s strengths lie in its uncompromising standards of safety and quality — as demonstrated by no fire incidents in electric vehicles powered by Japanese batteries. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) marks the start of a new collaboration between Japan and Europe. Through this partnership, the Japanese battery industry will contribute to boosting the electrification of mobility and supporting the growth of Europe’s battery sector — in the very region that gave birth to the automobile and continues to lead the way in mobility. The MOU establishes a foundation for a mutually beneficial relationship, enabling both Europe and Japan to grow together and drive innovation in the global battery industry.”

This collaboration follows the joint commitment by EU and Japanese leaders in Tokyo to enhance supply chain resilience, diversify critical minerals value chains and protect emerging technologies. It also supports the EU-Japan Green Alliance, reaffirmed at the July 2025 Tokyo Summit, which underscores the shared commitment to a global, clean transition and to increasing ambition on climate in this decisive decade.

Strategic areas of cooperation include:

1. Recycling: accelerate the market growth of black mass, a recycling intermediate, to promote horizontal recycling "from batteries to batteries".
2. Data-sharing: information exchange on battery data-sharing systems to promote circular economy on batteries.
3. Human resources: share information on educational initiatives and the development of highly skilled talent for the battery industry in both countries.
4. Cooperation on industry-wide developments: contribute to jointly organised exhibitions, academic conferences, and workshops organized by Japanese and European industry associations and alliances.

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ABOUT THE EUROPEAN BATTERY ALLIANCE (EBA250)

The European Battery Alliance (EBA), launched by the European Commission in October 2017, is a strategic initiative aimed at establishing a resilient and competitive European battery industry. With the annual market value projected to grow to approximately €500 billion by 2030 and the creation of 1.5 million jobs, the EBA is crucial for Europe's clean energy transition and industrial competitiveness. Managed by InnoEnergy, the industrial work stream of the EBA known as EBA250 brings together a dynamic, project-driven community of over 800 industrial and innovation stakeholders, covering the entire value chain from mining to recycling.

EBA250 is led by InnoEnergy, an EU-backed clean tech impact investor with a portfolio of 160+ start-ups and scale-ups.

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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 and tomorrow's challenges. 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 by enabling decarbonised electricity and mobility, and cutting-edge consumer products. RECHARGE's unique membership covers all aspects of the advanced rechargeable battery value chain: From suppliers of primary and secondary raw materials, battery manufacturers, battery and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), to logistic partners and battery recyclers. www.rechargebatteries.org