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EUROBAT statement in view of the new European Parliament

EUROBAT is congratulating all Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) on their election. In the next five years, MEPs will shape the future climate, sustainability and industrial policies of Europe, thereby also driving the future of the European battery industry.

EUROBAT is the **association representing the European manufacturers of automotive and industrial batteries**. Our industry has a strong European production base, with over 30.000 workers directly employed by our industry, supporting numerous skilled jobs and local communities.

We, the **European battery industry**, believes that for the **2019-2024 legislative term** the focus should include:

1. **Recognition and promotion** of the role played by **all battery technologies** in the decarbonisation of our mobility and energy systems.
2. **Promotion and stimulation of battery production in Europe**, ensuring a stable business environment and fair competition among technologies.
3. Creation of a **coherent and supportive regulatory framework** for sustainable batteries, in line with the principles of circular economy and wider EU decarbonisation objectives.

Battery manufacturers are important and essential stakeholders and partners in the upcoming EU policy discussion on how to decarbonise our economy and tackle climate change. All battery technologies - **lead, lithium, nickel and sodium-based batteries** – are needed to support the decarbonisation of the transport, energy, logistics, production and telecommunications sectors. No single battery technology can meet all the challenges of end-user demands and combine high power and energy density, long life, low cost, excellent safety and minimal environmental impact. At the same time, EU battery manufacturers are committed to the principle of stewardship thereby preserving the environment and protecting workers.

Europe must take the lead in designing and building the most environmentally sustainable energy storage solutions and supporting the development of its battery industry. To do so, policy makers, citizens, associations and industry must work together to remove legislative and market barriers. They must instead promote the development of a favourable environment in which the European battery industry can flourish, delivering growth, room for innovation and increased employment.

EUROBAT members are looking forward to discussing the future of the EU battery industry and the challenges for our sector with the Members of the European Parliament.

EUROBAT is the association for the European manufacturers automotive, industrial and energy storage batteries. EUROBAT has more than 50 members from across the continent comprising more than 90% of the automotive and industrial battery industry in Europe. The members and staff work with all stakeholders, such as battery users, governmental organisations and media, to develop new battery solutions in areas of hybrid and electro-mobility as well as grid flexibility and renewable energy storage.