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## **Statement on the Battery Booster Strategy**

**18 December 2025:** On 16 December, the European Commission published the Battery Booster Strategy as part of the European Automotive Action Plan. The strategy includes a Battery Booster Facility to support battery manufacturing in the European Union, and measures to strengthen the European battery supply chain.

### **Energy Storage Europe Association's Secretary General Patrick Clerens' statement:**

#### ***On the Battery Booster Strategy***

"We welcome the Battery Booster Strategy, which will support battery cell production in the EU through €1.5 billion in interest-free loans under the Innovation Fund, complemented by an additional €300 million in financial support to scale up critical raw material production for the battery value chain.

The Strategy appropriately covers several pillars: manufacturing scale-up, resilient supply chains, fair competition, made-in-EU offtakes, and investment in research, skills, and coordination.

The strategy's approach, tackling manufacturing, upstream and midstream sectors, and battery demand, is a step in the right direction for Europe's competitiveness and climate objectives."

#### ***On the Battery Booster Facility***

"We welcome funding for battery manufacturing capacity in the Strategy. Today, batteries account for around half of the deployed energy storage capacity in Europe and are the fastest growing cleantech.

However, it remains worryingly unclear whether the Battery Booster Facility will be limited to a single use case—namely electric vehicles. We believe that any European Union initiative addressing batteries should take into account the increasingly important role of stationary batteries in manufacturing and deployment."

#### ***On the Development of the European Battery Supply Chain***

"We welcome the comprehensive approach to developing the EU's battery value chain. A strong supply chain benefits the entire battery ecosystem, supporting economies of scale, innovation, and cost reductions across applications."