

Sustainable mining, fuels & batteries – key components of EU strategic autonomy

In Brussels on November 17th starting at 14:00
At Sofitel, Place Jourdan 1, Brussels, 1040, Belgium

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The purpose of this conference is to discuss the ways which public-private partnerships can support the decarbonization strategy of the European Union. This tremendous energy transformation can only be achieved with active participation by private capital and investors.

(Please bear in mind this is a draft version of the agenda and all panels' descriptions and titles are subject to change)

Conference Agenda (as of 11/11/2022)

13:15 – 14:00 (Venue: Simone Veil, Sofitel Hotel, Brussels)

Guests Registration

14:00 – 14:15

Welcome Speech: Mr VAZIL HUDÁK, AVANEA, Chairman of the Board *(Confirmed)*

14:15 – 14:30

Opening Speech: H.E. MAROŠ ŠEFČOVIČ, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Vice President *(Conf.)*

14:30 – 14:45

Keynote Speech: Mrs ANNA-MICHELLE ASIMAKOPOULOU, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, Member; International Trade Committee, Vice Chair, EPP shadow rapporteur for *Resilient supply chains in the EU trade to address current shortages. (Confirmed)*

14:45 – 15:45

Panel I: Securing critical raw materials for the European economy

As Ursula von der Leyen underlined in her 2022 State of the Union Address, *"We must work relentlessly to adapt to our climate – making nature our first ally"*. Her address outlined the priority of how Europe must shield its households and businesses from crippling energy costs and record inflation and strive to speed up the transition away from all imported fuels, and develop homegrown and self-reliant systems of green technology like Denmark did when it bet hard on wind power in the aftermath of the 1970s oil crisis. Critical raw materials and their secure supply are fundamental to Europe's independence, digital transition and green transformation for all sectors, including digital, automotive, battery and aerospace. In addition, Europe's strategic autonomy needs to connect groups like miners and global companies to avoid the fragmentation currently seen in the industry and focus on fostering sustainable and ethically sourced customer relationship management ("CRMs").

Confirmed speakers:

1. Mr JONATHAN VANHERBERGHEN, RIO TINTO, Principal Advisor EU Affairs *(Confirmed)*
2. Mr MARIÁN BOČEK, INOBAT, Chief Executive Officer and Founder *(Confirmed)*
3. Mr FABIO VERNILLO, AVANEA, Head of Investments *(Confirmed)*
4. EIB Representative *(Name TBC)*

Moderator: Mr CHRIS BURNS, Euronews, Journalist *(Confirmed)*

15:45 – 16:05 (Venue: Foyer Europe, Sofitel Hotel, Brussels)

Afternoon Coffee Break

16:05 – 17:10

Panel II: Supporting sustainable European battery ecosystem

Electromobility allows us to decarbonize the transport sector, moving towards a cleaner, revolutionized model that has been shaped over the past years and is now visible as a part of legislation in several

countries like Norway and Poland. It comes with geopolitical, economic, social and environmental benefits. Our current role is to source raw materials, ensure localized supply chains and secure storage. However, a questionable aspect of the EU battery ecosystem has become the soaring high prices of electricity, which have raised the questions of what they mean for the future of electric vehicles (“EVs”) and how closely they are linked to current trends in electromobility.

Confirmed speakers:

1. Mrs ILKA VON DALWIGK, INNOENERGY, Policy Manager *(Confirmed)*
 2. Mr PAUL HANCOCK, INOBAT, Chief Financial Officer *(Confirmed)*
 3. Mr YVES YEMSI, LILIUM, Chief Operating Officer *(Confirmed)*
 4. Mr TOM EINAR JENSEN, FREYR BATTERY, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder *(TBC)*
- Moderator: Mrs DOMINIKA ŽIAKOVÁ, AVANEA, Senior Investor Relations Manager *(Confirmed)*

17:10 – 17:30 (Venue: Foyer Europe, Sofitel Hotel, Brussels)

Afternoon Coffee Break

17:30 – 18:30

Panel III: Alternative fuel for the future of EV energy

We must learn from these crises as our overdependence on unreliable counterparties is causing Europe to be under pressure that we have not experienced for decades. Energy transition and hence electrification must take place at a quicker pace than we envisaged. Implementation of renewables and energy consumption management must take place immediately; hence the need for alternative fuels such as sustainable aviation and maritime fuels, green hydrogen, lithium, and biofuels must be assessed and sourced. The only way to reduce the impact of transport on the environment is to electrify it and feed it with green electricity. Lithium batteries are currently the most efficient way to store electricity. Green hydrogen has applications in industry and mobility sectors, aviation and cargo, and transportation. Decarbonizing the energy sector has become a top priority. We need to keep it that way and explore all possible alternatives.

Confirmed speakers:

1. Mr ALDO LABIA, CMM ZERO EMISSION, Chief Executive Officer *(Confirmed)*
 2. Mr PASCAL BRANCART, JOHN COCKERILL, Managing Partner *(Confirmed)*
 3. Mr STEVEN VAN CAEKENBERGHE, FLUXYS, Head of H2 & CO2 Program *(Confirmed)*
 4. Mr KRZYSZTOF DRESLER, IMPACT CLEAN POWER TECHNOLOGY “ICPT”, Director of Hydrogen Projects *(Confirmed)*
- Moderator: Mrs ILKAY DEMIRDAG, Investment and Impact Strategist *(Confirmed)*

18:30 – 18:45

Closing Remarks: Mr RICHARD PETREE, GLOBAL POWER PARTNERS LLC, Managing Director

18:45 – 20:00

Cocktail for participants

Conference Moderator: Ms KATARÍNA STRÝČKOVÁ, AVANEA, PR and Marketing Specialist

What is AVANEA?

AVANEA was born from the will to connect people and foster innovation while tackling decarbonization in order to support industry players in addressing their decarbonization agenda.

AVANEA is the next-generation asset manager of InfraTech investments. It focuses on investments and the development of breakthrough commercially viable technologies to be scaled up into infrastructure assets. With a strong track record of combining technological innovations with the corporate world, we provide a circular solution to your needs.

Why and how do we do what we do?

AVANEA provides a model with two solutions:

1. Fast-track intellectual property (“IP”) commercialization: it allows us to identify the best technologies in the world and scale them up into companies, solutions and products (e.g. InoBat). We source the best tech companies in the world and scale them up (e.g. Wildcat to InoBat).
2. Builds partnerships: with cradle-to-cradle (“C2C”), it builds ecosystems and alliances, everything from R&D to manufacturing to recycling to provide solutions to countries and OEMs, going from competition to collaboration.

The overarching theme in the three panels is the geopolitical importance of Europe and the urgent need to decarbonize.

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