



Next-Generation Batteries, Next-Generation Societies

The conference Next-Generation Batteries, Next-Generation Societies explores how battery research can align with pressing technological, environmental, and societal challenges. Bringing together EU policy leaders, research innovators, and interdisciplinary experts, the event highlights pathways from lab to market that prioritize societal impact. With insights from BEPA, national ministries, and Horizon Europe projects like [TwinVECTOR](#), [SMHYLES](#), [SOLiD](#), [MADITRACE](#), and [DiliCHANCE](#), the program fosters dialogue on how battery innovation can be inclusive, responsible, and future-ready.

📍 **Location:** [Technology Centre Prague](#) / Hybrid (Online connection available)

🕒 **Date & Time:** 23rd Oct 2025 | 13:00 – 17:30

◆ 13:00 – 14:30 | Connecting Regions & Battery Labs

- **13:00 – 13:10 | Opening Remarks**

Viera Pechancová, Petr Sáha, Panteleimon Panagiotou

Welcome from Tomas Bata University & moderation Bavarian Research Alliance

- **13:10 – 13:30 | National Contact Point for Horizon Europe Cluster 5**

Kateřina Dostálová

Cluster 5 & Societal Readiness in Battery R&I, NCP for Climate, Energy & Mobility

- **13:30 – 13:50 | From Battery Research to Societal Impact**

Petr Sáha

Tomas Bata University in Zlín

- **13:50 – 14:20**

EU and Czech Approach to Development of the Battery Value Chain

Petr Očko, Director NTK, former Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade

Bavarian Battery Competence and cooperation with Czech Republic

Tobias Gotthardt, State Secretary at the State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy (Video-message)

◆ 14:20 – 14:45 | Break & Poster section

◆ 14:45 – 16:30 | BEPA & EU projects' sessions

- **14:45 – 15:05 | Vision of BEPA for Responsible Battery Innovation**

Wouter IJzermans/Bozorg Kanbei

CEO, Batteries Europe Partnership Association (BEPA)

- **15:05 – 15:35 | BEPA SSH**

Societal Readiness Framework in Action: Societal Readiness

Viera Pechancová, Adam Cooper, Yamina Guidoum, Patrick Stuhm

- **15:35 – 16:30 | Sister Projects Showcase: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**

Moderated short presentations

SMHYLES Safe and Sustainable Hybrid Storage; Edoardo Macchi

SOLiD Digital Quality Control for Solid State Batteries; Sam Mousavi

MADITRACE Critical raw material (CRM) supply chains; Daniel Monfort

DiliCHANCE Successful due diligence in mineral supply chains, Angelo Spörk

◆ 16:30 – 17:30 | Closing Remarks & Networking

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