



ONBOARDING MANUAL

for new members



Introduction

Dear new BEPA member,

On behalf of the Batteries European Partnership Association (BEPA), I would like to warmly welcome your organisation to our membership base. I am pleased that you are joining our network of battery innovators. We are looking forward to involving you in our events and activities.

This manual will guide you through BEPA's organisation and different activities so that you can make the best out of your membership.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing your involvement in our association.

Kind regards,

Dr. Fabrice Stassin
BEPA Secretary General

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About

THE BATTERIES EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION, BEPA

gathers European battery stakeholders coming from different parts of the value chain who are interested in shaping the research and innovation priorities of the Horizon Europe Work Programme. With over 220 members, BEPA is also the place-to-be to find relevant partners for innovative projects and to get early information on the battery industry's roadmap.

BEPA is the private side of the BATT4EU Partnership, a co-programmed Partnership under Horizon Europe which sees the involvement of the European Commission (DG RTD, DG ENER, DG MOVE, DG CNECT, DG CLIMA) on the public side.

The vision of the BATT4EU Partnership which corresponds to that of BEPA, is to establish the best innovation ecosystem for batteries and boost the competitiveness, sustainability and circularity of the battery value chain for e-mobility and stationary applications. The Partnership shares the goal of driving the transformation to a carbon-neutral society.

To achieve its vision, the partnership supports the development of all differentiating technologies in battery materials, cell design and manufacturing and battery recycling without discrimination. Accelerating the development of these technologies also means supporting the deployment of sustainable and affordable battery solution for clean mobility and clean energy.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING BEPA?

BEPA membership brings several benefits.



Participation in the working groups provides the opportunity to develop the text of calls for upcoming Horizon Europe work programmes covering batteries, allowing not only the opportunity for early information on the topics, but also to shape the contents.



Several events throughout the year also provide networking opportunities for the 200+ members of BEPA all across the battery value chain, bringing together industry players, researchers and policy makers.



BEPA members have the possibility to find project partners to apply for Horizon Europe calls through the BEPA Matchmaking platform and Matchmaking events.

Find more information about us on our website : bepassociation.eu





THE BATT4EU PARTNERSHIP is a co-programmed Partnership under Pillar II of the Horizon Europe framework, specifically within the “Climate, Energy, and Mobility” cluster. As a collaborative effort between the European Commission and private stakeholders, it aims to accelerate the development of sustainable battery technologies in Europe. Members of the Batteries European Partnership Association (BEPA) play a crucial role in shaping the Work Programmes, providing valuable input and influencing the strategic direction of the partnership. However, the resulting calls for projects remain open to all, promoting inclusivity and fostering innovation across the battery value chain.

All BATT4EU calls are collaborative, requiring applicants to form consortia that bring together multiple organizations, such as research institutions, industry players, and SMEs, to collectively pursue innovative solutions all along the battery value chain.

BEPA has no role in the selection of the projects (this is the remit of the European Commission through CINEA, the executive agency), but will follow up with the selected projects to monitor the results in R&D.



Get involved: Join our Working Groups

“You can bring to the working group what you think is important, so you can shape the priorities to which public funds will be channelled. You also collect a lot of information from companies and research organisations which can be helpful in into shaping your own strategies.”

Fabrice Stassin, BEPA Secretary General

BEPA working groups are the heart of our association, they cover all the segments of the battery value chain giving you the opportunity to connect with over 100 other experts from industry, research organisations and associations in your field.



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The goal of the working groups is to define key priorities for the sector which will be gathered in the Strategic Research Innovation Agenda (SRIA). This document is the main reference for the development of battery topics for the Horizon Europe Work Programmes. Working Groups generally meet once per month, for 1 to 2 hours, though this could change depending on the workload and workflow.

REGISTER HERE: <https://bepassociation.eu/our-work/working-groups-structure/>



If you wish to become more involved, you may apply to be part of the Core Team, consisting of an Industry Chair, a Research Chair and a Technical Advisor Chair for each Working Group. Check for the vacant positions and structure [HERE](#):



Join our Task Forces

If you wish to dig into the transversal aspects of the battery industry, BEPA offers the opportunity to join different task forces covering different aspects of the technology, from digitalisation to education and skills in the sector.

THESE ARE THE TASK FORCES:



Task Force
DIGITALISATION



Task Force
EDUCATION AND SKILLS



Task Force
FORCE SAFETY



Task Force
SUSTAINABILITY



Task Force
SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES



Task Force
STANDARDISATION AND HYBRIDISATION



Task Force
INNOVATION UPTAKE*

Task forces meet once every quarter, the outcome of their discussion lays the foundation of issues to be addressed in the Horizon Europe Work Programme.

There are currently 7 Task Forces covering transversal and non-technical topics related to the battery value chain.

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Members Area and Matchmaking Platform

Upon confirmation of your membership in BEPA, the BEPA Secretariat will provide you with the login details to enter the private section of the BEPA website. This section provides you with full access to meeting minutes, documents written by the partnership, announcements but also offers you the opportunity to connect digitally with BEPA.

LOGIN



Would you have not received your login details please ask support to j.terry@bepassociation.eu, he will create an account for you to access the member area.



Log-in to your account by clicking on the following link
<https://bepassociation.eu/login/>



Type the login details provided and once you access the page you will be able to edit your password at any time.

MATCHMAKING PLATFORM

One of the latest advantages that the members area offers is a Matchmaking Platform. Take advantage of the BEPA network, and connect with other members as the first step toward forming a consortium to apply for a Horizon Europe call.



Simply select “join this call” under a topic that you might be interested in applying to.



You will then receive notifications via email of other BEPA members who are interested in the same topics. You will receive their contact information, and a brief description of their organization and how they might contribute in a consortium.



From this point onwards, it is up to you to contact the other interested members via email and start building a consortium to write a strong proposal!

For additional information on the upcoming BATT4EU calls in Horizon Europe, please consult the official Horizon Europe Work Programme here:



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Reporting

While being part of the BATT4EU Partnerships brings with it many privileges, it also comes with the duty of reporting to report on planned and actual spending on battery-related R&I (in-kind additional activities or IKAA). Each autumn, the BEPA Office will ask the Main Representatives of each Member to report on their planned battery related R&I activities for the year ahead. Each spring, the BEPA Office will ask for the actual R&I spending for the past year.

The amount of in-kind additional activities reported is a key metric used for evaluating the Partnerships and the impact of Horizon Europe funding. If we can show that the BEPA members are not solely dependent on the Horizon Europe funds, but that private partners are investing in R&I from their own means, the chances of prolongation of the Partnership and EU funding of the battery sector in the future will increase.

MEMBER NEWS

If you wish to share your company advancements with other BEPA members, make use of the members news page where you will be able to enter your information which will appear as a news item with title and information. The BEPA team will amplify your news through social media.



Connect during our events

BEPA organises and engages in different events in the battery sector.

BEPA General Assembly

Twice a year (Fall- Spring) we gather all our members to update them about BEPA activities. Discuss on the latest opportunities in the sector and proceed to elections when needed. This is a great opportunity to meet other members, to network and to speak to the BEPA board and secretariat. We usually organise a cocktail event or dinner and a workshop alongside the General Assembly.

BEPA members are allowed to register two (2) representatives onsite and unlimited representatives to attend the event online. Industry and Research members can select one representative to vote on their behalf, while associations cannot vote.

Members who cannot attend can delegate their votes to another member or Board member.

During the Association's 8th General Assembly, we had the first Battery Star Awards, to celebrate nine important personalities of the battery ecosystem.

Battery Innovation Days

The Battery Innovation Days (BID) is an annual conference sparking conversations on the latest developments in the European R&I battery domain, organised by BEPA, Batteries Europe, Battery2030+ and the 1st and 2nd battery IPCEI's. Every year we tour a different part of Europe to organise this event which is usually enriched with a site visit.

The event includes 2 days of captivating dialogue among the research community, policymakers, industry players and end-users to boost battery research and innovation in Europe.

The Battery Innovation Days aims to increase knowledge and encourage exchange around the deployment of cutting-edge technologies in battery materials, cell design, manufacturing, and recycling.



**BATTERY
INNOVATION
DAYS**

Read our event calendar and upcoming events:
<https://bepassociation.eu/upcoming/>





NETWORK with battery stakeholders to find relevant project partners for Horizon Europe calls. BEPA holds onsite and online matchmaking events as soon as new calls are published and new consortia can be formed.

Thematic workshops

BEPA organises thematic workshops to discuss current and relevant issues of the battery sector, with expert speakers representing the European battery ecosystem.

This year, BEPA organised the SRIA launch webinar, where we had the chance to present the new SRIA document, created by the BATT4EU partnership.

Two other seminars were organised on Raw Materials and Recycling, with representatives from Industry, Research and Associations, to talk about the strategic actions and battery manufacturing, as they are described in the SRIA.

Workshops on Innovation Uptake

The BEPA Innovation Uptake Event Series is a combination of training workshops, informative webinars, and brokerage events organized in an effort to facilitate sharing best practises within the battery R&I Community. Startups and research organizations in the battery ecosystem have the chance to learn more about connecting their innovations with businesses and industry, by receiving in depth training or discussing upscaling success stories and hurdles.

Informative webinars covering a variety of topics will provide the knowledge that is key to having a better understanding and overview of the European battery sector.

These in-depth and interactive workshops, hosted by BEPA, are specifically designed to support startups and researchers including beneficiaries of EU funded projects, in their efforts to create a business case out of innovative battery technologies!

Joint workshops with other partnerships

The Association actively collaborates with the 2ZERO partnership, the Zero Emission Waterborne Transport (ZEW) partnership, and has continued collaboration with the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking (CAJU), and Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (ERJU) via its flagship project, Rail4Earth.

In 2023, BEPA organised a workshop with ZEW to discuss upcoming research priorities, the update of the SRIA, and potential topics of common interest between both partnerships. In October, the 2nd annual workshop for the collaboration agreement with the 2ZERO partnership and European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) was held in Amsterdam. Another workshop was organised with representatives of the Rail4Earth project of ERJU.

Road Transport Research Results conference

As of 2025, the BATT4EU Partnership will join ERTRAC and the 2ZERO and CCAM Partnerships as a co-organiser of the Road Transport Research Results conference (RTR). At the RTR, the BATT4EU projects that work on solutions for road mobility will showcase their results and discuss the direction of future research.

To learn more or advertise your event through BEPA, contact Virginia PETETTI, v.petetti@bepassociation.eu

More information <https://bepassociation.eu/battery-innovation-days/>

BEPA Communications and Media

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YOUTUBE

WE POST ON LINKEDIN ON A DAILY BASIS, THIS IS THE TYPE OF CONTENT WE PUBLISH:

- Promotion of Batt4EU achievements
- Promotion of BEPA activities (events, publications, announcement of new members)
- Educational articles
- Live tweets from events
- Sharing about interesting events (share the events that the BEPA team participates in)
- Industry news
- Promotion of other partnership/EU Projects



Tag us on social media or reach out to us if you want your content to be shared in our channel.

RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTERS

INTERNAL NEWSLETTER

BEPA internal newsletter is a monthly activity that goes out every last Wednesday of the month, where we share important news on battery funding, our projects and activities and external events with discounts and benefits.

Audience: The main contact and secondary contact of each company is added to the internal newsletter

For any additional members who wish to receive the newsletter please contact Virginia PETETTI, v.petetti@bepassociation.eu



STAY ON TOP OF THE LATEST NEWS WITH THE BEPA WEEKLY DIGEST

The "BEPA Weekly Digest" is a weekly newsletter that is published every Friday (usually) around lunch time. The newsletter comes in the form of email communication but is also shared with our social media audience.

To learn more about this activity, contact Virginia PETETTI, v.petetti@bepassociation.eu

MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Each year, we establish media partnerships with events to increase our brand awareness and to provide special discounts to our members. A media partnership usually foresees social media posts, newsletter mentions and mention on the upcoming events section on the BEPA page.

Find here the media partnerships we forged this year : <https://bepassociation.eu/media-partners/>





FAQ

<https://bepassociation.eu/about/faq/>



MEMBERSHIP FEES AND RESIGNATION

After the Executive Board has approved your application and the BEPA office has received the signed application form, you will soon receive the first invoice. The first invoice does not count months before membership began so it will likely be less than the annual fee for your membership category. The first invoice will also include a one-time 10% capital contribution fee for the activities of the association.

If you eventually decide to resign from BEPA, you must inform the BEPA office before 1 July of the year in which you wish to resign. After this, your membership will expire at the end of the year, on December 31st. As the association operates entirely on membership fees, resignations must be known in advance in order to have accurate financial planning for the coming year. Due to this, resignation notices received after 1 July will not be effective until the following year, and the fee will still be due, as explained in the association bylaws.

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