Circular Wallonia Days
13th – 14th December 2023
UNLOCKING THE PATH TO A SUSTAINABLE BATTERY FUTURE
Business Village Ecolys - Actibel (Namur)

Carbon neutrality in Europe by 2050 is a pressing goal, requiring substantial resources, particularly essential metals like Lithium, Cobalt, Manganese, and Nickel for batteries. These metals are pivotal for green energy and transportation. Under the Circular Economy framework, fostering awareness, coordination, and innovation in materials production is crucial to combat climate change effectively. The "Circular Wallonia Days" 2023 event is a prestigious platform focused on batteries, bringing together industry leaders, academia, research centers, and local authorities for networking and productive discussions. Its central aim is to solidify Wallonia's position as a top supplier of these crucial metals and sustainable solutions, driving Europe's sustainable energy transition.

INTERNATIONAL EVENT
Opening conference: Global Battery Dynamics and Opportunities for Regional Collaborations

9:00 a.m.: Welcome coffee

INTRODUCTION - 9:30 a.m.: What's going on in Wallonia?
KEYNOTE - 10:00 a.m.: The Worldwide Batteries Landscape and business implications (IRA, Raw Materials Act, recycling regulations, ...)
EXPERT PANEL - 10:30 a.m.: Extending the Walloon Recycling Valley beyond boundaries

12:00 p.m.: Networking lunch

Workshop: Unlocking the Path to a Sustainable Battery Future in Europe
Opportunities in Wallonia and surrounding regions

1:30 p.m.: Introduction of WISAC & Pôle MecaTech
SETTING THE STAGE - 1:40 p.m.: Emilio Bunel, Battery Value Chain expert: Unlocking the Path to a Sustainable Battery Future in Europe
2:00 p.m.: Workshops part 1
1. Smart Battery Disassembly
2. Battery Recycling Quest
3. Electrode Materials for Sustainable Batteries
4. Batteries Second life
5. Massification through Cross-Border Collaborations

3:30 p.m.: Networking coffee
4:00 p.m.: Conclusions from the 5 workshops part 1

Opportunities for international collaboration

4:30 p.m.: Why is Wallonia a great place to look for partnerships & settle?
- Summary of the call for expressions of interest for the development of battery-related industries in Wallonia
- Current opportunities

5:30 p.m.: Networking dinner

LOCAL EVENT - WALLONIA
Debrief of workshops for the Walloon Ecosystem
Explore in greater detail the opportunities for the Walloon ecosystem

9:00 a.m.: Welcome coffee

INTRODUCTION - 9:30 a.m.: Introduction by WISAC & Pôle MecaTech
SETTING THE STAGE - 9:50 a.m.: Emilio Bunel, Battery Value Chain expert: Unlocking the Path to a Sustainable Battery Future in Belgium
10:15 p.m.: Workshops part 2
1. Smart Battery Disassembly
2. Battery Recycling Quest
3. Electrode Materials for Sustainable Batteries
4. Batteries Second life
5. Massification through Cross-Border Collaborations

12:15 p.m.: Conclusions from the 5 workshops part 2

12:50 p.m.: Networking lunch

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