

**MAY 18 | Radisson RED Hotel Brussels (Rue d'Idalie 35, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium)**

**Link registration:** <https://elithium.odoo.com/event/critical-materials-battery-value-chains-europe-2026-expert-focus-group-4/register>

<b>11:30</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
12:30	<b>European Lithium Institute – eLi: Opening Keynote</b> Jean Paul G. de Mussy, Executive Director, eLi
12:45	<b>European Commission: Opening Remarks</b> DG Grow, tbc
12:50	<b>Iberian Sustainable Mining Cluster – ISMC: Opening Remarks</b> Laura Quijano, EU-Program Manager, ISMC
13:00	<b>Part A: Key Challenges of a Resilient European Battery Value Chain</b> <b>Processing &amp; Recycling</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key barriers for achieving sustainable &amp; efficient battery production.</li> <li>From raw materials to lithium-ion batteries.</li> </ul> Prof. Alexandre Chagnes, GeoResources Dept. <b>University of Lorraine</b> , France Prof. Marcello Colledani, <b>Polytechnic University of Milan</b> , Italy
13:15	<b>Exploration &amp; Mining</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main hurdles for achieving sustainability in Mining Projects.</li> <li>Focus on the Critical Raw Materials Act.</li> </ul> Prof. Juan María Menéndez Aguado, <b>University of Oviedo</b> , Spain Juha Kaija, Senior Specialist, <b>GTK</b> , Finland
13:30	<b>Sustainability, LCA &amp; Battery Passport</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Sustainability assessment via LCA of lithium use in batteries.</li> <li>Key obstacles for implementing the Digital Battery passport.</li> </ul> Prof Guido Sonnemann, Expert in Life Cycle Assessment, <b>University of Bordeaux</b> , France Prof. Morgan Storm Scoville-S., Department of Global Development and Planning, <b>University of Agder</b> , Norway Shahin Jamali, Head of Monitoring & AI, Coord BASE project, <b>Fraunhofer IEG</b> , Germany
13:45	<b>Policy &amp; Framework Conditions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenges to building bankable investment opportunities across the European batteries value chain.</li> <li>Focus: ReSource Europe, Critical Raw Materials Act, European Competitiveness Fund, EU Raw Materials Platform</li> </ul> Xohitl Dominguez-Benetton, European Policy Advisor, <b>Equinor</b> , Belgium David Sanjuan, Policy Officer, <b>ISMC</b> , Spain
14:00	Work in Focus Groups
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30	<b>Part B: Building a Resilient European Lithium Value Chain</b> <b>Processing &amp; Recycling</b> Adionics, tbc, France Sibanyestilwater, tbc, France <b>Exploration &amp; Mining</b> Philippe Giaro, Senior Georesources Expert, <b>Georesources Department - University of Liège</b> , Belgium <b>Further speakers to be announced</b> <b>Sustainability, LCA &amp; Battery Passport</b> Suna Akbayir, CEO, <b>Beyond Bar Code</b> , Belgium Tutku Asarkaya Özen, Manager, <b>Artech International</b> , Belgium <b>Policy &amp; Framework Conditions</b> Transport & Environment, tbc, Belgium Andrea Di Masi, External Affairs Associate, <b>Novandino</b> , Belgium
17:20	Closing words (invitation to join a Network grant proposal)
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Networking drink</b>

**MAY 19**

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<b>8:30</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Welcome coffee</b>
9:00	<b>Opening</b> Jean Paul G. de Mussy, Executive Director, eLi Patricia Nuñez, Institutional and Business Relations Coordinator, ISMC
9:15	<b>Li4Life: Strengthening Sustainability &amp; Resilience across Europe’s Lithium Value Chain</b> Myriam Montes, Li4Life Coordinator, ICAMCyL, Spain
9:30	<b>Policy Priorities for Securing Europe’s Critical Raw Materials Future</b> Policy representative, tbc
10:00	<b>Advancing the Social Licence to Operate Lithium in Europe</b> Hanno Bertignoll, Project & Marketing Manager, Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00	<b>Measuring What Matters: Life Cycle Assessment as a Driver of Sustainable Lithium Value Chains</b> Stylianos Spathariotis, Head of Business Development, MNLT Innovations P.C., Greece
11:30	<b>Building an EU industrial ecosystem of circularity applications for battery packs: Policies, state of play and enabling conditions</b> Vasileios Rizos, Head of Sustainable Resources and Circular Economy, CEPS, Belgium
12:00	<b>Aligning industry, public authorities and national/EU regulations : a critical pathway for raw materials value chain resilience</b> Stéphane Bourg, Directeur de l’observatoire français des ressources minérales pour les filières industrielles, OFREMI - BRGM, France
12:30	<b>Strategic Takeaways and Policy Messages for Europe’s Lithium Future</b> TBC
12:50	<b>Closure of the event</b> Laura Quijano, Technical and Operational Coordinator, ISMC Jean Paul G. de Mussy, Executive Director, eLi Myriam Montes, Li4Life Coordinator, ICAMCyL
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>