

Press Release



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RECHARGE's Director General to leave his function

RECHARGE Brussels-based trade association advocating for the advanced rechargeable and lithium batteries industry in Europe, has announced that Claude Chanson will be retiring this year as Director General.

After 11 years as head of the Brussels office, Claude Chanson has decided to step down as Director General. He will continue working in the battery sector and for the association mainly as an advisor and to ensure a smooth transition with the future replacement.

Patrick de Metz, Chairman of the Board, said "Under Claude Chanson's tenure, RECHARGE has become a key organisation in the rechargeable batteries sector, putting the interest of the industry at the forefront of the EU agenda. The batteries sector has become a key element of the EU industrial policy, embodied by the decision to create the EU Batteries Alliance. In the name of the Board Members, I would like to warmly thank Claude for these achievements and leadership he demonstrated for 11 years. The new Director General will have to build on the legacy but also to seize the opportunity of the new EU Commission and European Parliament to give a new impetus and defend the interest of an innovative sector which will be key to deliver on the EU's green agenda and the planet's future. The EU needs to be bold to maintain high investment and quality jobs to become a global leader in battery technologies."

Claude Chanson stated: "It was an honour to lead the organisation throughout these years. RECHARGE with the support of my team and the members, is now a well-recognised organisation in the world of batteries, standard bodies and policy makers. I am proud of these achievements. With the new policy cycle coming up it is time for me to concentrate on other missions".

RECHARGE has appointed [MAVENCE](#), a public affairs recruitment agency, to lead on the recruitment of a new Director General. The process will be done in coordination with the Members of the Board and aims to be completed before the end of this semester.

About RECHARGE

RECHARGE is the European industry association for advanced rechargeable and lithium batteries. Founded in 1998, it is our mission to promote advanced rechargeable batteries as a key technology that will contribute to a more empowered, sustainable and circular economy by enabling decarbonised electricity and mobility, and cutting-edge consumer products. RECHARGE's unique membership covers all aspects of the advanced rechargeable battery value chain: From suppliers of primary and secondary raw materials, to battery and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), to logistic partners and battery recyclers. www.rechargebatteries.org