

# Automotive & Battery Forum 2023

25-27 April

Grand Hotel Sofia

## Day 1: Battery Day

13.00	Official Opening
13.30	Keynote speech: Bob Galyen, <i>Advisor, EnergyX Advisory Board (tbc)</i>
14.00	Horizon scanning on EU level – <i>Maria Gabriel/ DG Energy/ European Battery Alliance / Batteries Europe (tbc)</i> Investment climate in Bulgaria - <i>InvestBulgaria</i>
14.40	New EU regulation on batteries – sustainable batteries for a circular and climate neutral economy – <i>Kinstellar</i>
15.00	The latest breakthrough in EV batteries and energy storage systems - Infineon
15.30	Coffee break & networking
16.00	Recent breakthroughs in battery development, Dr. David Brown <i>CEO, BroadBit Batteries</i>
16.45	Coffee break & networking
17.00	Roundtable discussion: Regional outlook
17.30	Battery management – <i>MBition (tbc)</i>
19.00	Gala Dinner

## Day 2: Innovation Day

<b>10.00</b>	Measures for deployment of battery storage solutions in Europe Kinstellar
<b>10.20</b>	Solution for safe lithium-ion battery energy storage systems Eng. Krasimir Krastev, Sales Representative Fire Safety and Security Systems, Siemens
<b>11.00</b>	The future of charging infrastructure <i>ABB, Schneider Electric, Eldrive (tbc)</i> James Glover, Director, Viridian EV Ross Bearman, Account Manager, Viridian EV
<b>11.30</b>	Battery electric trucks Victor Lejona, Project Manager, Cenex
<b>Lunch break</b>	
	<b><u>Automotive production</u></b>
<b>13.00</b>	Digital transformation in manufacturing <i>Festo, Schneider (tbc)</i>
<b>13.30</b>	Supplier discussion <i>Odelo, Witte Automotive, Bader (tbc)</i>
<b>14.00</b>	Industry 4.0: Robotics and Automation Eng. Hristo Gilishtarov, Managing Director FANUC Bulgaria <i>Kuka, Rockwell, Denso Robotics (tbc)</i>
<b>14.30</b>	Coffee break



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<b>15.00</b>	Logistics & supply chain case studies, Viktor Batov, <i>cargo-partner (tbc)</i>
<b>16.00</b>	Chip production: the core of the automotive industry, Sylvain Collot, <i>Site Manager, Melexis Bulgaria (tbc)</i>
<b>16.30</b>	Achieve a Net Zero and cost-effective supply chain, Thomas Purnell, <i>Administrative Director, Etem Gestamp Automotive (tbc)</i>

### Day 3: Automotive Software Day

<b>10.00</b>	Roundtable discussion: How can software boost safety and performance? <i>Visteon, Bosch, Abrites, MBition (tbc)</i>
<b>11.00</b>	The future of Artificial Intelligence in automotive <i>Intel, Nvidia, Waymo (tbc)</i>
<b>11.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>12.00</b>	Start-up case studies
<b>12.45</b>	Cyber security in the automotive industry <i>Diamatix, Atos (tbc)</i>
<b>13.30</b>	Closing remarks

In parallel: site visits