Automotive & Battery Forum 2023

25-27 April

Grand Hotel Sofia

Day 1: Battery Day

13.00	Official Opening
13.30	Keynote speech: Bob Galyen, *Advisor, EnergyX Advisory Board (tbc)*
14.00	Horizon scanning on EU level – *Maria Gabriel/ DG Energy/ European Battery Alliance / Batteries Europe (tbc)* Investment climate in Bulgaria - *InvestBulgaria*
14.40	New EU regulation on batteries – sustainable batteries for a circular and climate neutral economy – *Kinstellar*
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 *CEO, BroadBit Batteries*
16.45	Coffee break & networking
17.00	Roundtable discussion: Regional outlook
17.30	Battery management – *MBition (tbc)*
19.00	Gala Dinner

Day 2: Innovation Day

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

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

Day 3: Automotive Software Day

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

In parallel: site visits