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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has announced up to EUR 3 billion of the Innovation Fund for Electric Vehicle (EV) battery manufacturing, starting with a call for proposals of EUR 1 billion concluded in 2025. A partnership between the Commission and the European Investment Bank has added a EUR 200 million top-up to InvestEU¹ to support innovative EU battery manufacturing projects. The remaining amount will be used to provide support through the Battery Booster package². For the next Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034, a Competitiveness Fund³ is proposed, which integrates InvestEU and allows support for industrial manufacturing ramp-up.

The Commission has proposed the inclusion of EU content requirements, in line with the EU's international legal commitments, under the Industrial Accelerator Act proposal, adopted on 4 March 2026⁴. These requirements have been carefully calibrated to assess their impact and ensure that European industry remains competitive, resilient and aligned with Europe's broader industrial and climate goals. These will complement the initiatives outlined in the Battery booster strategy⁵, which includes measures for securing raw materials, scaling production, ensuring offtake and maintaining a level playing field.

The Commission recalls that the adoption of duties on imports of Battery EVs from China was the result of an investigation into the injurious effects of such imports, a process and decision that were governed by Regulation (EU) 2016/1037⁶. There is no such investigation ongoing on imports of batteries. The Commission continues to monitor closely the situation of the EV supply chains.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02021R0523-20251110>.

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https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/api/files/document/print/en/speech_25_2053/SPEECH_25_2053_EN.pdf.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0555>.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=COM:2026:100:FIN>.

⁵ <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/circabc-ewpp/d/d/workspace/SpacesStore/c1e2c753-e327-4d9f-b060-56ab4af2a754/download>.

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R1037>.