

*The European Commission President stated in the context of the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of the Automotive Industry: “We need European car supply chains to be more robust and more resilient, especially when it comes to batteries (...). We will explore direct support for EU battery producers. We will gradually introduce European content requirements for battery cells and components.”*

*Given the significant cost gap with China and increasingly with the US, market uncertainties, and the need for transitional production support:*

- 1. Will the mentioned forms of direct production support for EU battery producers to bridge this competitiveness gap, especially in the critical 5-6 years scaling phase, include output-based support? Will it be contingent on the new MFF starting 2028 or under the current MFF? What timeline and which content requirements does the Commission envisage for this sector?*
- 2. How will these measures be coordinated with demand-side policies to provide the long-term market certainty needed for gigafactory investments and mitigate further dependence on imported batteries?*
- 3. The Commission recommended and adopted tariffs on Electric Vehicles from China. Is it also considering tariffs on batteries to counter the artificially low price driven by production overcapacity in China?*