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Ministerial Meeting under the European Battery and Solar Industry Alliances: Main takeaways by Chair EVP Séjourné

Executive Vice-President Séjourné chaired the Ministerial Meeting under the European Battery and Solar Industry Alliances in Brussels on **30 September 2025.** The meeting gathered 23 Member States and the European Investment Bank, along with eight industry representatives from the solar and battery sectors and InnoEnergy as the Secretariat of both Alliances and the other Steering Committee members, Solar Power Europe and European Solar Manufacturing Council. Exchanges took stock of the progress of the various initiatives at Member State and EU level and discussed avenues for further action.

As emphasized by President von der Leyen in her State of the Union address on 10 September 2025, clean technology is a strategic priority for Europe. At the same time, the European solar and battery industry are facing significant headwinds. The business case for investments in new production capacity is undermined by persistent over-capacity of Chinese manufacturers, while the latter dominate the supply of critical components.

The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of the European Commission and Member States to strengthening competitive and sustainable value chains in Europe. It sent a strong signal of support for scaling up the EU's solar and battery industries. The meeting:

- **Stressed urgency** of expanding Europe's solar and battery ecosystem to secure global leadership in innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness.
- **Facilitated exchange of information**, best practices, coordinated measures to reinforce these sectors as well as gaps in regulatory and financing landscapes.
- **Highlighted initiatives** such as the Battery Booster under the Automotive Action Plan (March 2025) and the European Solar Charter (April 2024), underlining Member States' commitments to implementation.
- **Explored financing**, notably the role of the European Investment Bank in supporting manufacturing projects**.**
- **Showcased project pipelines**, recognising their potential while stressing the need for targeted support, including access to net-zero strategic project status.

Participants agreed on the need for further action, including commitments to:

- **Support the existing solar and battery project pipeline by improving access to finance,** including through direct production support.
- **Boost demand for sustainable, made in Europe solar panels and batteries by introducing non-price criteria** in public procurement or purchases benefiting from public (financial) support.
- **Develop a coordinated approach to Foreign Direct Investment** conditionalities to attract high-value projects and facilitate technology transfer.