

Dear SET-Plan secretariat,

With a slight delay, hereby the “general” comments from Belgium on the Issues paper for Action 7.

In general we support the priorities and targets as outlined in the Issues paper.

In particular, we think that EMIRI, the Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative, has a crucial role to play here.

Therefore we would like to fully support the general and specific comments of EMIRI on this Issues paper, the comments which were also send by EMIRI to the SET-Plan secretariat.

In general, the support for and the recognition of the importance of the development of a self-sufficient full EU battery value chain in Europe, to be developed in a holistic approach with

- synergies with stationary energy storage
- the promotion of new investments at all stages of the innovation chain
- underlining the needs for policy-pull measures
- the building of new strategic alliances between public and private stakeholders.

Kind regards,

On behalf of the Belgian delegation,