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AVERE WG Batteries and EV Materials: agenda for our call/PlasticsEurope joint paper proposal

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Dear members of WG Batteries/EV Materials,

I hope you are well and have had a relaxing holiday break as well as a good start to 2023! I am writing in preparation of our call on 10 January to share an agenda as well as some relevant documents for you to prepare - see below. Looking forward to talking to you next week:

1.Recycled plastics content in ELV Directive

Firstly, we have been **contacted by Plastics Europe**, who are looking for **co-signatories/support for a position paper of theirs on recycled plastics content requirements in new vehicles**. They support a **binding legislative target for recycled content in automotive plastics of 20% by 2030 and 25% by 2035**, which they deem achievable using chemical recycling technologies. We have agreed with them to give them the first 20 minutes or so of the call to present the paper in more detail and answer any questions/discuss with you, after which we will jointly decide if it is something we could support or not. Please find the paper attached for your preparation.

2. Battery Regulation - first debrief/discussion

We would also like to have a **first brief and high-level discussion about the outcome on the battery regulation** and next steps, although we have confirmation from Commission and Council services that the **full text will not be available until mid-end January** due to its length and technicality slowing down legal scrubbing. We can thus, for now only re-share the press releases by Commission, Parliament and Council which summarise some key outcomes, and postpone our in-depth analysis and discussion to the end-of-month call.

3. Year of skills - battery job opportunities and needs

As you may know, **2023 is the European year of skills** - and while concrete EU policy hooks are limited, providing some expertise on skills to EU institutions could be valuable in this context. Against this background, we would like to hear from you on what chances and/or risks you see in terms of the employment potential of batteries and EV material production, and notably, which skills are/will be needed to take advantage of these opportunities/mitigate risks.

<u>4. AoB</u>

Feel free to flag any other issues you would like to discuss!

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Best,

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