



# **What partners said about this Innovation Deal**

## ***Annex***

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*Research and  
Innovation*

**Carlos Moedas**, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation:

*"The electric vehicle revolution is a testimony to how innovation generates growth and fundamentally changes society for the better. In order for Europe to stay in the lead of this innovation race, we need to work together with innovators and authorities to make sure our laws do not hamper innovation. This Innovation Deal will clarify the regulatory landscape in this area, and boost demand for electric vehicles."*

**Karmenu Vella**, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries:

*"Innovation in electric vehicles helps the European economy and citizens. This Deal identifies barriers to the reuse of batteries from electric vehicles and explores ways to ensure that EU rules promote their recycling and reuse - the European circular economy in action."*

**Jean-Philippe Hermine**, Director for Environment Strategy, Technocentre Renault (the automotive industry, France):

*"Ensuring an optimal use of electric vehicles batteries throughout their lifespan is essential to speed up the deployment of electric vehicles on European roads and rationalize the use of resources. This multi-stakeholders project "Innovation Deal" will propose adequate changes & clarifications to the regulatory framework and therefore facilitate the development of emerging businesses depending on the reuse of batteries, such as energy storage services. Groupe Renault, pioneer & leader in the electric vehicle market in Europe, is glad to collaborate with project partners in order to cover a wide range of business opportunities and assess regulatory issues linked."*

**Robin Berg**, LomboXnet (IT and renewable energy, the Netherlands):

*"Enhancing the economic value of car batteries through vehicle-to-grid applications, second-life battery projects and smart solar charging of cars, creates huge business opportunities. The Smart Solar Charging consortium in Utrecht Region led by LomboXnet together with Renault seeks to increase these opportunities to spur the transition to a renewable energy system and a zero emission mobility future. Europe is leading in these developments; this Innovation Deal offers a chance to further strengthen Europe's leadership."*

**Servan Lacire**, Bouygues (energy services for sustainable cities, France):

*"Electricity storage is key to increase PV and wind turbine electricity penetration in the smart grids. It is also key for local self-consumption of electricity, and to support the future massive development of electric vehicles charging infrastructures. The technology is now mature and second life batteries have now been used for several years for electricity storage in real life environment. It is*

*essential to ensure that EU and local regulations as well as standards will also help to create a virtuous circle for electric vehicle battery reuse to achieve these goals. The Innovation deal is the right vehicle to address these issues."*

**Delphine Gény-Stephann**, Minister of State, attached to the Minister of Economy and Finance:

*«Je me réjouis de signer ce projet franco-néerlandais innovant dédié au réemploi des batteries des véhicules électriques porté par Renault, Bouygues et Lomboxnet. Le développement de la mobilité électrique rend indispensable l'émergence de solutions européennes pour produire et recycler les batteries. Cet « innovation deal » est véritablement un trait d'union entre l'économie circulaire, la transition énergétique et l'électromobilité. »*

**Mona Keijzer**, State Secretary for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of the Netherlands:

*"Exchange, store and reuse your own sustainable energy by utilizing an electrical vehicle or second life battery in your own neighbourhood. Local solutions for global challenges like clean mobility and storage of energy through smart grids are important. With this 'Innovation Deal' we work on the potential of a more sustainable economy. Collaboration is the key factor. Businesses and consumers can only benefit when regional and local governments, research institutes and SME's work together to turn these innovations into economic growth."*

**Pim van den Berg**, Regional Minister for Energy Transition, Dutch Province of Utrecht:

*"As a living lab for healthy urban living, the Utrecht Region can be of significant value to the European Union, scaling up our local solutions to global problems."*