

After a period when industry struggled to be heard, we are finally seeing signs of political support – driven by the urgent need to secure essential raw materials. While regulatory challenges remain, the tide is turning.



Opportunities and challenges



Global Context

Security of supply has become a geopolitical priority

Strategic materials are core to industrial resilience



Industry Challenges

The role of lead is underappreciated

Need to **clearly communicate its relevance** to policymakers



Market Challenges

Supply chain issues

Technological shifts (e.g., EVs) affecting market dynamics.



Opportunities

Lead as a **carrier metal** enables efficient processing of many strategic metals

Aligns with EU objectives: Securing supply of critical raw materials requires a **renewed focus** on lead.



Reliable, essential, available

Playing to Our Strengths

Our sector plays a **strategic role**, powering technologies from **batteries to defence**. With an **abundant raw material base** - both primary and secondary - we support a robust **circular economy**, where **lead enables closed-loop recycling**.

We contribute to supply security and help achieve industrial growth and environmental goals through critical applications. Our commitment to responsible leadership is reflected in initiatives like LeadBattery360, and we continue to push boundaries through the Consortium for Battery Innovation.

Key role of associations supporting industry

Our associations play a vital role in supporting the lead and lead battery industries, helping to navigate complex political, regulatory, and business challenges. The International Lead Association (ILA) is the only global body representing the interests of lead and lead producers. Alongside it, the Consortium for Battery Innovation (CBI) drives global research to advance the next generation of lead battery technology.





Advocacy and communication

Global Relevance, Local Engagement

Europe and the U.S. are core markets, where political engagement is essential (see tomorrow's session).

Our industry must invest in opportunity, while managing risk, and help shape solutions for Europe, the U.S., and growing demand in Asia.

We call on policymakers to enable conditions for sustainable growth. ILA and CBI support this through advocacy, market development, and communication.





Networking & Next Steps

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