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Automotive & Battery Forum 2023

25-27 April

Grand Hotel Sofia

Day 1: Battery Day

13.00	Official Opening
13.30	Keynote speech: Bob Galyen, Advisor, EnergyX Advisory Board (tbc)
14.00	Horizon scanning on EU level – Maria Gabriel/ DG Energy/ European Battery Alliance / Batteries Europe (tbc) Investment climate in Bulgaria - InvestBulgaria
14.40	New EU regulation on batteries – sustainable batteries for a circular and climate neutral economy – <i>Kinstellar</i>
15.00	The latest breakthrough in EV batteries and energy storage systems - Infineon
15.30	Coffee break & networking
16.00	Recent breakthroughs in battery development, Dr. David Brown CEO, BroadBit Batteries
16.45	Coffee break & networking
17.00	Roundtable discussion: Regional outlook
17.30	Battery management – MBition (tbc)
19.00	Gala Dinner

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Day 2: Innovation Day

10.00	Measures for deployment of battery storage solutions in Europe
	Kinstellar
10.20	Solution for safe lithium-ion battery energy storage systems
	Eng. Krasimir Krastev, Sales Representative Fire Safety and Security Systems, Siemens
11.00	The future of charging infrastructure
	ABB, Schneider Electric, Eldrive (tbc)
	James Glover, Director, Viridian EV
	Ross Bearman, Account Manager, Viridian EV
11.30	Battery electric trucks
	Victor Lejona, Project Manager, Cenex
Lunch break	
	Automotive production
13.00	Digital transformation in manufacturing
	Festo, Schneider (tbc)
13.30	Supplier discussion
	Odelo, Witte Automotive, Bader (tbc)
14.00	Industry 4.0: Robotics and Automation
	Eng. Hristo Gilishtarov, Managing Director FANUC Bulgaria
	Kuka, Rockwell, Denso Robotics (tbc)
14.30	Coffee break
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15.00	Logistics & supply chain case studies, Viktor Batov, cargo-partner (tbc)
16.00	Chip production: the core of the automotive industry, Sylvain Collot, <i>Site Manager, Melexis Bulgaria (tbc)</i>
16.30	Achieve a Net Zero and cost-effective supply chain, Thomas Purnell, Administrative Director, Etem Gestamp Automotive (tbc)

Day 3: Automotive Software Day

10.00	Roundtable discussion: How can software boost safety and performance?
	Visteon, Bosch, Abrites, MBition (tbc)
11.00	The future of Artificial Intelligence in automotive
	Intel, Nvidia, Waymo (tbc)
11.30	Coffee break
12.00	Start-up case studies
12.45	Cyber security in the automotive industry
	Diamatix, Atos (tbc)
13.30	Closing remarks

In parallel: site visits