

European Battery Alliance - importance of compliance with EU competition law

Any type of cooperation between undertakings should respect EU competition rules. In particular, any form of cooperation should strive for certain principles:

- Open access: It should be open to all companies or organisations willing to join it, regardless of industry association.
- Transparency: Meetings, discussions, information exchanges and agreements reached should be well documented and minuted. Documents and minutes will be made available to the Commission, on request.
- Necessity: Meetings, discussions, information exchanges should be strictly limited to what is indispensable to achieve the objectives of the cooperation agreement/project.

For more information on EU competition rules, please consult the <u>DG Competition</u> <u>website</u>, and in particular the pages on the <u>overview of antitrust rules</u> and the <u>applicable</u> <u>antitrust legislation</u>.