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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers ALBATTS activities carried out at the EU level to disseminate the goals, the ongoing work and the outputs of the ALBATTS project until May 2024. It provides detailed information about each segment of the dissemination and communication work package: website, social media channels, newsletter, promotional materials, organised events and synergies with other projects and initiatives.

All dissemination actions significantly increased the visibility of the project and resulted in a substantial upsurge in interest from both the education and industry communities within the EU batteries ecosystem.

The communication and dissemination efforts for the ALBATTS partnership surpassed expectations, as evidenced by the impressive metrics. Numbers - such as over 18.000 website visits, 1.630 participants in online events and 1.435 followers on LinkedIn -serve as compelling evidence of the project's outreach and engagement. The goals were to share critical findings about the project, including providing accurate information on identified skills and job roles, and to highlight the availability of training courses. They were achieved by the engagement established with all the people interested in the project's activities. This achievement is particularly impressive, considering the outreach was primarily virtual.



INTRODUCTION

This is the final release of the ALBATTS report D2.2. It refers to the Task 2.2 (EU Broad Dissemination and Communication), according to which the ALBATTS partnership would:

- Promote actions, events, and conferences to ensure visibility of the work of the Alliance at regional, national and EU levels;
- Define participation in national, EU-wide and international events for appropriate dissemination of SSA work;
- Organise in-room sessions in partner countries to boost interest, update on achieved results, and collect relevant inputs to enhance outcomes;
- Take the necessary measures to actively participate in relevant EU events and renowned international conferences related to battery technology and energy storage.

We should mention that in a project doing its first steps in early 2020, the tasks were very much conditioned by the COVID-19 limitations for an extended period of time, which forced changes and the redesign of some of the activities that would be implemented. Nevertheless, this report covers the activities carried out to implement the ALBATTS strategy (D2.1) to disseminate the results of the project at the EU level.

About ALBATTS

The Alliance for Batteries Technology, Training and Skills - ALBATTS is a European Unionfunded project to contribute to the electrification of transport and green energy in Europe, by designing a blueprint for future competencies and training schemes in the battery and electromobility sector.

The project ran from December 2019 to November 2023 (and was extended until May 2024) with a budget of nearly 4 million euros and included main battery stakeholders comprising industries, R&D organisations, IT companies, public entities, European sectorial associations, VET schools and Universities, from the 10 EU partner countries. Twenty 20 European partners from 11 countries were involved. In addition, three Associated partners identified in the original proposal and other three that meanwhile joined the project compose the Steering Board, led by ACEA.





COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION TOOLS

1. WEBSITE

The ALBATTS website - www.project-albatts.eu - served as the main entrance point for the project and is the most important source of information about the ALBATTS activities.

The website was designed and put online at the early stages of the project, and was periodically updated along the project's duration, following developments and new outputs dissemination needs.

A simple and clear structure for the website was proposed and agreed by partners while several changes were introduced to the original design with the purpose of increasing the visibility of results EU-wide and to targeted audience.

The positive feedback from both entities and the general public underscored the commendable design and content quality, as well as the effectiveness and relevance of the disseminated materials.

At the time of the first release of this report, we identified some of the website sections that were created to facilitate the spread of the project's work to EU-wide stakeholders:

RESULTS – subdivided in a <u>summary of published outputs</u> and the <u>highlights from the</u>
 <u>several results obtained</u> through a number of **factsheets** that graphically illustrate the
 outcomes and invite further reading the comprehensive content of produced reports;



Examples of ALBATTS Factsheets released to highlight the ALBATTS official outputs





- NEWS & EVENTS a section showing relevant news about the project and related matters, as well an events section created the Summer 2021 to announce and serve as a repository of organised or participated events;
- REACH-OUT an important section for both the project and visitors as it includes the
 majority of digital published materials, being divided into <u>Newsletters</u>, <u>Project</u>
 <u>publications</u>, <u>Videos</u>;
- <u>LATEST NEWS</u> about ALBATTS are easily accessible through a floating button always visible on the right side of the website main page.

Since then, **TWO NEW SUB-SECTIONS** were added into the **RESULTS** section:

- <u>SKILLS CARDS</u> a sub-section containing the ALBATTS Skills Cards, which describe a number of occupational profiles - and corresponding competencies - within the scope of battery manufacturing, e-mobility and stationary battery storage;
- <u>COURSES</u> a subsection displaying the ALBATTS Courses that were meanwhile made available.

Two Homepage floating buttons for these new sections were added to make them easily accessible while giving them the adequate importance in the website.

Considering the focus on training and demand for guidance to teaching and training in VET, a third homepage floating button was also added leading to the highlights of the <u>ALBATTS</u> Handbook for Training in the Battery Industry.

Finally, a **SEARCH ENGINE** was added to the website at the right top of each page allowing users to easily find publications within the website.

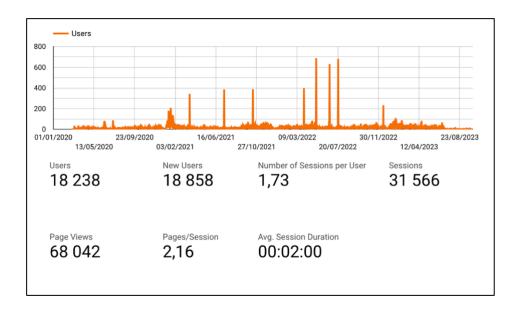
1.1. Monitoring Dissemination

Google analytics was used for regular monitoring of the website visitors and performance reach.



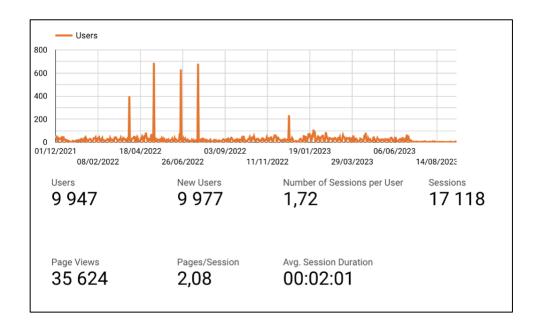


The number of ALBATTS website new users reached **18.238 people**, corresponding to more than **23.198 pages views across 31.566 different sessions**.



Since the previous release of the present report (end of 2021), the statistical assessment shows that the website:

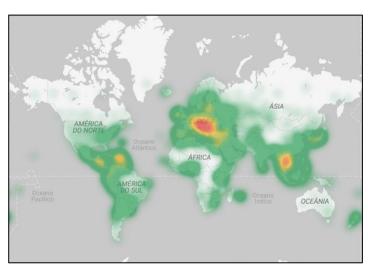
- Attracted **9.977 new users**, which represents around 55% of the total user's universe;
- Gathered 35.624 new page views with an average session duration of 2m01s across
 17.118 different sessions.





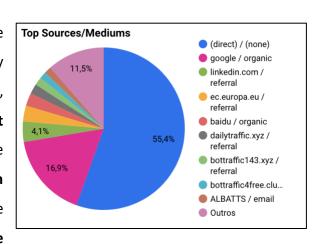


While the pattern of the most visited pages on the website remains consistent with the latest report, notably with the events page emerging as the second most visited (after the homepage), we believe it's more pertinent to present a measure that demonstrates the project's geographic reach. With that in mind,



this graphic (map) confirms that **the project's website primarily garnered interest and engagement in Europe**, as anticipated. However, it's worth noting that it genuinely had a **global impact**. This was confirmed by the participation in ALBATTS online events, which revealed significant engagement from the Americas, Asia, and Africa (see. Section 5.4 below), underscoring the project's worldwide appeal.

Lastly, visitors accessed the ALBATTS website through a variety of channels. Approximately 55% arrived directly via the website URL, indicating strong brand recognition and direct traffic. Another 16.9% arrived through Google search, highlighting its visibility in search engine results. As it will be highlighted in the next section, LinkedIn emerged as a valuable



platform, contributing to around 4% of total visitors. Additionally, we acknowledge the 3% of users who accessed the website through European Commission channel referral.

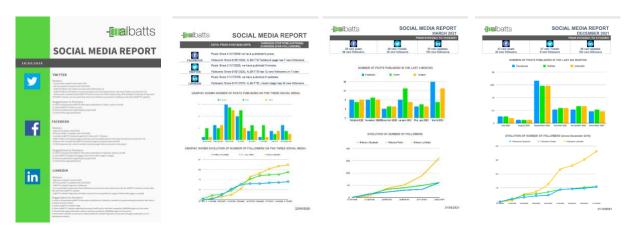


2. SOCIAL MEDIA

ALBATTS leveraged prominent social media platforms – <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X-Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> – to showcase the project's myriad initiatives and accomplishments, effectively amplifying its visibility and establishing a lasting online presence. Additionally, a dedicated <u>YouTube</u> channel was established as a repository for the project's video content, ensuring easy access and broader dissemination of its multimedia materials.

2.1. Monitoring Dissemination

The project tracked social media publications and followers by compiling **quarterly reports** that aggregated metrics from the various channels. These reports served the dual purpose of monitoring the impact of dissemination and communication efforts, as well as gauging the progression of results. Additionally, they provided a framework for implementing corrective measures should they be deemed necessary.

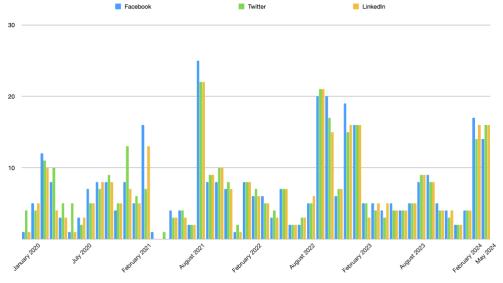


Example of Monitoring Reports

Throughout the project's timeline, ALBATTS maintained a **consistent presence** on social media, thoroughly disseminating information about its numerous activities. The collective effort yielded a substantial total of **1.055 posts**, strategically distributed across various platforms: Facebook received 360 updates, X-Twitter contributed 356, and LinkedIn showcased 339.

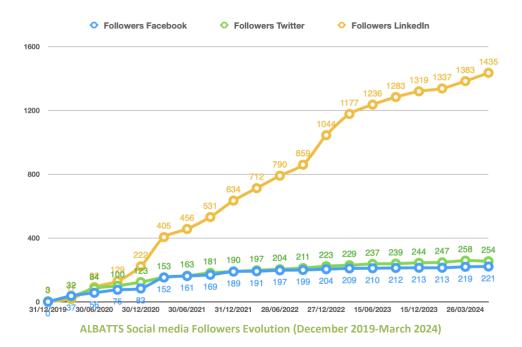






ALBATTS Social Media Posts Distribution (January 2020-May 2024)

ALBATTS experienced remarkable growth in its social media following, with particular emphasis on the **exceptional performance of LinkedIn**. The platform emerged as the frontrunner, witnessing a significant surge in followers, indicative of the resonance of ALBATTS' content within a professional context. While other platforms also saw growth, LinkedIn stood out as the most effective channel for expanding ALBATTS' online community and fostering valuable connections within the education sector and the industry.





In what regards LinkedIn followers,

- the top locations are Brussels (BE), Porto (PT), Lisbon (PT), Gothenburg (SE), Stockholm
 (SE), Munich (DE), Vaasa (FI), Berlin (DE), Paris (FR) and Prague (CZ);
- the top job functions are Information Technology, Sales, Business Development,
 Research, Education, Consulting, Engineering, Operations and Product Management;
- The sizes of the top followers' companies are 10.001+ employees, 11 to 50 employees,
 2 to 10 employees.

3. NEWSLETTER

Throughout the project duration, ALBATTS released **8 quarterly newsletters** to widely disseminate evidence about the partnership endeavours and general information in the battery ecosystem.



Published issues of the ALBATTS Newsletter

The Communication and Dissemination Team always ensured that in each newsletter there was an interesting interview or article, a summary of the ALBATTS ongoing and planned activities, highlights on EU policies impacting the sector with an overview of their path, and a calendar of upcoming battery-related events.





Each newsletter was published on the website, advertised on social media, and sent by e-mail to the ALBATTS stakeholders database and newsletter subscribers.

3.1. Monitoring Dissemination

The analysis of the chart below shows that, throughout the project duration, the difference between newsletters e-mails sent (blue line) and newsletters e-mails delivered (green line) was very low, demonstrating that there was a good maintenance of the newsletter recipients' database.

The same chart shows that the percentage of subscribers opening the newsletter e-mail (orange line) was between 20% and 30%.



The number of newsletters subscribers varied as it was influenced:

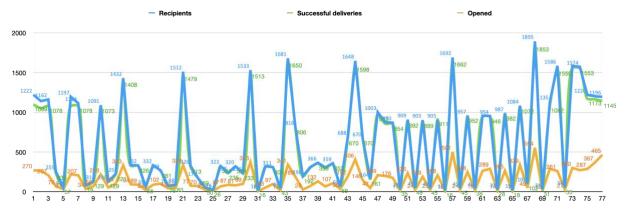
- On one hand by the number cancellations and by the removal of recipients that stopped existing (as people changed jobs, for instance)
- and on the other hand, by the number of new subscribers after each webinar (individuals who wanted to receive more information about the project).





Newsletters excluded, approximately 80 e-mails were also sent to the project's stakeholders, such as invitations to attend webinars, requests for evaluation of webinars, information about reports release and information on other ALBATTS outputs and initiatives.

The graphic below represents, for a selection of e-mails, the number of recipients, the number of successful deliveries and the number of people opening the e-mail received. The differences among the number of recipients per e-mail results from the selection of recipients according to the subject of the e-mail.



Selection of ALBATTS Information e-mails sent throughout the project



4. PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Promotional materials were produced and updated, following the project's needs, outcomes and initiatives.

4.1. ALBATTS Roll-up

A roll-up was designed and then made available to all partners for their own printing and use in the promotion of the project. The roll-up formed a coherent identity with other communication elements of ALBATTS.

It reflects the image of the project, giving a glance of ALBATTS coverage in the battery ecosystem and the group of partners and entities involved. It has a QR code linking to the ALBATTS website.



ALBATTS Roll-up design

The roll-up was used during in-person events (when printed, measures 200x85cm).

4.2. ALBATTS Flyer

A flyer was produced to be distributed by WP6 in their activities. It provides the basic details about ALBATTS and further information on the Skills Cards and the ALBATTS Courses (through QR codes linking to the corresponding pages on the ALBATTS website).







ALBATTS Flyer (front and back)

4.3. ALBATTS Physical Promotional Materials

The ALBATTS dissemination team recognised the significance of crafting and procuring a range of physical promotional materials to distribute among stakeholders and individuals invested in and tracking the partnership's activities. This decision was motivated by the practical utility these items offered upon receipt, as well as their potential to create a sense of pride in being associated with ALBATTS, a pioneering project in workforce preparedness within the battery ecosystem. The materials were distributed during in-person events after COVID-19.

They encompassed a variety of items: bags, pins, blocks, pens, and anti-stress balls.









ALBATTS Physical Promotional Materials



5. EVENTS

To foster strategic awareness across the European Union and ignite interest among diverse communities and target groups, the ALBATTS consortium designed a series of events. These gatherings served a dual purpose: to disseminate updates on accomplished milestones and to gather valuable insights for optimising outcomes. By doing so, ALBATTS aimed to carve out a distinctive identity within the green mobility ecosystem, positioning itself as a beacon of innovation and progress in the field of the education and training for the batteries sector.

5.1. Overview of broad-EU events

For the total duration of the project, the partnership organised:

- sixteen webinars, covering different sections of the battery value chain. The selection
 of the themes and consequently of the speakers, followed the themes of the project's
 work packages;
- **seven interviews** seeking insights from personalities related to the battery sector, either working in the industry, in the policy making or in the education and training;
- five online side events in the frame of EU thematic weeks (European Week of Regions and Cities, European Industry Days, European Sustainable Energy Week), two of which were co-organised with project DRIVES;
- a final in-person conference that was held in Brussels

All ALBATTS sixteen webinars and seven interviews were streamed through the ALBATTS Facebook page using Eupportunity's Webex. Some online side events of EU thematic weeks were held using the events' platforms, which doesn't allow us to go deeper into their analysis. The final in person conference was also streamed and the edited video is available on the project website.

The list of the broad dissemination events is displayed in the table below.





No.	DATE	EVENT	
1	13/10/2020	Regions & Skills in the auto industry (ERCW 2020) co-organised with DRIVES	
2	19/01/2021	Vessels of the Future: Maritime Batteries	
3	20/01/2021	Battery Cells Manufacturing	
4	26/01/2021	Stationary Energy Storage in Grids and Telecom Applications	
5	27/01/2021	Electric Vehicle Manufacturing and Battery Integration	
6	18/03/2021	Skills Alliance and the Forthcoming E-mobility (EU Industry Days) co-organised	
<u> </u>	18/03/2021	with DRIVES	
7	15/09/2021	Interview with Katarina Borstedt	
8	29/09/2021	Servicing of Electric Vehicles	
9	12/10/2021	Interview with Claudia Gamon	
10	22/10/2021	New EU Battery Regulation Proposal	
11	17/11/2021	Interview with Duarte Conde Silva	
12	30/11/2021	Recycling Electric Vehicles' Batteries	
13	07/12/2021	Autonomous Operations and Virtual Reality in Maritime	
14	27/04/2022	Lithium Mining and Extraction	
15	13/10/2022	Preparing a Sustainable Clean Energy Ecosystem (ERCW 2022)	
16	26/10/2022	Interview with Tomás Kazda	
17	14/11/2022	Interview with Noshin Omar	
18	22/11/2022	Interview with Ylva Olofsson	
19	24/11/2022	Battery Management Systems and Control Systems	
20	29/11/2022	Electrification of Heavy-Duty Vehicles	
21	17/01/2023	Electrification of the Aviation Sector	
22	19/01/2023	Interview with Daniel Clios	
23	26/01/2023	Electrification of Inland Waterways	
24	27/01/2023	Safe Recycling and Second Use of Electric Vehicles' Batteries	
25	03/02/2023	Skills Transition in the Battery Industry	
26	03/05/2023	Safety Aspects of Electric Vehicles Manufacturing	
27	28/06/2023	Towards a Functioning Battery Ecosystem (EUSEW 2023)	
28	25/10/2023	Skills and talent for the Green Transition (EWRC 2023)	
29	09/04/2024	ALBATTS Final Conference (in-person event)	

List of broad dissemination events organised by ALBATTS

Other ALBATTS events, designated to serve the purpose of rolling-out the project's results at regional level are addressed in a separate report (D2.3 - Dissemination on Regional Level).

5.2. Events communication methodology

Each event was created in partnership with WP4/WP5 partners and the WP2 communication team. While WP4 and WP5 designed the content of the events, WP2 had the responsibility to harmonise the contents, adapt the key messages and launch and disseminate the event information in the ALBATTS official channels. Each partner then reshared the official message in their own channels.





The steps to ensure proper dissemination were the following:

- 1. Save-the-date on ALBATTS social media channels around 3 weeks before the event;
- 2. Open registrations no later than 2 weeks before the event;
- 3. Dedicated event box for each event on the website events page;
- 4. Temporary pop-up window with link to the events page on the website homepage;
- 5. Invitation e-mail to all relevant ALBATTS stakeholders;
- 6. Publication of registration reminders on social media to make sure the number of registrations grew steadily

5.3. Events organised

This section encompasses an analysis of the events organised and their corresponding impact.

They reflect data collected up until mid-May 2024, unless specified otherwise.





5.3.1. Regions & Skills in The Auto Industry



This online event was held on 13/10/2020.

This <u>workshop</u> was co-organised with project DRIVES in the frame of the 18th European Week of the Regions and the Cities. It focused on the roll-out of project DRIVES, but it was also an opportunity to hold a debate on future educational needs in the automotive and battery industries.

Registrations were made through the <u>European Week of the Regions and the Cities platform</u>, through which the event was also streamed.

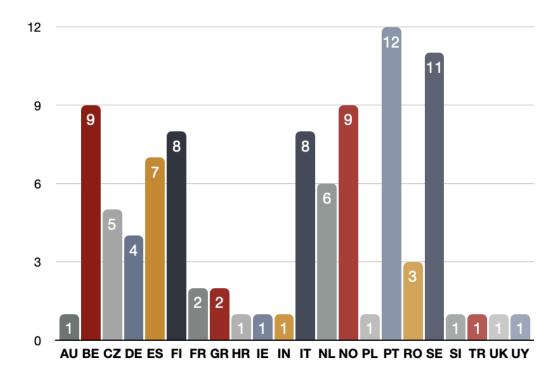


5.3.2. Vessels of the Future: Maritime Batteries - Job Roles and Skills



This online event was held on 19/01/2021 and livestreamed through Facebook.

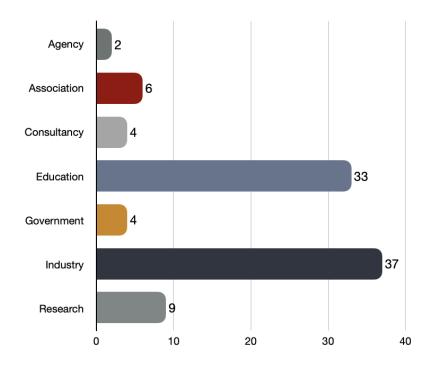
REGISTRATIONS: Registration requests came from **22 countries (5 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



39% of registrations were from the industry sector and 35% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







WEBEX INSIGHTS

Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
95	88	90 minutes	64 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 311

FACEBOOK VIDEO POST INSIGHTS

Viewer Activities	Reach	134 people
	Reactions	12
Interactions	Comments	0
	Shares	1

¹ The most recent data point for this statistic was collected in December 2021. This is because Webex currently does not provide access to data for this timeframe.

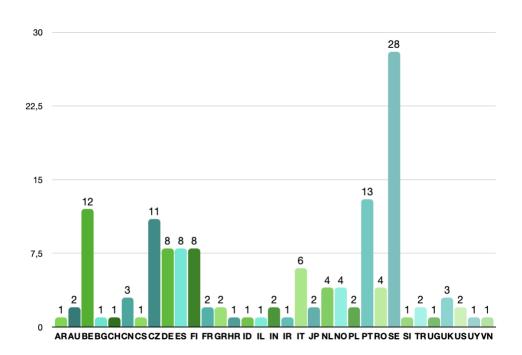


5.3.3. Battery Cells Manufacturing – Job Roles and Skills



This online event was held on 20/01/2021 and was livestreamed through Facebook.

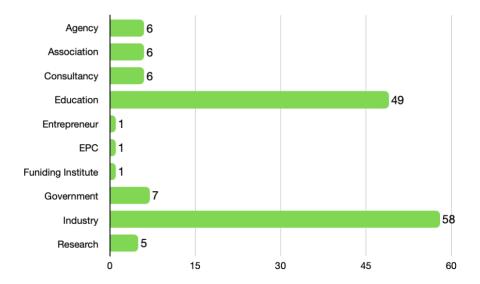
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **33 countries (15 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



41.4% of registrations were from the industry sector and 35% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







WEBEX INSIGHTS

Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
140	98	90 minutes	72 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 391

Facebook Video Post Insights

Viewer Activities	Reach	127 people
	Reactions	11
Interactions	Comments	1
	Shares	0

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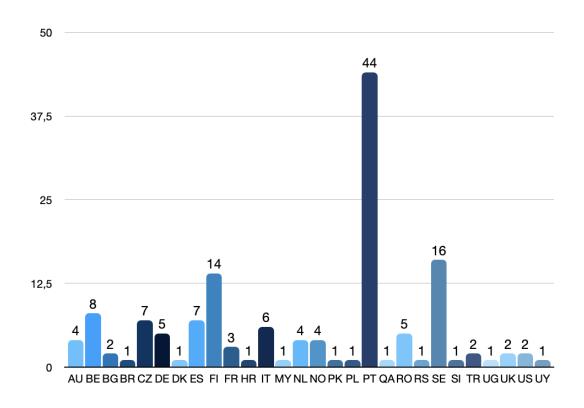


5.3.4. Stationary Energy Storage in Grids and Telecom Applications: Future Job Roles and Skills



This online event was held on 26/01/2021 and was livestreamed through Facebook.

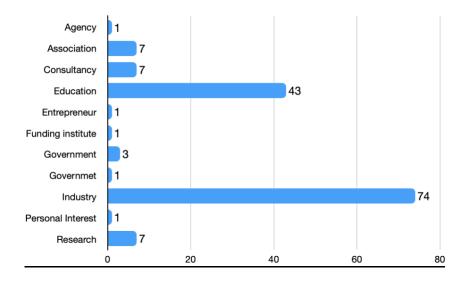
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **28 countries (11 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



50.6% of registrations were from the industry sector and 29.4% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







WEBEX INSIGHTS

Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
146	96	90 minutes	68 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 581

FACEBOOK VIDEO POST INSIGHTS

Viewer Activities	Reach	108
	Reactions	9
Interactions	Comments	2
	Shares	0

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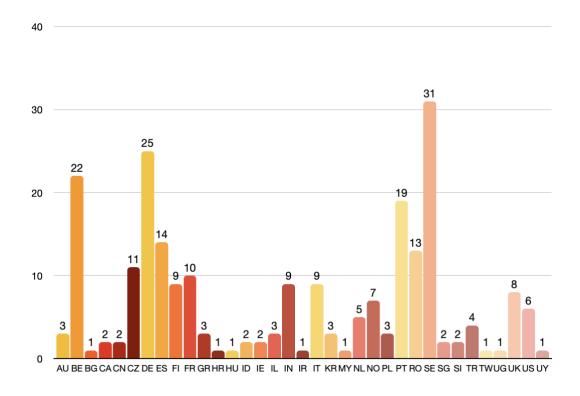


5.3.5. Electric Vehicle Manufacturing & Battery Integration - Future Qualifications Needed



This webinar was held on 27/01/2021 and was livestreamed through Facebook.

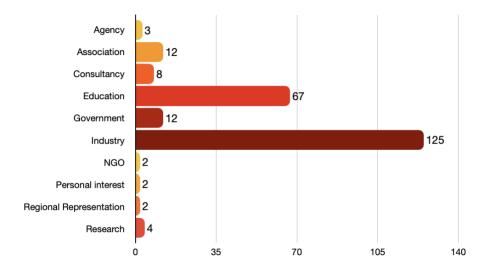
REGISTRATIONS: Registration requests came from 35 countries **(15 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



52.7% of registrations were from the industry sector and 28% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







WEBEX INSIGHTS

Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
237	112	90 minutes	77 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 621

FACEBOOK VIDEO POST INSIGHTS

Viewer Activities	Reach	794
Interactions	Reactions	20
	Comments	6
	Shares	5

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5.3.6. Skills Alliance and the forthcoming e-mobility (EU Industry Days 2021)



This webinar was held on 18/03/2021.

Co-organised with project DRIVES, this online event was held on 18/03/2021, in the frame of the European Industry Days. It was <u>livestreamed through Facebook</u>.

WEBEX INSIGHTS

Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
87	68	108 minutes	89 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 351

FACEBOOK VIDEO POST INSIGHTS

Viewer Activities	Reach	47
	Reactions	4
Interactions	Comments	0
	Shares	0

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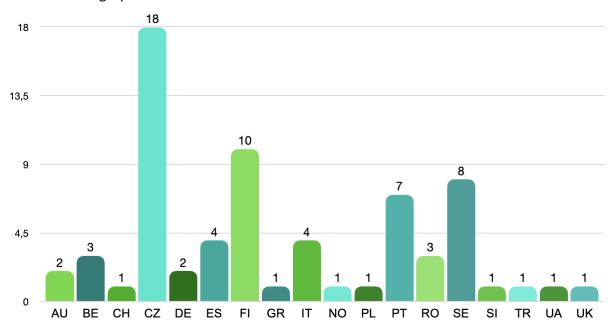


5.3.7. Interview with Katarina Borstedt, Director of Growth at Northvolt



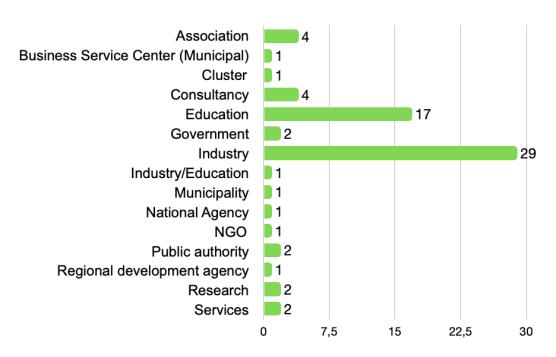
This online interview was held on 15/09/2021 and was livestreamed through Facebook.

<u>REGISTRATIONS</u>: Registration requests came from **18 countries (5 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



42% of registrations were from the industry sector and 25% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.





WEBEX INSIGHTS

Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
69	42	58 minutes	45 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 231

FACEBOOK VIDEO POST INSIGHTS

Viewer Activities	Reach	91
	Reactions	7
Interactions	Comments	4
	Shares	0

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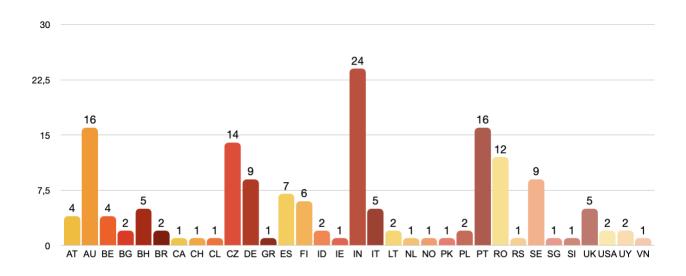


5.3.8. Servicing of Electric Vehicles: Future Qualifications Needed



This online event was held on 29/09/2021 and was <u>livestreamed through Facebook</u>.

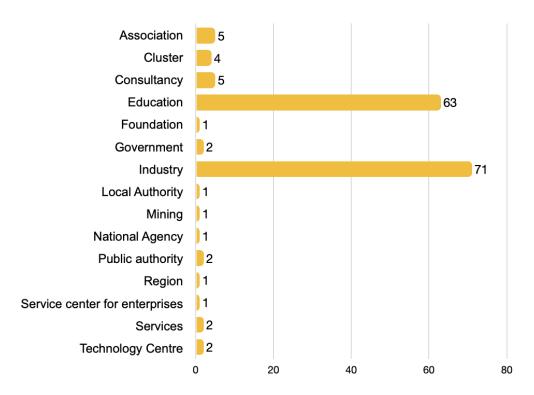
REGISTRATIONS: Registration requests came from **33 countries (16 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



44% of registrations were from the industry sector and 39% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







WEBEX INSIGHTS

Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
162	80	98 minutes	77 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 211

FACEBOOK VIDEO POST INSIGHTS

Viewer Activities	Reach	35 people
	Reactions	5
Interactions	Comments	0
	Shares	0

¹ The most recent data point for this statistic was collected in March 2023. This is because Webex currently does not provide access to data for this timeframe.



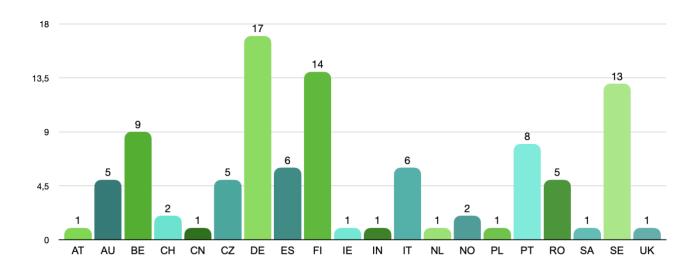


5.3.9. Interview with Claudia Gamon, Member of the European Parliament



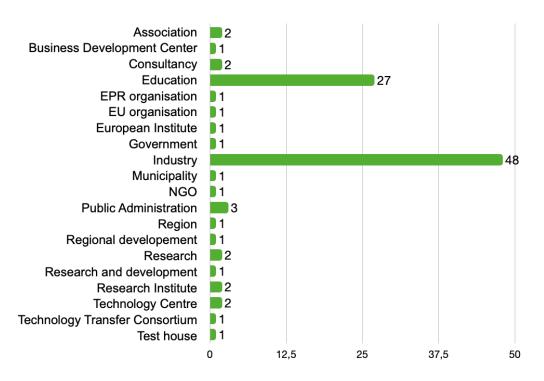
This online interview was held on 12/10/2021.

<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **20 countries (7 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



47% of registrations were from the industry sector and 26% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.





WEBEX INSIGHTS

Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
100	62	41 minutes	31 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 321

Due to a technical problem, this interview was not livestreamed through Facebook.

¹ The most recent data point for this statistic was collected in March 2023. This is because Webex currently does not provide access to data for this timeframe.





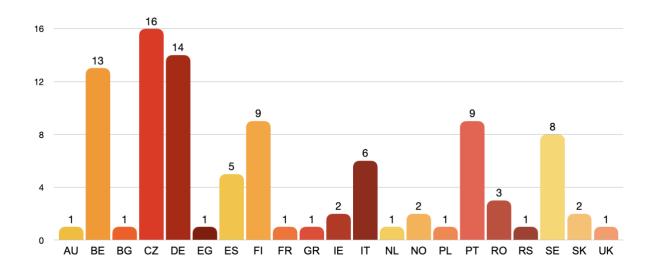
5.3.10. New EU Battery regulation Proposal: Possible Implications on Job Roles and Skills





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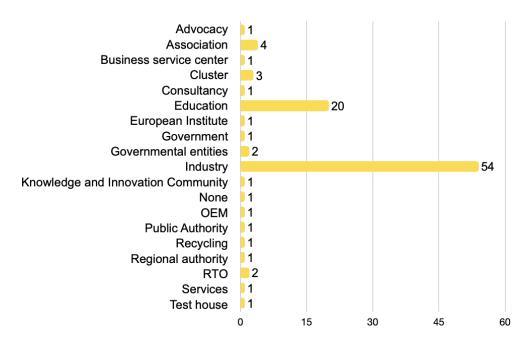
REGISTRATIONS: Registration requests came from **21 countries (5 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



55% of registrations were from the industry sector and 20% were from the education sector.

Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.





Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
98	52	95 minutes	75 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 181

Viewer Activities	Reach	44 people
	Reactions	4
Interactions	Comments	1
	Shares	0

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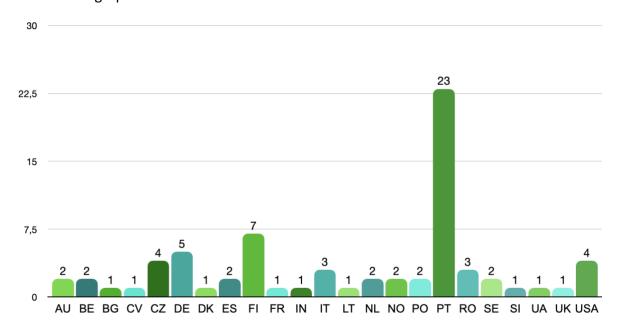


5.3.11. Interview with Duarte Conde Silva, Plant Manager at Graciólica



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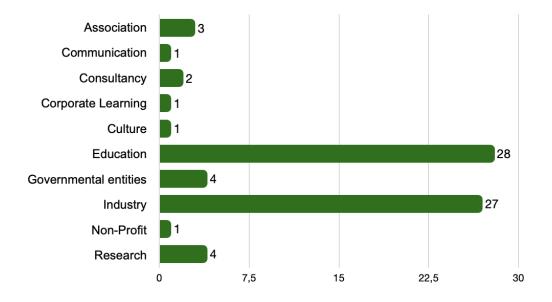
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **23 countries (6 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



38% of registrations were from the industry sector and 39% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
72	43	37 minutes	30 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 271

Viewer Activities	Reach	50 people
	Reactions	8
Interactions	Comments	3
	Shares	0

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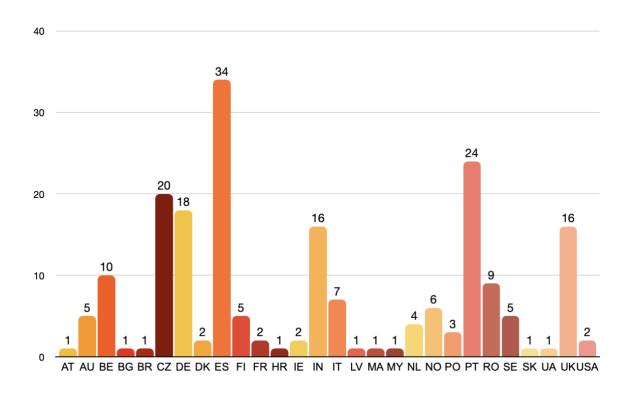


5.3.12. Recycling Electric Vehicles' Batteries: Skills and Qualifications Needed



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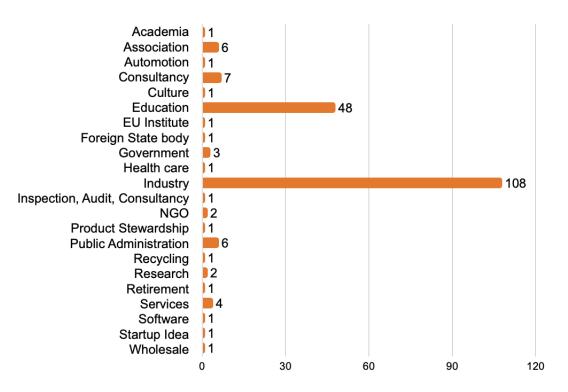
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **28 countries (9 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



54% of registration were from the industry sector and 24% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
199	106	90 minutes	62 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 591

Viewer Activities	Reach	59 people
	Reactions	6
Interactions	Comments	3
	Shares	2

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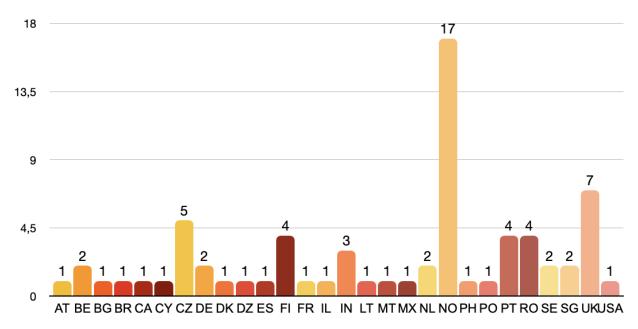
5.3.13. Autonomous Operations and Virtual Reality in Maritime: Job Roles & Skills





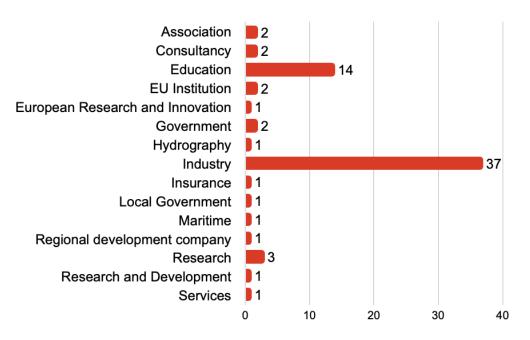
This online event was held on 07/12/2021 and was <u>live-streamed through Facebook</u>.

<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **28 countries (11 from outside the EU)**, as shown in the graphic below.



53% of registrations were from the industry sector and 20% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.





Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
70	46	90 minutes	66 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 91

Viewer Activities	Reach	42 people
	Reactions	1
Interactions	Comments	0
	Shares	0

¹ The most recent data point for this statistic was collected in March 2023. This is because Webex currently does not provide access to data for this timeframe.



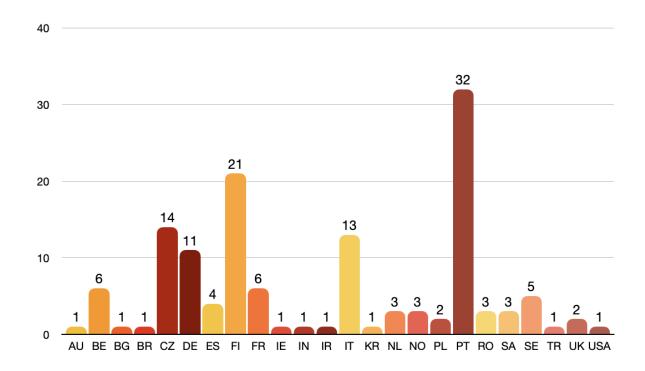


5.3.14. Lithium Mining and Extraction: European Sourcing and Skills



This online event was held on 27/04/2022 and was livestreamed through Facebook.

<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **24 countries (8 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.

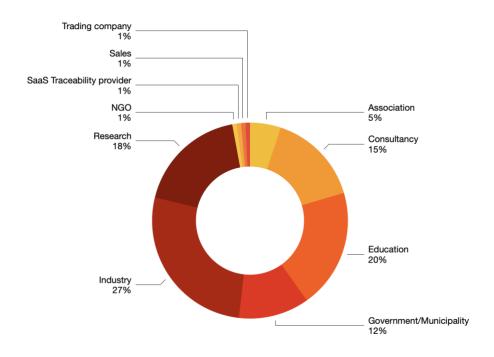


27% of registrations were from the industry sector and 20% were from the education sector.

Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
138	73	120 minutes	82 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 116

Viewer Activities	Reach	48 people
	Reactions	11
Interactions	Comments	4
	Shares	0



5.3.15. Preparing a Sustainable Clean Energy Ecosystem - Skills for Battery Systems



This workshop was held on 13/10/2022 as a side event of the European Week of Regions and Cities 2022. Its recording can be accessed here.

Number of registration requests:	50
Number of participants:	49

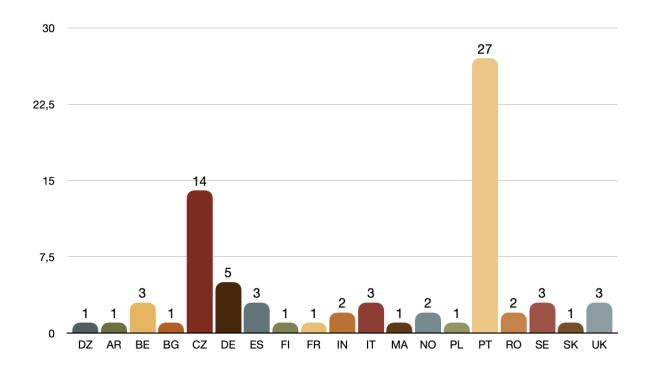


5.3.16. Interview with Tomáš Kazda, Associate Professor at the Brno University of Technology



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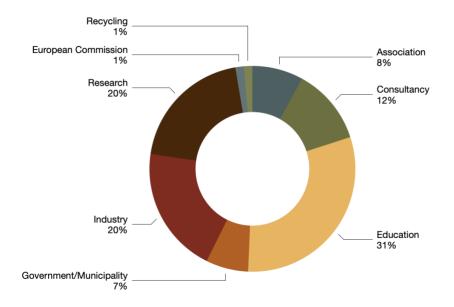
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **19 countries (6 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



20% of registrations were from the industry sector and 31% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
75	44	60 minutes	47 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 29

Viewer Activities	Reach	98 people
	Reactions	6
Interactions	Comments	0
	Shares	2

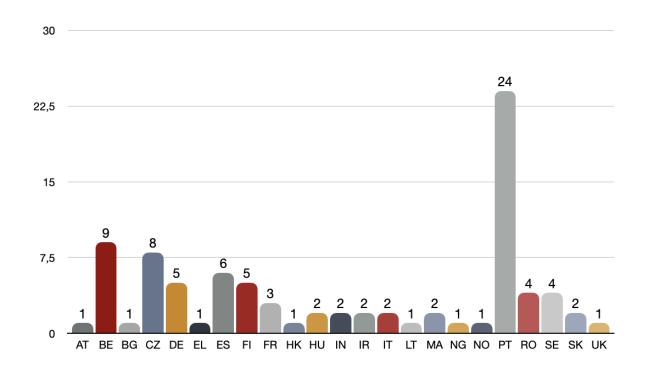


5.3.17. Interview with Noshin Omar, Founder & CEO of Avesta Battery & Energy Engineering



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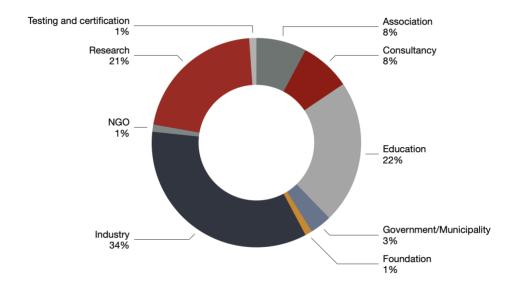
REGISTRATIONS: Registration requests came from **23 countries (7 from outside the EU)**, as shown in the graphic below.



34% of registrations were from the industry sector and 22% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
90	54	70 minutes	51 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 14

Viewer Activities	Reach	22 people
	Reactions	4
Interactions	Comments	0
	Shares	0

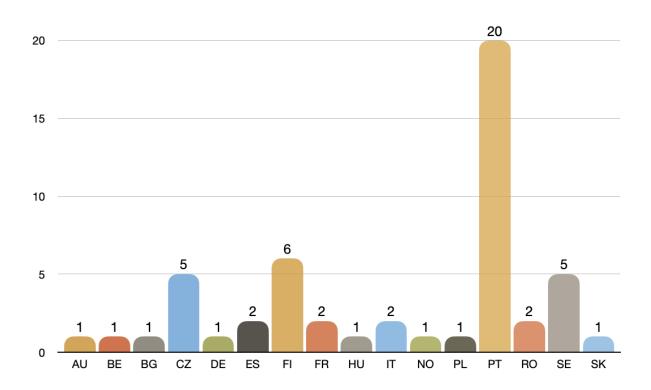


5.3.18. Interview with Ylva Olofsson, System Design Engineer & Project Manager at Volvo



This interview was held on 22/11/2022 and was live livestreamed through Facebook.

REGISTRATIONS: Registration requests came from **16 countries (2 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.

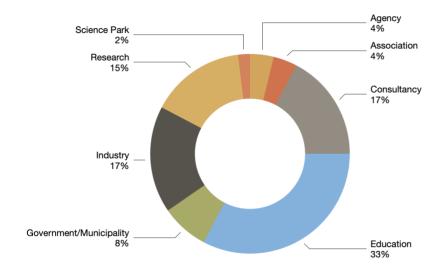


17% of registrations were from the industry sector and 33% were from the education sector.

Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
52	22	44 minutes	44 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 23

Viewer Activities	Reach	34
	Reactions	3
Interactions	Comments	4
	Shares	0



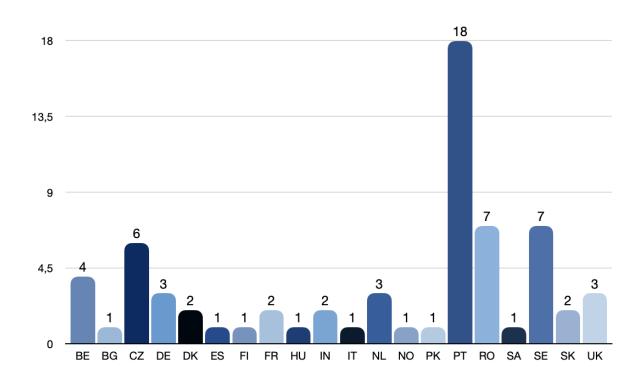
5.3.19. Battery Management Systems and Control Systems: Job Roles, Skills and Competencies





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<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **20 countries (5 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.

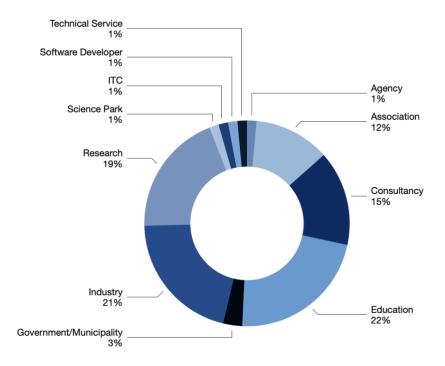


21% of registrations were from the industry sector and 22% were from the education sector.

Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
67	42	63 minutes	56 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 29

Viewer Activities	Reach	20 people
	Reactions	5
Interactions	Comments	2
	Shares	0



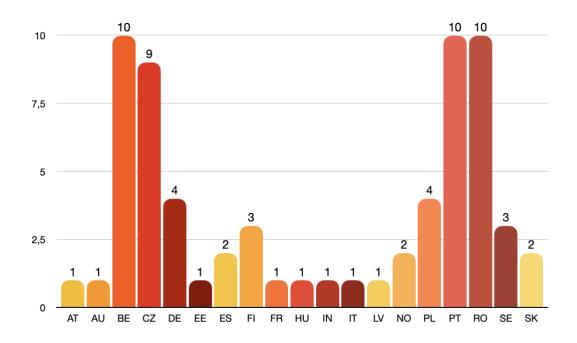
5.3.20. Electrification of Heavy-Duty Vehicles: What Skills and Competencies Will be Needed?





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<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **19 countries (3 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.

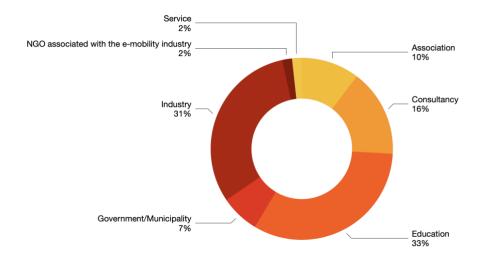


31% of registrations were from the industry sector and 33% were from the education sector.

Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
67	54	89 minutes	72 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 16

Viewer Activities	Reach	16 people
	Reactions	4
Interactions	Comments	0
	Shares	0

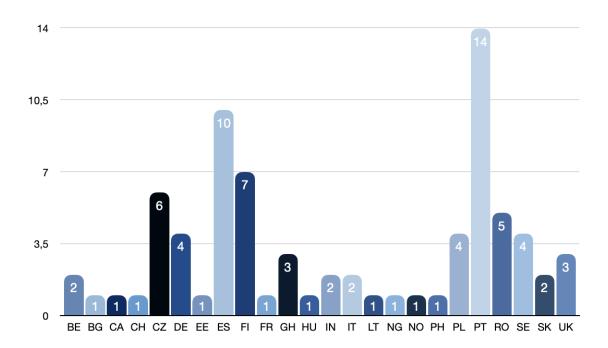


5.3.21. Electrification of the Aviation Sector and Future Qualifications Needed



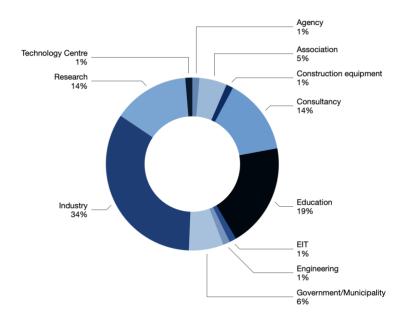
This online event was held on 17/01/2023 and was <u>live livestreamed through Facebook</u>.

<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **24 countries (8 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



34% of registrations were from the industry sector and 19% were from the education sector, closely followed by research and consultancy. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.





Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
78	42	69 minutes	56 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 17

Viewer Activities	Reach	33 people
	Reactions	3
Interactions	Comments	1
	Shares	0

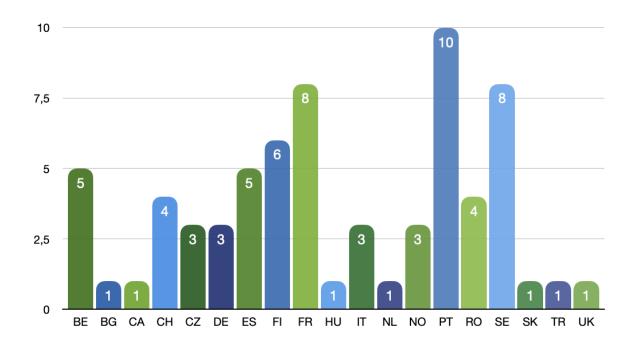


5.3.22. Interview with Daniel Cios, EC Policy Officer - Raw Materials at DG GROW



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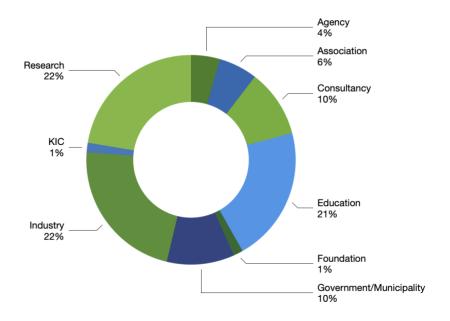
REGISTRATIONS: Registration requests came from **19 countries (5 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



22% of registrations were from the industry sector, another 22% from the research sector, and 21% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
69	42	63 minutes	52 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 32. It was downloaded 2 times.

Viewer Activities	Reach	48 people
	Reactions	5
Interactions	Comments	1
	Shares	0

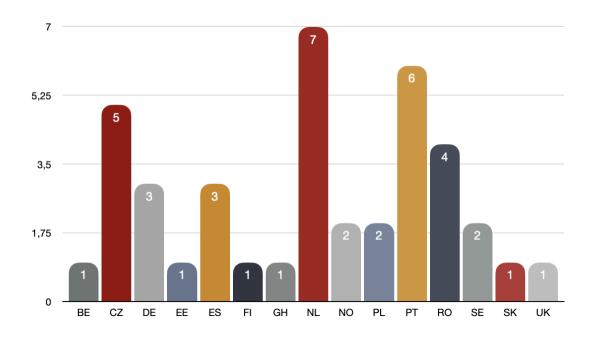


5.3.23. Electrification of Inland Waterways and Future Qualifications Needed



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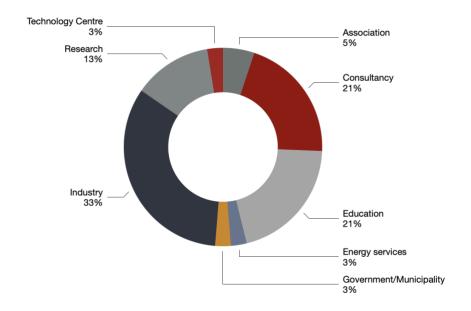
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **15 countries (3 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



33% of registrations were from the industry sector and 21% were from the education sector. Consultancies also made 21% of the audience. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
40	38	120 minutes	95 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 5

Viewer Activities	Reach	51 people
	Reactions	1
Interactions	Comments	0
	Shares	0

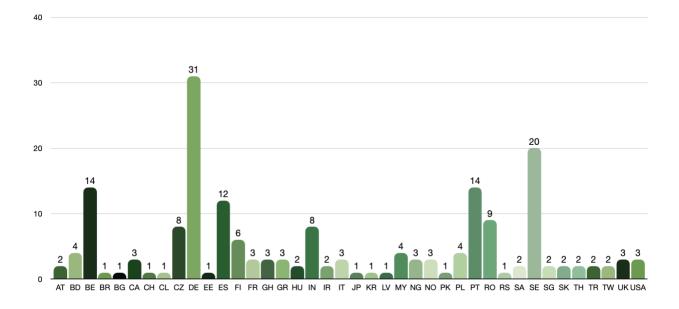


5.3.24. Safe Recycling & Second Use of EV Batteries: Skills and Competencies Needed



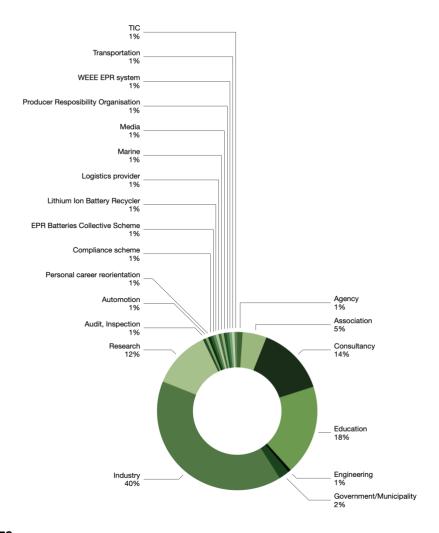
This online event was held on 27/01/2023 and was <u>livestreamed through Facebook</u>.

REGISTRATIONS: Registration requests came from **40** countries **(20** from outside the EU), as shown in the graphic below.



40% of registrations were from the industry sector and 18% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.





Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
189	120	97 minutes	83 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 48

Viewer Activities	Reach	139 people
	Reactions	4
Interactions	Comments	5
	Shares	0



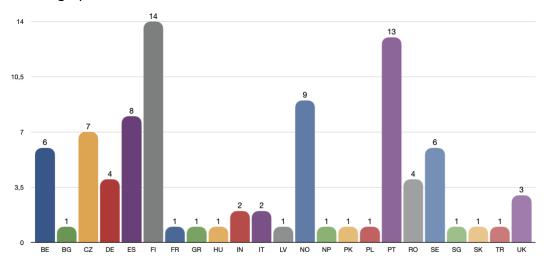


5.3.25. Skills Transition in the Battery Industry



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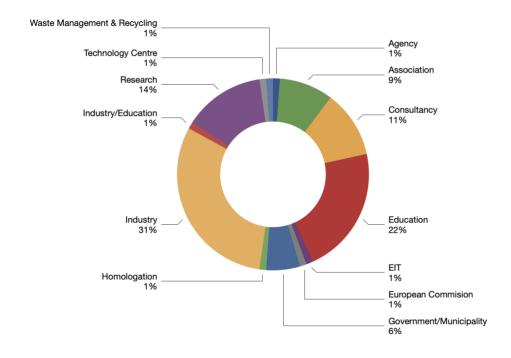
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **23 countries (7 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



31% of registrations were from the industry sector and 22% were from the education sector.

Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.





Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
89	54	88 minutes	69 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 29. It was downloaded 3 times.

Facebook Video Post Insights

Viewer Activities	Reach	24 people
	Reactions	2
Interactions	Comments	1
	Shares	1

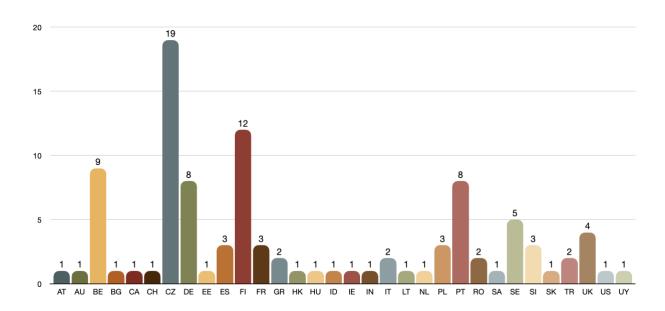


5.3.26. Safety Aspects of Electric Vehicles Manufacturing, Use, Maintenance, Repair and Disposal



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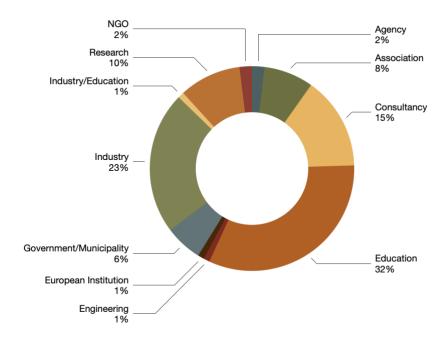
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **32 countries (11 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



23% of registrations were from the industry sector and 32% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.







Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
102	81	95 minutes	75 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 3

Viewer Activities	Reach	29 people
	Reactions	4
Interactions	Comments	1
	Shares	0

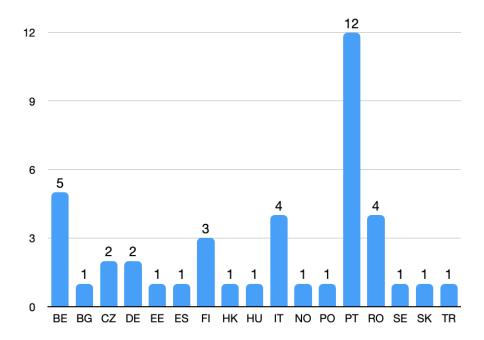


5.3.27. Towards a Functioning Battery Ecosystem – Building Knowledge and Required Skills



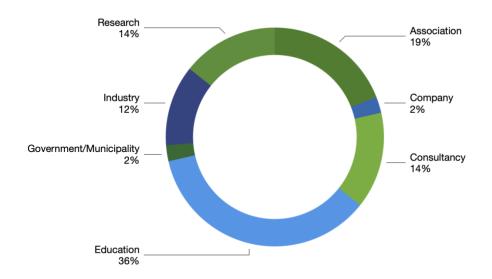
This online event was held on 28/06/2023 and was <u>livestreamed through Facebook</u>.

<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **17 countries (3 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



36% of registrations were from the industry sector and 12% were from the education sector. Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.





Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe	Attendees average viewing time
42	22	90 minutes	85 minutes

Webinar views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 9

Viewer Activities	Reach	19 people
	Reactions	1
Interactions	Comments	0
	Shares	0

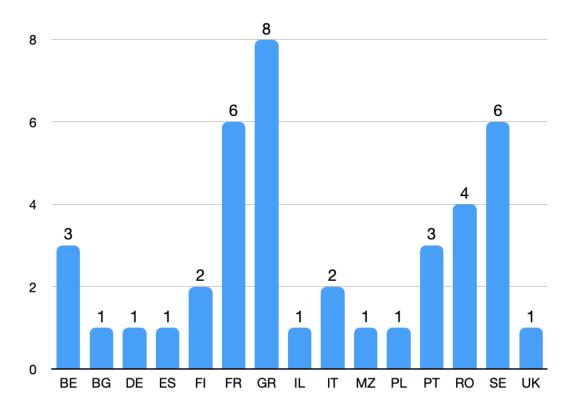


5.3.28. Skills and talent for the Green Transition – Boosting Regional Competitiveness



This online event was held on 25/10/2023 within the context of the <u>European Cities and Regions Week 2023</u>. It was streamed through the organisation's platform.

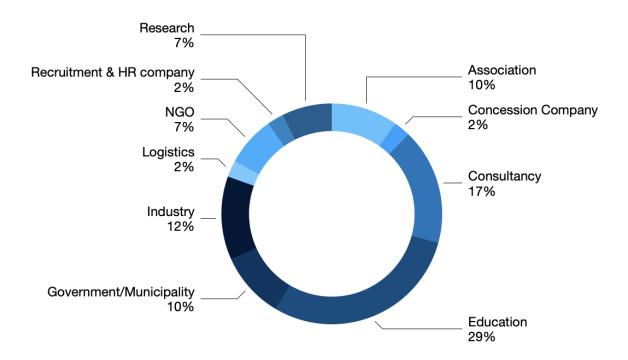
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **15 countries (3 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.





12% of registrations were from the industry sector and 29% were from the education sector.

Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.



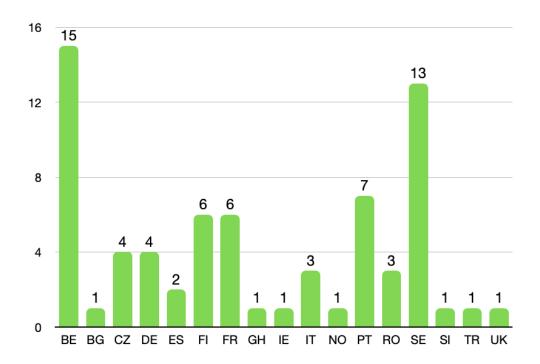


5.3.29. ALBATTS Final Conference



This was an in-person event that was held in Brussels (European quarter) on 09/04/2024. Its recording can be viewed <u>here</u>.

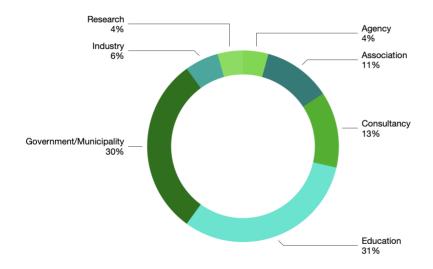
<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> Registration requests came from **17 countries (4 from outside the EU),** as shown in the graphic below.



6% of registrations were from the industry sector and 31% were from the education sector.

Other registrations were from the sectors in the visual representation provided below.





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Registrations	Attendees	Event timeframe
70	60	From 08:30 to 17:00

Conference views since made available through the ALBATTS website: 29

The ALBATTS final conference marked a significant culmination of years of dedicated work and collaboration, which was also recognised by Commissioner Nicolas Schmit in the conference opening statement.

Bringing together <u>key stakeholders</u>, <u>policymakers</u>, <u>industry experts</u>, <u>researchers</u>, <u>and representatives from other EU funded projects</u>, the event served as a platform to showcase the project's achievements, findings, and contributions to its respective field. With engaging presentations, panel discussions, and interactive sessions, attendees gained valuable insights into the project's outcomes and their implications for policy, education and industry practices, and future directions.

Additionally, the conference served as a forum for networking and knowledge exchange among participants, fostering synergies with other ongoing projects and initiatives coming from countries such as France, Belgium, Germany and Italy. The diverse audience, including





policy officers of the European Commission, stakeholders from academia, government agencies, regions representatives, education developers and industry associations, underscored the broad-reaching significance of the project's outcomes and its potential to inform policy decisions, drive innovation, and shape the future landscape of skills and competencies in the batteries sector.



ALBATTS Final Conference Opening and First Panel

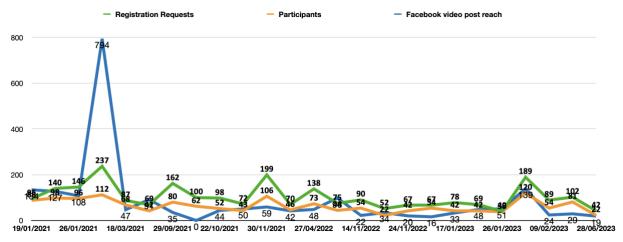


5.4. Monitoring the online events

5.4.1. Registrations and Participants

The ALBATTS events wielded significant influence on the project's recognition, facilitating the expansion of partnerships and the dissemination of key achievements. They underscored a substantial boost to the project's sustainability.

A total of 2.664 people registered for the ALBATTS webinars. 1.630 individuals attended the events through Webex and another 2.112 were reached through the corresponding Facebook video posts.



ALBATTS Webinars - Registrations, Participants and Facebook Video Posts Reach

The education and the industry sector together corresponded approximately to 60% of participants during each webinar. Other participants came from associations, consultancies, research institutes, governments and municipalities.



ALBATTS Webinars – Sectors and organisations of participants





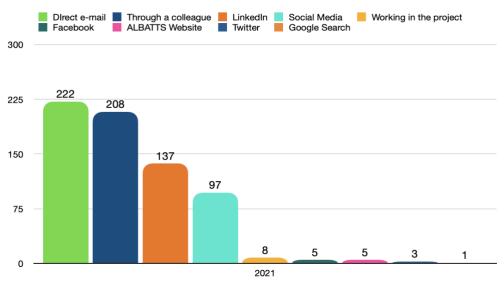
Online events were streamed for a total of approximately 2.045 hours, with an average of 1.623 hours of viewing time by attendees.

Over 80 speakers graciously accepted invitations to speak at ALBATTS webinars. Additionally, partners from all ALBATTS Work Packages contributed significantly, offering their time and expertise to deliver presentations, conduct interviews, and moderate debates. A list of all speakers and their short biographies is in **Annex 1**.

5.4.2. Source of information for participants

In the registration forms that individuals were asked to fill for the purpose of attending the webinars and the interviews through Webex, they were asked "How did you learn about this webinar?".

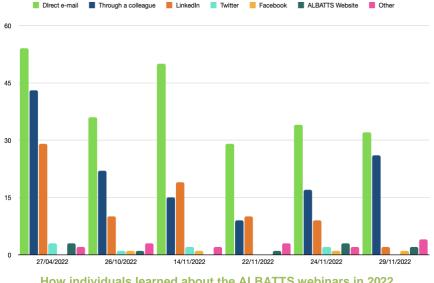
The graphics below display the answers for 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively.



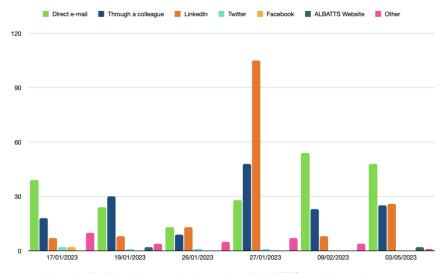
How individuals learned about the ALBATTS webinars in 2021







How individuals learned about the ALBATTS webinars in 2022



How individuals learned about the ALBATTS webinars in 2023

The graphics reveal that a majority of webinar attendees were informed about the event via direct email. Additionally, a noteworthy portion registered based on recommendations from colleagues, underscoring the respectable reputation of the ALBATTS webinars. This data features the efficacy of both direct outreach and word-of-mouth promotion in driving attendance and highlights the strong appeal and credibility of the webinars within the batteries' professional community.

When it comes to social media, our analysis suggests that LinkedIn emerges as the most effective channel for disseminating information about these events to a broader audience.





SYNERGIES WITH OTHER EU PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

The sharing of experiences and synergy building with other initiatives, especially with those in the remit of ALBATTS ecosystem, is in the nature of most of the partners, starting with the project coordination board and leader. The project has developed dialogue with several ongoing projects or initiatives and also engaged with working groups covering energy-mobility-skills.

A first bridge happened expectedly with the **DRIVES** project that, from the inception of ALBATTS proposal, has a coalescence of goals, primary on sectoral skills intelligence, plus on transport and mobility issues. Thus, synergies were naturally created allowing both projects to prepare joint actions such as the event in the context of the EU Regions and Cities Week 2020 (October), and the event during the <u>EU Industry Days 2021</u> (March).

We've cultivated strong synergies with recognised battery education forums and various EU initiatives and projects. Our journey commenced with EIT-InnoEnergy and the EBA250 Academy Initiative, entities with whom ALBATTS has deepened cooperation in sectoral intelligence, skills card development, learning material creation, and train-the-trainer solutions. Subsequently, we expanded collaborations with EIT Manufacturing and EIT RawMaterials, both sharing our commitment to education and training objectives, and eager to engage with ALBATTS. Building on this foundation, we engaged with the Battery2030+ family of EC projects, focusing on battery cell research, and facilitated the convergence of EIT InnoEnergy and Battery2030+ into an informal "EduBatt" group for information exchange and joint initiatives, exemplified by a public workshop held in July 2021.

In parallel, we participated as experts in a panel/workshop organised by EIT RawMaterials and **Fraunhofer Batterien Allianz** to map the needs of experts for the battery industry, which resulted in a report. We also collaborated with **ECORYS** providing information on the blueprint for a Pact for Skills' study, with **CEDEFOP**'s Blueprint projects' results for the <u>Skills Intelligence</u> page and with a video for the **Year of Skills** festival.

Furthermore, we networked with the R&D_<u>Li-planet</u> project, coordinated by Braunschweig University, which focus is on cooperation between Li-lon pilot lines in education and training.





Also, within the preparation of events, significant contacts and exchange of information happened with **EIT Urban Mobility**, both within the areas of energy & urban mobility and with their Academy, including by sharing reports where skills and education were highlighted.

ALBATTS also had recurring contacts with MATES, the blueprint for the maritime sector, as our coordinator was following their workshop presentation of results, including their sectoral skills strategy. Reciprocally, the MATES consortium has also been following maritime-themed seminars in ALBATTS. Other battery related initiatives also interacted with ALBATTS expressing interest in learning and exploring its results; it is the case of IPCEI Batteries - Mobility, Energy and Future Technologies, KOMBiH Project in the Battery Forum, form Germany, and the French battery/electromobility projects École de La Batterie and Electromob from Hauts de France. ALBATTS assisted both these French projects with their national applications for funding, which both were successful.

On the more general European level, ALBATTS has, through its coordinator, participated as expertise in DG Energy's / EIT InnoEnergy's organisation Batteries Europe, Working Group 1, and in this participated actively in Batteries Europe Task Force for Education position paper in 2020 and 2021, and also in the integrated work (between the Technology platform for Batteries; Batteries Europe Partnership Association and Batteries Europe) in writing the new position paper on education (with a new bigger integrated Task Force for Education). Furthermore, throughout the project ALBATTS kept informal contacts with the leading level of the European Battery Association (EBA). The coordinator has also served as an expert in two detailed Delphi-study processes about future green work markets organised by Cedefop, one in April and May 2022 and one in May 2024. And ALBATTS has been presented at Cedefop's conference of Greenovation of Skills in 2023.

It is worth mentioning that in the project's newsletter, ALBATTS published interviews covering battery related subjects and skills with members of EIT InnoEnergy and with the Portuguese Secretary of State for Energy during the Portuguese EU Presidency of the Council. Within the interaction with policy actors, ALBATTS was invited to speak at the *Skills for the green transition for a competitive Europe Conference* under the Swedish EU presidency, and to





make a presentation at the *International Observation – Batteries Europe Annual Assembly*.

When making desktop research to produce D6.2, the ALBATTS partners more directly involved with education and training (WP6), had occasional contacts with other sectoral skills blueprints such as the **Next Tourism Generation Alliance**, the **EO4GEO**, the **Skills4Smart and** the **TCLF** projects.

Finally, a pivotal connection was established with the **Automotive Skills Alliance (ASA)** as part of the EU's initiative on the Pact for Skills. This collaboration has notably advanced and strengthened since 2021, with members of both parties committing to the Pact for Skills and the ASA Batteries working group. This commitment is evidenced by the integration of ALBATTS Courses, a significant project output, into the <u>ASA Learning Platform</u>, providing wider accessibility and visibility.



CONCLUSIONS

The ALBATTS communication and dissemination efforts fully achieved the initial strategy goals, despite needing adjustments due to the unexpected impact of COVID-19 at the project's early stage. The primary objective of sharing the key findings of the ALBATTS project at the EU level—providing accurate information on identified skills and job roles, and highlighting the availability of ALBATTS training courses—was successfully met.

The high traffic on the ALBATTS website and the dynamic engagement on the project's social media platforms played a crucial role in this success. Additionally, the good open rates of the newsletters sent over the four years underscore the strong interest in the project's updates.

Furthermore, the 29 events conducted attracting almost 1.700 participants from around the world confirmed the significant interest in the project within the battery ecosystem.

Simultaneously, the ALBATTS project has fostered extensive collaboration and synergy-building within its ecosystem and beyond. From its inception, the project has engaged with various initiatives and projects, and actively contributed to knowledge sharing and dissemination through publications, interviews, and presentations at conferences and assemblies.

The figures and facts demonstrate effective outreach and engagement with the targeted audiences. The positive response reflects the relevance and importance of the project findings, as well as the successful mobilisation of stakeholders within the battery value chain.





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ANNEX 1- SPEAKERS IN ALBATTS WEBINARS AND INTERVIEWS

Invited experts and their biographies at the time of the webinar



Lars Ole Valøen is CTO at Corvus Energy, a leading supplier of batteries and energy storage solutions for the global maritime industry. Lars Ole is a Doctor Engineering in Electrochemistry with more than 25 years of experience within the field.



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Tomas Tengnér is the Global Product Manager Energy Storage at ABB Marine & Ports. He arrived at in ABB Marine & Ports 2017, having previously worked as a scientist in ABB Corporate Research, researching energy storage technologies with focus on Lithium-ion batteries. His research covered aspects from electrical and lifetime modelling and characterization, battery management systems and state estimation, to system integration and integration of energy storage devices with new modular multilevel converter concepts.



Sverre Eriksen is the Senior Principal Engineer at DNVGL, the #1 class society for the global maritime and offshore industry. Sverre holds a Master degree in Electric Power Engineering from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (1991). He joined DNV GL in 2008 and has been responsible for developing the DNV GL class rules for battery-powered ships. He also works on approval of electrical installations on ship and offshore units. Before joining DNV GL he worked with power supplies for telecommunication plants and with railway safety systems.



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Vaclav Binar is the Executive Board Chairman and CEO of MAGNA ENERGY STORAGE a.s., a HE3DA li-ion battery technology producer. He has also held several high-responsibility. He has a Master degree in Finance from the University of Economics Prague.



Katarina Borstedt is Director of Growth at Northvolt. Responsible for the people perspective of Northvolt's growth in Skellefteå. Katarina has a background from management consultant and senior HR roles in the Pulp and Paper industry.



Mikko Saastamoinen is a shift officer in the rescue department of south karelia (team leader). He has 20 years in fire & rescue services and is the main extrication instructor in rescue department of south Karelia and at the Finnish association of fire officers. He is also the Finnish representer in CTIF commission for extrication & new technology (CTIF is international fire& rescue association which has several different commissions). He was awarded the Firefighter of the Year 2020.



Karoliina Meurman is working at the Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes) with market surveillance of products meant for early fire detection and extinguishing small fires, for example smoke alarms, CO alarms and first-aid extinguishing equipment. Lithium-ion battery fires have become familiar to Karoliina when estimating the effect of lithium-ion battery fire extinguishers. Karoliina has also expanded her expertise into bigger battery applications and their fire risks. Karoliina is Master of Science in Technology (chemistry) and has worked as a public authority for 15 years.



Ismael Miranda is currently the manager of the digital energy hub at Efacec, dealing with microgrids and their optimal energy management. He holds a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto, focused on the integration of Battery Storage in distribution networks of interconnected and islanded power systems. Since 2012 with Efacec, Ismael has performed roles related with R&D, from a researcher in Smart Grids and developing the participation of the company in national and European projects, to leading the R&D department of the Energy Storage division.



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Petr Dolejsi is the Mobility & Sustainable Transport Director at ACEA. He started his career in the public service, leaving the Ministry for Regional Development of the Czech Republic to be Head of Unit to the Permanent Representation in Brussels in 2004. He became member of the Presidency team in 2009 chairing the Competitiveness and Growth working party of the Council. In 2010, he joined ACEA and became a Director for Mobility and Sustainable transport, with a specific focus on CO2 policy, industrial policy, and alternative powertrains. He has graduated Ph.D. in Economics and Social



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Sara Hermansson is a Talent Attraction Manager at Northvolt AB. Sara has worked at Northvolt since 2017 when it was still a small start-up of 20 people and has been part of the journey up to 1000 employees and producing their first real battery cells, modules and packs. She has worked as Director of customer projects, technical recruiter and talent attraction manager. Today, she is technical project manager for automotive modules. Before Northvolt, she worked at Scania as Head of hybrid and electric powertrain projects and has an M.Sc. degree in industrial engineering from KTH (The Royal Institute of Technology).



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Sjoerd Zijlstra is experienced in Training with a demonstrated history of working in the professional training & coaching industry. Skilled in Hands-on Training, Coaching, Continuous Improvement, Business Development, and Automotive Engineering. He is the Director of Studies and Training Development at EDUCAM Belgium (a knowledge and training centre for the automotive industry).



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Krzysztof Burda is a co-founder and CEO of the Polish Chamber of E-mobility Development Association. He is a practitioner in the electromobility industry, with a focus on the development of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. He is a co-creator of the *E-mobility now!* program, which involves building real electromobility in local government units, through a number of bottom-up activities (including education, infrastructure, promotion, information) aimed at creating appropriate conditions for the development of electromobility that will be future-proof and suitable for a growing market. He has participated in many congresses, conferences, and working groups aimed at developing the right conditions for electromobility in Poland.



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Daniel Brown is the manager of the Lucas-Nülle Academy (Germany) and is an automotive industry and training and assessment expert with over 20 years' experience spanning across two continents. Founding manager of the completely new LN Academy and responsible for its conception and strategy, he developed the world's first hybrid or electric vehicle skill station currently being used at Worldskills international (Kazan), SkillsUSA and Worldskills Germany. Also, he developed the curriculum used in US automotive programs to cover the ASE L3 certification for hybrid and electric vehicle technician certification. He specialises in electric and hybrid vehicle training for various countries, the different training standards used, and building strategic partnerships for Lucas-Nülle with education partners and certificate awarding organisations from around the world.



Claudia Gamon is an Austrian politician known for her dedication to progressive values and tireless advocacy for youth empowerment and liberal policies. She is a Member of the European Parliament since 2019, where she is full member of the Committee on Industry Research and Energy, and Vice-Chair of the Delegation for Northern cooperation and for relations with Switzerland and Norway and to the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee and the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee.





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Daniel Cios got interested in raw materials markets and policy during his studies in European affairs in 2010. In his research, he took up topic on how the EU could ensure supplies of rare earths. At that time, he did not expect that this academic interest would continue in his future professional career. First, by being a consultant on issues related to supplies of raw materials and performing economic and technological analysis of various innovative projects that gave him an understanding of the industry. Later on, in the European Commission, which he joined in 2018. He is currently in the unit for Energy Intensive Industries and Raw Materials in the Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. His main responsibilities are EU activities on raw materials, particularly for batteries, and the EU Horizon Europe framework programme on R&I in the area of raw materials.



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Johannes Rößner is the founder and managing director of BT Advisor UG, which aims to improve the safety of battery handling. He has over 10 years of experience in the battery industry. He worked at TÜV SÜD in Munich in a battery test laboratory with various functions and was in charge of all kinds of battery tests. In the last 7 years, Johannes worked in Japan and China and was involved in the planning, construction, and operation of battery test labs there. In June 2022, he founded BT Advisor UG after returning from Asia.



Tore Karlsson works as a training coordinator at VUX, which provides adult and higher education in Skelleftea, Sweden. The city has become a growing centre for the European battery industry with the increasing need for battery-skilled employees. Mr. Karlsson's role is to function as a hub between VUX, as an education provider, and the companies in their region. Before his current position, he worked as an automation technician in the manufacturing industry and later as a vocational teacher in the same field.



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Gilles Moreau is the Co-founder and Chief Open Innovation & Sustainability Officer at Verkor. He is a former project manager at the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission, known as CEA, where he worked on various Lithium-ion battery projects at national and European level. Previously, he was an expert in fuel cells at 3M and Renault. He is co-founder of Verkor, today in charge of Innovation and Sustainable Development and the initiator of the Battery School project.



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In 1999, she joined Ceemet as a social affairs advisor. After nearly eight years in Brussels, Delphine Rudelli returned to Paris as the Head of UIMM's European affairs department where she would eventually become the Director of the European and International affairs Department.



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Felix Rohn became a civil servant in the European Commission in 1998. He worked in the policy fields enterprise, higher education, vocational education & training before he changed to skills and qualifications. Today in charge of the *Blueprint for sectoral cooperation on skills* and working in the *Pact for Skills* team, he is the interface between his skills and qualifications unit in DG Employment and sectoral units in other DGs in the Commission.

Moderators, interviewers and ALBATTS project presenters



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