

# Watt4Ever

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**WATT4EVER** BATTERIES FOR LIFE The future of the battery is circular. We help you power it.





- What we do
- Post-vehicle EV battery
  management
- Manufacture of new battery systems

- Facts about Watt4Ever
- Founded in 2020
- Based in Brussels and Flanders
- Team of 12 people
- Growth of 150%/year
- Exports to 9 EU countries and the US
- 75% of 2023 turnover in exports





- Already profitable
- Best-in-class in battery sourcing
- Participating in 4 Horizon EU projects
- Top-tier reference clients
- Supported by strong & profitable partners
- Recognized & awarded brand





# Our solution: reuse EV batteries

Battery Energy Storage Systems for C&I (BESS)

 → store green energy, provide backup, make money by helping the electricity operator

Tested & certified EV battery modules

• → Stationary, e-mobility applications

All our systems require 85% less CO<sub>2</sub> to be made, and 100% less critical raw materials





# Our BESS products



#### Model C battery packs

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- Very high energy density
- Highly modular, stackable up to 14 packs
- The small size and weight can fit in many difficult places



#### HV battery cabinets

- Very high energy density
- Competitive cost (up to 30% cheaper)
- Interior and exterior design, highly modular



#### **Battery containers**

- Tailor-made design, size, capacity and power
- Tailor-made for energy flexibility applications
- Competitive cost (up to 30%

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## W4E's business model



## Value creation in numbers

**Upstream process: EoL battery management** Downstream process: new BESS manufacturing Testing, dismantling & 5x turnover from **3x less** take-over of producer **3x lower battery** selling a complete handling costs responsibility allow to module acquisition BESS instead of a transform a cost to a **cost** to build BESS's for EoL batteries battery module revenue **Innovation &** 2x less costs product for EoL battery differentiation storage potential

## Extended life cycle of a battery



## Sorting for reuse/repurposing/recycling



# Sourcing



...and yet, mass arrival of EV batteries is a challenge as well as an opportunity



### A challenge...

Need for services to ensure sustainability (repair/reuse/recycle)



#### And an opportunity

Need for batteries to ensure integration of renewables into the system





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## Repurposing use-cases



## Recovery of non-battery materials



Source: www.rolandberger.com: Everbatt model





# What do energy consumers gain from second-life batteries?



## Recovery of battery materials through pyrometallurgy



### Recovery of battery materials through hydrometallurgy



In practice, not all fractions are currently recovered



## **Reuse VS Recycling**

Like in all circular economy models, reuse is preferrable than direct recycling.

However, for this to have an economic interest, a number of factors need to gather: 1) Regulatory framework & standards

- 2) Access to information
- 3) Consideration of supply chain emissions in product characterization

New EU Battery Regulation a great step in this direction! Now needs to be rightly implemented





# Business models for second-life batteries

# Existing business cases for BESS

Business case	Description	Performance in 2022	Challenges	Perspectives
1.Grid services	Use large-scale BESS to provide balancing services to grid operator.	3-8 years ROI	Market volatility, highly technical product.	Unknown due to high market volatility. Grid grows more unstable due to reneawables but forecasts go both ways.
2.Replace diesel gensets & UPS as backup	Use li-ion battery instead of diesel genset & lead- acid UPS for backup	20% lower TCO than alternative	Safety design features, high cost.	Improving due to raising of awareness.
3.Reducing consumption peaks (also for EV chargers)	Reduce a building's consumption peaks by discharging the battery.	9-12 years ROI	High cost, low power prices.	Improving due to grid operator's policy to shift levies from energy to power.
4.Storing PV-produced energy	Increase a building's consumption of own- produced energy by storing.	9-12 years ROI	High cost, low energy prices	Quickly improving due to rapid increase of energy prices and state incentives.
5.Energy arbitrage	Store energy from the grid in low price hours, to consume in high price hours	No return on investment	High costs	Improving due to increasing intermittence of renewable production.

# Evolution of business models for energy storage in general

According to our market research, energy storage business models will greatly evolve in time in function of the reduction of its cost. As costs reduce, storage will jump from « niche » applications, to applications with much larget markets, such as energy arbitrage.



# Watt4Ever in the press

#### Kanaal Z

- Agoria: "Re2LiVe-paneldebat over uitdagingen en kansen van afgedankte batterijen uit elektrische voertuigen"
- FEB/VBO: "Watt4Ever, gagnant des prestigieux Belgian Business Awards for the Environment"
- <u>Trends</u>: "Watt4Ever wint Belgian Business Award for the Environment"
- Vlaamse Ondernemers: "De energieopslagplaats van de toekomst: een gerecycleerde autobatterij"
- LN24: "La Belgique se relance, la transition économique en Flandre"
- <u>Auto Recycling World</u>: Watt4Ever wins the golden environmental BBAE award 2022 from the VBO-





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Des systèmes de stockage d'énergie pour remplacer les batteries domestiques