

RESourceEU Action Plan

The RESourceEU Action Plan accelerates the objectives of the EU raw materials strategy, preserves and expands EU production of primary and secondary critical raw materials (CRM). It strengthens the EU's resilience against supply disruptions and charts a path towards a faster diversification of CRMs supply chains.

The Action Plan will support in particular Strategic Projects and other relevant projects **ready to reduce dependency by up to 50% by 2029 for the battery, rare earths and defence raw materials value chain**, given their strategic importance for the energy and digital transitions and defence security.

ESTIMATED BENEFITS FOR STRATEGIC VALUE CHAINS

The REE value chain

Dependency on single 3rd country 2025*

Projected dependency on single 3rd country in 2030 with implemented projects*

REE extraction	95%	42%
Rare earth processing/recycling	100%	60%
Permanent magnets	90%	80%

Space and defence raw materials

Tungsten	31%	26%
Gallium	71%	17%
Germanium	45%	0%

Battery raw materials

Cobalt	63%	44%
Graphite	41%	25%
Lithium	89%	64%
Manganese	41%	30%
Nickel	29%	26%

*Source: European Commission

PROMOTE CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS PROJECTS: DE-RISKING INVESTMENTS AND FAST-TRACK PERMITTING

The Commission will strengthen financing and support faster implementation of Strategic Projects through:

A new Financing Hub

De-risk investments and coordinate different sources of funding

Mobilise close to **EUR 3 billion** over next 12 months

CRM FINANCING HUB:

- InvestEU guarantees
- Innovation Fund financing
- Battery Booster Initiative
- European Defence Industry Programme
- Global Gateway

TEAM EUROPE IN ACTION:

maximising EU-level support with different streams of funding.

Leveraging national and regional funding

Through Cohesion funds, EU STEP, national defence funding and IPCEIs

Further simplifying permitting

Propose adjustments to the EU regulatory framework on permitting

Additional measures to enhance materials circularity and innovative solutions for substitution



Introduce measures on the export of scraps and waste of permanent magnets and aluminium scrap, potentially also copper scrap to support recycling in Europe.



Streamline legislation on e-waste and waste shipment, and support research and innovation for substitution.

PROTECT EU INDUSTRY FROM GEOPOLITICAL AND PRICE SHOCKS

Close market monitoring, and coordinated efforts on joint purchasing and stockpiling will shield European businesses from external volatilities:

Critical Raw Materials Centre

To promote diversification, project development, and the resilience of the EU CRM value chain by managing dedicated tools and price support mechanisms

Raw Materials Mechanism

To aggregate demand through matchmaking and connect buyers, investors & stockpiling services

Stockpiling Pilot

To coordinate on stockpiling for better preparedness and response to potential supply chain disruptions

The Commission will also:

- **Incentivise large companies to undertake CRM stress tests & mitigating measures**
- **Safeguard the EU's supply chains from foreign interference by:**
 - Restricting participation of Chinese & Chinese controlled entities in HorizonEU CRM Work Programme
 - Strengthening controls and setting conditions for foreign direct investments
 - Deploying a robust policy approach, incl. trade instruments, to address potential non-market practices, e.g. price manipulation

PARTNER WITH LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES FOR STRONG AND DIVERSIFIED SUPPLY CHAINS

Through a Team Europe approach, the Commission will further operationalise the already existing 15 Strategic Partnerships by accelerating support to projects in third countries through technical assistance, guarantees and blending instruments, while expanding efforts in raw materials diplomacy.

15 existing partnerships

Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Greenland, Kazakhstan, Namibia, Norway, Rwanda, Serbia, South Africa, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zambia.

New international engagements

- Launch negotiations on a CRM partnership with Brazil
- Better integrate CRM value chains with Ukraine and the Western Balkans
- Enhance cooperation with Southern Neighbourhood (Action Plan of the Pact for the Mediterranean)
- Leverage the G7 Critical Minerals Production Alliance
- Support diversification at G20 level (G20 Critical Minerals Framework)
- Pursue win-win investment projects under Global Gateway with emerging markets and developing economies