

Agenda

Raw Materials Security of Europe Conference

12th September 2022

10:00 – 15:30

Streamed pan-European conference within CZ PRES

Venue: **The [KCP Vyšehrad campus](#)**

Meeting language: **English**

Moderators: **Ms Veronika Sochorová, Mr Mark Rachovides**



09:30 – 10:00 *Registration of participants, Welcome coffee*

10:00 – 11:15 Session I

Welcome speech by H.E. Mr Jozef Síkela,
Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic

Keynote speech by Mr Maroš Šefčovič,
Vice-President of the EC, Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight

Keynote speech by Mr Thierry Breton,
EC Commissioner, Internal Market

Keynote speech by H.E. Agnès Pannier-Runacher,
Minister for Energy Transition of France

European mining – a key enabler of the green and digital transition by Mr Jan Moström,
LKAB, President and CEO

Cínovec lithium extraction and processing project by Mr Pavel Cyrani,
ČEZ Group, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors

Developing a Secure European Supply of High Purity Manganese for the EV Battery Market by
Mr Matthew James,
Euro Manganese Inc., President and CEO

Short intervention by Mr Ruslan Strilets,
Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Concluding remarks of the first session: by **Mr Maroš Šefčovič,** by **H.E. Mr Jozef Síkela**

11:15 Conference Photography

11:15 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:30 Session II

Experience of overseas partners by Mr Hiroshi Shimotori,
Executive Vice President, Member of Board, Metals Strategy & Exploration JOGMEC, Japan

EU Raw Materials Initiative by Mr Joaquim Nunes de Almeida,
Director, Ecosystems IV: Mobility & Energy Intensive Industries, DG GROW, European Commission

The role and activities of EIT Raw Materials in Central Europe and Western Balkan, by Mr Bernd Schäfer,
CEO EIT Raw Materials

The role of Ukraine in European raw material security, by Mr Ruslan Strilets,
Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Strengthening the continent's raw material self-sufficiency - the need for geological exploration of the deeper parts of the Earth's crust by Mr Zdeněk Venera,
Director of the Czech Geological Survey

Ensuring public acceptance - The role of education and best practice by Ms Armida Torreggiani,
Senior Researcher at the National Research Council of Italy (C.N.R.) and the Project Coordinator of Raw Matters Ambassadors at Schools

Questions and Answers
moderated by **Mr Mark Rachovides,** President of Euromines

13:30 – 14:00 Coffee Break

14:00 – 15:30 Session III

Opportunities to strengthen the continent's raw material security

Without raw material supply, no further industrial development of EU Member States is possible

Opening presentation:

Metals for Clean Energy: Pathways to solving Europe's raw materials challenge by **Mr Chris Heron**,

Communication & Public Affairs Director Eurometaux

Discussion block moderated by **Mr Mark Rachovides**, President of Euromines

Short statements by individual participants from EU and non-EU countries

"One country – one speaker"

16:00 Late Lunch in Holiday Inn Hotel

Hosted by the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade

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Accompanying programme

Participation on request

Departure from Prague at 08.00

Optional site visits:

1. [Czech Garnet Turnov](#) – The traditional and largest producer of Bohemian garnets and original jewellery.

Afternoon – **Turnov sightseeing**

Turnov is a traditional centre for gemstone polishing, glass craftsmanship and arts. Turnov lies near the Bohemian Paradise Protected Landscape Area.



2. [Sedlec kaolin Božíčany](#) – A unique kaolin deposit which serves as an international quality indicator.

Afternoon – **Karlovy Vary sightseeing**

Karlovy Vary is a spa city with numerous hot springs. It is the largest spa complex in Europe. In 2021, the city became part of the transnational UNESCO World Heritage Site under the name "Great Spa Towns of Europe" because of its spas and architecture from the 18th through 20th centuries.



3. [Sklopísek Střeleč Újezd pod Troskami](#) – High-quality glass sand producer, one of the largest producers and suppliers in Central Europe.

Afternoon – **Jičín sightseeing**

The historic town centre of Jičín is well preserved and is protected by law as an urban monument reservation.

The town's history is connected with Albrecht von Wallenstein who rebuilt the town, and many sights bear his name.



- 10:00 – 12:00 Site visits
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:30 Sightseeing visit: **Turnov** or **Karlovy Vary** or **Jičín**
- **18:00 – 19:00** Returning to Prague