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Europe expands critical raw materials strategy with global strategic projects

Brussels, 04 June 2025 – The European Union has today taken a further step toward securing its industrial resilience by announcing the list of [13 non-EU strategic projects](#) under the Critical Raw Materials Act. This complements the recent designation of [47 EU-based projects](#) and underscores the need for a globally coordinated response to raw materials supply risks.

These non-EU projects will be key to strengthening Europe's access to responsibly sourced raw materials critical for the green transition, digital technologies, and defence readiness. By building resilient and diversified value chains through trusted international partnerships, the EU is reaffirming its commitment to reducing dependencies and strengthening strategic autonomy.

"This global approach reflects the reality of modern industry," said Rolf Kuby, Director General of Euromines. "Europe cannot build its clean energy and tech ambitions on fragile foundations. We must match our environmental and social standards abroad with real investments, coordinated industrial policy, and long-term diplomatic engagement."

Euromines notes the expansion of the Strategic Projects framework beyond EU borders and calls on policymakers to follow through with targeted instruments capable of turning ambition into tangible results. These include streamlined permitting procedures, investment guarantees, and infrastructure support—both within the EU and in partner countries. A unified and proactive approach is essential for the EU to establish secure, responsible, and future-proof raw material supply chains that underpin its industrial strategy.

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