

Press Release

Strengthening the backbone of Europe: Second wave of strategic projects announced under the CRMA

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Following today's [announcement](#) of the results for the second call for Strategic Projects in the European Union under the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), Euromines welcomes this key expansion of the EU's raw materials roadmap. This selection marks a continued and necessary commitment to fostering a resilient, secure, and sustainable supply of the minerals essential for Europe's green, digital, and defence transitions.

The newly designated strategic projects ([LIST](#)) aim to further stabilise and consolidate Europe's industrial supply chains by championing responsible mining, processing, and recycling. This second wave also reinforces the European bloc's objective of reducing strategic dependencies and enhancing economic autonomy in an increasingly volatile global landscape.

"The path to European autonomy is paved with critical minerals. To secure our future, we must match our environmental ambitions with a practical commitment to domestic production and streamlined investment," commented Rolf Kuby, Euromines Director General.

With the publication of this updated list, Euromines continues to advocate for:

- **Faster permitting:** calling on Member States to streamline and speed up approval procedures.
- **Policy coherence:** abolish inconsistent rules and promote legislation that strengthens and supports a resilient Europe.
- **Domestic investments:** policies that actively support investment in European raw material production and extraction technologies.
- **Shared commitment:** engaging all stakeholders to ensure these projects deliver on their promise.

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