

EU Energy and Raw Materials Platform

 Hydrogen |  Raw Materials |  Gas

The European Commission recently launched the **EU Energy and Raw Materials Platform** to empower **EU companies** in sourcing **energy products and raw materials**, contributing to competitiveness, decarbonisation, and diversification. It consists of **several mechanisms** targeting specific strategic products and commodities.



The **Hydrogen Mechanism** accelerates the market creation of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen, ammonia, methanol and eSAF in support of decarbonisation of hard-to-abate industry and transport sectors.



The **Raw Materials Mechanism** helps secure strategic raw materials for Europe's competitiveness by supporting business cases of strategic projects and strengthening resilience of supply chains.



The **Gas Mechanism** supports security of supply and competitive decarbonisation in the EU through new opportunities for biomethane and access to competitively priced natural gas and LNG from global markets.

FOCUS ON THE RAW MATERIALS MECHANISM

Mechanism to support the resilience and competitiveness of European raw materials value chains

The **Raw Materials Mechanism** addresses a major challenge of the European industry: the secure and sustainable supply of strategic raw materials.

The mechanism aims to support industry in finding immediate options to diversify supply chains and to support the development of new strategic raw materials projects. It provides a structured platform connecting **industrial off-takers** with **global suppliers**, **financial institutions** and **storage solutions**, while enabling **demand aggregation** and **joint purchasing**.

The mechanism covers all **17 Strategic Raw Materials under the Critical Raw Materials Act** broken down into **more than 150 individual products**.

It delivers four main services:

1

Connecting existing and future raw materials demand and supply

2

Supporting strategic raw materials project development

3

Collecting interest in demand aggregation, joint purchasing, and storage solutions

4

Connecting with financial support and investors

The **Raw Materials Mechanism** will allow registered companies to gain **access to EU-facilitated matchmaking**, demand aggregation and stockpiling service offers, as well as to financial partners and investors, with the aim of facilitating the strategic deals and partnerships that will define Europe's industrial landscape.

By participating in the mechanism, **companies will benefit from** visibility to suppliers, options to diversify their supply chain, and the opportunity to secure critical materials.

Registration is free, non-binding, and strategically essential.

WHO CAN REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE?

Companies that **produce** or **consume** strategic raw materials, provide **storage services**, as well as **financial institutions** interested in financing raw materials projects can register to perform the following activities:

European off-takers

1. Find suppliers for any of the 17 Strategic Raw Materials under the Critical Raw Materials Act
2. Aggregate demand with other European off-takers and cooperate to leverage the size of the Union's market
3. Access global supplies from both European and international players
4. Find stockpiling service providers

European and global suppliers

1. Engage with off-takers from all over Europe
2. Engage with financial institutions to develop production projects
3. Publish investment projects and find co-development partners

For financial institutions

1. Display financial products to off-takers and suppliers
2. Consult matches of demand and supply (subject to participants' consent)
3. Engage with potential clients to support their projects

For strategic raw materials projects

1. Find potential off-takers
2. Access higher volume of demand thanks to aggregation
3. Connect with financial institutions
4. Find co-development partners

BENEFITS – WHY REGISTER NOW

1. **Secure supply chains:** gain access to global suppliers in diversified geographies and stockpiling service providers.
2. **Reduce costs through demand aggregation and joint purchasing:** especially SMEs can strengthen their negotiating power and unlock new supply opportunities.
3. **Access off-takers and financing to support project development:** shorten the path to final investment decision, by finding the right partners for your project.

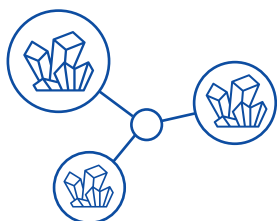
WHAT TO EXPECT

The Raw Materials Mechanism operates in rounds, i.e. structured, time-bound matchmaking cycles. All rounds are planned and organised by the European Commission.

The Mechanism services are operationalised through different types of rounds. There are three types of rounds:

- **Diversification rounds:** connect European demand with available supply, helping to identify immediate diversification opportunities and opportunities to cooperate with other off-takers through demand aggregation. European off-takers initiate these rounds by expressing their demand, to which suppliers can respond.
- **Project development rounds:** support raw materials projects development by linking them with potential commercial and financial partners. Suppliers initiate these rounds by submitting their supply offers, while off-takers signal their demand in a second step.
- **Storage rounds:** support European industry in building up their stockpiles by connecting them to storage providers. European off-takers initiate these rounds by expressing their demand, to which storage suppliers can respond.

Together, the rounds form a step-by-step process to strengthen the resilience of EU raw materials supply chains.



Diversification rounds:

European off-takers can demand raw materials for the immediate diversification of their supply chains.



Project development rounds

Any strategic project or raw materials projects established in the EU will be able to find commercial partners.



Storage/Stockpiling

European off-takers will be able to connect with storage providers in order to manage their own stocks.

In addition to the rounds, the Mechanism will also offer additional opportunities devoted to (1) joint procurement through **central buyer services**, (2) creation of **investment consortia**, and (3) connection with **financial and co-development partners**.

LAUNCH OF THE FIRST DIVERSIFICATION ROUND

As announced in RESourceEU, the **first round will be a diversification round**, focusing on rare earths, battery, and defence raw materials. It will be open to strategic raw materials buyers in the EU and focus on suppliers from the EU, the European Economic Area, Overseas Countries and Territories, and strategic partnership countries.

The first round will take place in **March 2026**; the exact date will be announced soon.

NEXT STEPS

All eligible interested stakeholders can subscribe to the newsletter to stay informed about the activities of the Raw Materials Mechanism.

- ▶ Register early to ensure timely validation [➔ REGISTER HERE](#)
- ▶ Participate in the rounds

For interested stakeholders

- ▶ Subscribe to EU Energy and Raw Materials Platform newsletter [➔ SUBSCRIBE HERE](#)

[➔ VISIT THE PLATFORM](#)