

EUROMINES STANDS FOR SUSTAINABLE MINING IN EUROPE FOR EUROPE

Euromines members agree that high performance in supplying the raw materials Europe needs is the basis for a sustainable future.

Euromines supports the Paris Agreement and the EU climate target of net-zero emissions by 2050. To reach this goal, sustainable and resilient European value chains are necessary, firmly based on sustainably mined raw materials. To promote a **fair and sustainable development** **Euromines members support the EU principles for sustainable raw materials supply (published 6th September 2021).**

Euromines underlines that the demand for raw materials will grow the more our society increases sustainability in living, working and producing toward climate neutrality by 2050. **Ambitious climate targets increase demand for metals and minerals for climate technologies such as renewable energy and e-mobility** - up to six times overall and up to 42 times for individual metals and minerals, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA¹). Recycling is important and a natural part of a sustainable future but will not be enough. Maximized recycling only reduces demand for primary metals by about 15-30 % by 2050, according to the World Bank².

With this in mind, it is of utmost importance that our underlying raw materials base is sustainable. The European mining industry is committed to deliver this already but also requires appropriate framework conditions to ensure security of supply for raw materials in and for Europe.

Euromines Members are engaged to secure a sustainable and verifiable supply of raw materials and champion the EU principles for sustainable raw materials supply.

To guarantee high social and environmental performance by our industry **and at the same time protect the competitiveness of European companies** it needs to be ensured that **operators with poor sustainability performance do not undermine the competitiveness of responsible European mining operators.** To achieve this, trade criteria need to be developed to prevent “sustainability leakage” outside of the EU / EEA.

¹ IEA World Energy Outlook Special Report (2021) – The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions

² World Bank Group (2020) Minerals for Climate Action – The Mineral Intensity of the Clean Energy Transition

Euromines Members endorse:

Climate protection

- Support the EU Green Deal goals by collaborating towards carbon-neutral processes and products by 2050
- Work towards decarbonisation of materials through efficient transformation based on life-cycle-assessments

Biodiversity & environmental protection

- Minimizing impacts on the environment
- Minimizing pollution to water, air and soil
- Modern biodiversity management with the objective to optimally contribute to biodiversity from a regional perspective
- Responsible tailings - and hazardous waste management
- Responsible rehabilitation of mining sites

Social responsibility

- Work in a committed way with health and safety to minimize fatalities and accidents according to “Vision Zero”
- Respect human rights and labour standards
- Promote diversity in our companies
- Contribute to the positive development of host communities
- Due and proper consideration of local communities
- Apply responsible supply chain management

Raw materials extracted in Europe in compliance with generally accepted standards represent - in a global comparison - a significant contribution to sustainability and security of supply for Europe.