'Raw Materials in Focus: European Initiatives, Partnerships and Opportunities"
10 December 2026, online

NCP4Industry Plus will host a public webinar on critical raw materials on 10 December 2026, from 10:00 to 11:30 CET.

The webinar aims to help participants understand the EU Critical Raw Materials Act and identify opportunities for research, innovation and collaboration in the raw materials sector. Ms Federica Miccoli from the European Commission will present the Act and its policy context. Dr Ann Maudsley will introduce the RAMP initiative and explain how stakeholders can engage with it.

The programme also includes an introduction to EIT RawMaterials, a Knowledge and Innovation Community of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). EIT RawMaterials brings together industry, research organisations and universities to support innovation, education and business creation across the raw materials value chain. Its work focuses on securing raw materials supply, advancing recycling and circularity, and developing new materials solutions.

The event is open to companies, SMEs, start-ups, research organisations, universities, National Contact Points (NCPs) and other stakeholders interested in critical raw materials. It will help participants connect EU policy priorities with opportunities for collaboration and funding, while also giving NCPs information they can use to guide applicants towards initiatives that complement Horizon Europe Cluster 4.

Event moderator: Martin Krug (CVTI SR & NCP4Industry Plus)

Draft Agenda

10:00 – 10:05	**Welcome from the moderator** • *Martin Krug (CVTI SR & NCP4Industry Plus)*
10:05 – 10:15	**Presentation of the NCP4Industry Plus project** • *Deividas Petrulevičius (Research Council of Lithuania & NCP4Industry Plus)*
10:15 – 10:30	**Presentation of the Critical Raw Materials Act** • *Federica Miccoli (Policy Officer, Raw Materials Unit, DG GROW, European Commission)*
10:30 – 10:45	**Presentation of the Raw Materials Partnership for the Green and Digital Transition (RAMP)** • *Dr Ann Maudsley (Horizon Europe Swedish National Contact Point & RAMP Coordination Team, Vinnova, Sweden)*

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10:45 – 11:00	**Presentation of the EIT RawMaterials – Opportunities for Innovation and Collaboration** • *Dr Krzysztof Maranski (Business Development Manager - BD & Sales - East & South at EIT RawMaterials)*
11:00 – 11:25	**Open Discussion (Q&A session)** • *All the participants*
11:25 – 11:30	**Closing remarks** • *Martin Krug (CVTI SR & NCP4Industry Plus)*

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About NCP4Industry Plus

The NCP4Industry Plus network of National Contact Points is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe Cluster 4 – Industry. The network includes 18 NCP' hosting organisations established in European Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries, with the aim to set the basis of equal and consistent NCPs' services to the industry sector, by fostering the circulation of knowledge, good practices and available opportunities in Horizon Europe among industrial research and innovation communities (e.g. small and medium enterprises (SMEs), large enterprises, academia, research organisations, non-profit organisations, public administrations, and consultancies). For more information: https://ncp4industry.eu/

About Critical Raw Materials

Critical raw materials are materials of high economic importance that face a significant risk of supply disruption. They are essential to industries such as renewable energy, electronics, aerospace and defence. Lithium, for example, is used in batteries, while rare earth elements are used in permanent magnets for wind turbines and electric motors. The EU Critical Raw Materials Act aims to secure a reliable and sustainable supply by diversifying sources and strengthening Europe's capacity to extract, process and recycle these materials. For companies, universities and research organisations, these priorities create opportunities to collaborate on resource-efficient production, recycling technologies and alternatives to materials that are difficult to source.

About RAMP – Raw Materials Partnership for the Green and Digital Transition

RAMP (Raw Materials Partnership for the Green and Digital Transition) is a European partnership initiative focused on strengthening research and innovation cooperation across the raw materials value chain. It connects stakeholders and supports the development of shared priorities for a sustainable, resilient and competitive European raw materials sector. More information: https://ramprawmaterials.eu/article/about-ramp

About the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), an independent body of the European Union, aims to strengthen Europe's ability to innovate by bringing together leading organisations from business, education, and research. At the heart of the EIT are its Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), which address major societal and economic challenges in areas such as climate, digitalisation, energy, raw materials, urban mobility, health, food, manufacturing, and culture and creativity.

EIT activities support innovation, entrepreneurship, skills development, and the creation and growth of innovative companies across Europe. Through its KICs, the EIT connects universities, research organisations, businesses, start-ups, investors, and other innovation actors, while providing access to funding opportunities, acceleration programmes, education, expertise, and international networks. These activities complement Horizon Europe and other European initiatives, helping transform innovative ideas into products, services, and successful businesses. All information about the European Institute of Innovation and Technology can be found on the EIT website.

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