



# EU policy on Raw Materials and R&I

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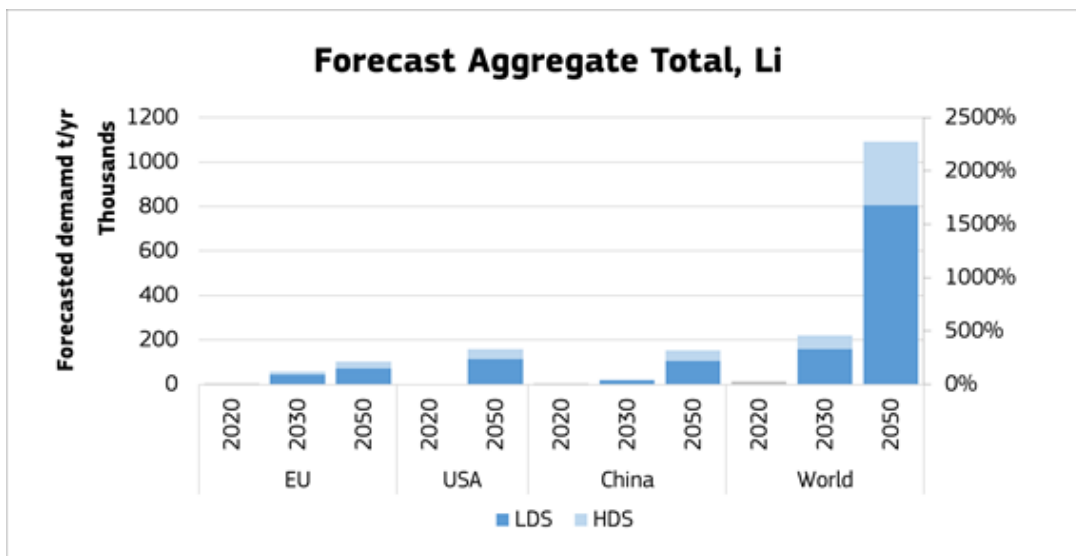
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# Critical raw materials (CRMs) and the EU economy

- Driven by the **twin transition** and defence needs, significant **growth in CRM demand**, with risk of global supply/demand imbalance



*Demand forecasts aggregated for lithium (2023 Foresight Report)*

Lithium demand for batteries in the EU is expected to **grow by 12 times by 2030** and **by 21 times by 2050**.

- EU is heavily dependent on third country supply for CRMs that are key for strategic technologies
- Strategic dependencies and risk of supply chain disruption

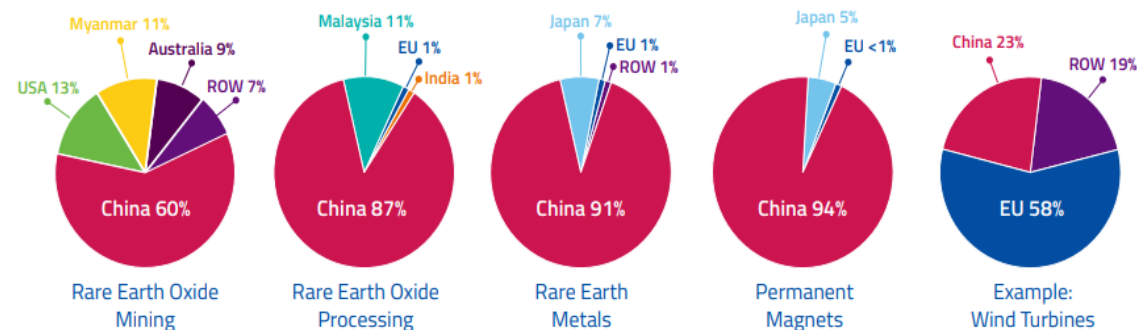
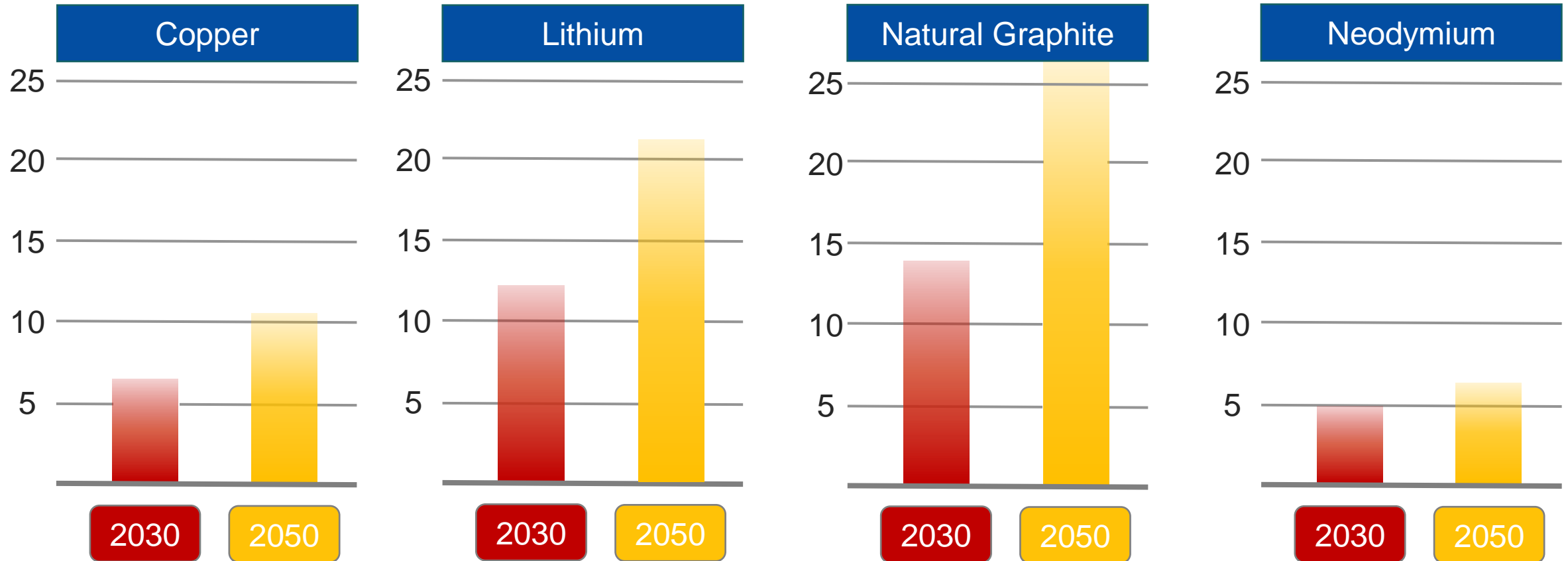


Fig. 3: From rare earths mining to wind turbine manufacturing: estimated market shares in 2019. Sources: Team analysis and Roskill 2018; Adamas Intelligence 2019; Peteves 2017; Carrara et al. 2020; IEA 2021; USGS 2021.

*Source: European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA)*

# The demand for raw materials will increase



**Source:**  
*Supply chain analysis and material demand forecast in strategic technologies and sectors in the EU – A foresight study*, Joint Research Centre, European Commission, 2023

# European Critical Raw Materials Act

**Ensuring a secure and sustainable supply  
of critical raw materials for the Union**



**Strengthen all stages of the  
European CRM value chain**

**Improve EU capacity to monitor  
and mitigate risks of disruption to  
CRM supply**



**Diversify EU CRM imports to reduce  
strategic dependencies**

**Improve CRM circularity  
and sustainability**



# I. Setting priorities

## Defining critical and strategic raw materials

### CRM

Whole EU economy, based on :

- supply risk
- economic importance

### SRM

SRM are a subset of CRM:

- Key for strategic technologies (twin transition, defence and space)
- Forecast demand risks outstripping supply

## 2030 benchmarks

### Towards more SRM supply security

- EU's **extraction** capacity cover at least **10%** of the EU's SRM consumption
- EU's **processing** capacity cover at least **40%** of the EU's SRM consumption
- EU's **recycling** capacity cover at least **15%** of the EU's SRM consumption

### Towards more diversification of supply

- Not more than **65%** of EU consumption of each SRM should come from a single third country.

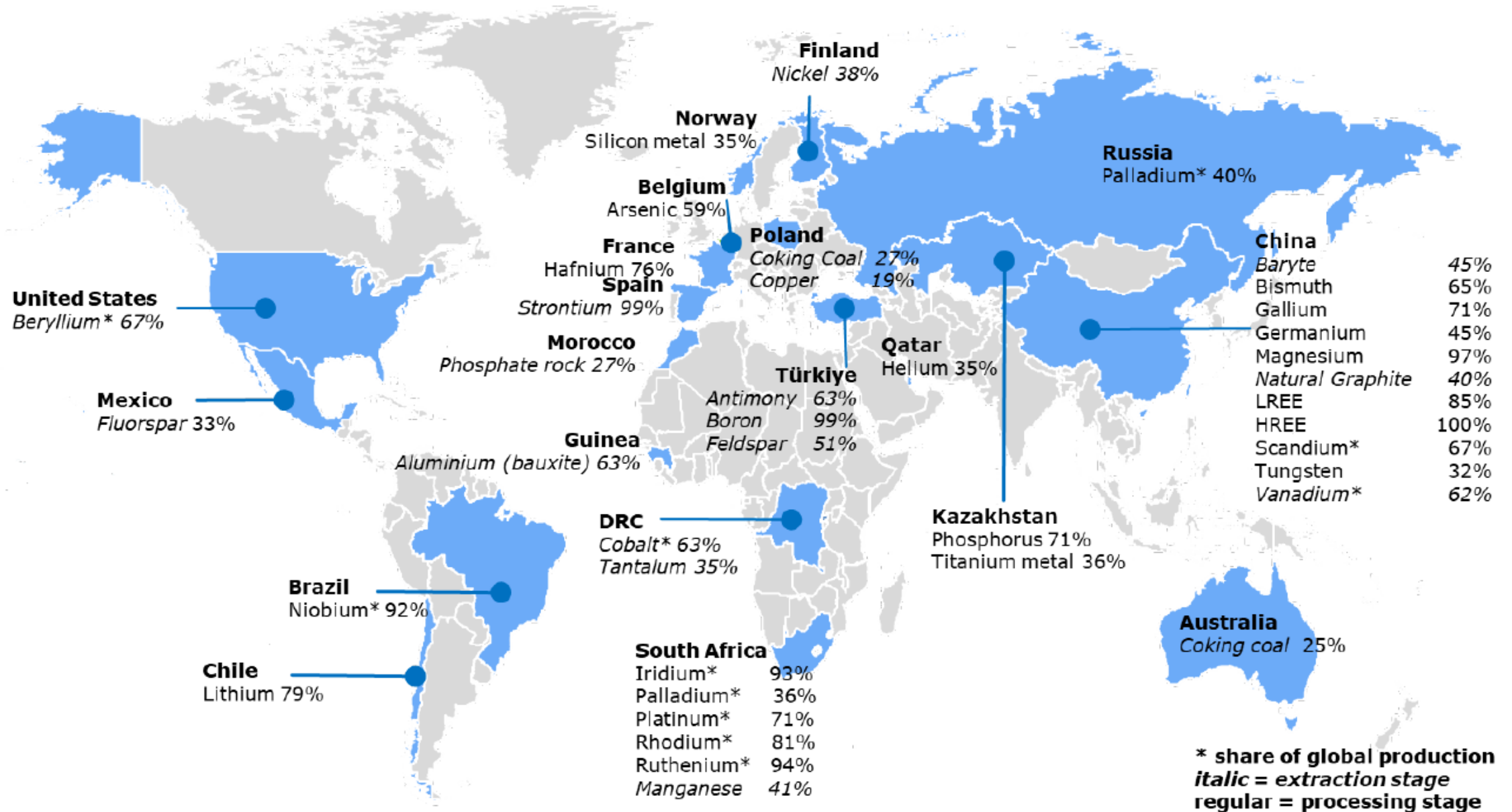
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Bismuth	Lithium	Tantalum	Manganese
Boron	Magnesium	Titanium	Nickel
Cobalt	Natural Graphite	Tungsten	<del>Indium</del>
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# Figure D: Major EU suppliers of CRMs



Source: European Commission, Study on the Critical Raw Materials for the EU 2023 – Final Report



# II. Strengthening the value chain

## Strategic Projects

Across the whole SRM value chain: extraction – processing - recycling

Selected by the Commission with advice from the Board based on

- Contribution to security of supply
- Sustainability
- Technical feasibility
- Cross-border benefits in EU/ Economic and social benefits in third countries

## Benefits

- **Priority Status** in national and EU law: for administrative and judicial procedures
- **One-stop-shop approach**
- **Permitting - Legal time-frames**
  - Extraction: 24 months
  - Processing & Recycling: 12 months
- Provisions to facilitate and timely deliver **environmental assessments and authorisations without weakening environmental and social protection**
- **Enabling conditions to implement Strategic Projects**
  - The Critical Raw Materials Board provides coordination and advice to secure remaining financing
  - Provisions to facilitate the conclusion of off-take agreements

## One-stop-shops

Member States shall designate one national authority to facilitate and coordinate the permit-granting process

# III. Risk monitoring and mitigation

- Monitor **supply risks** of CRM
- **Stress tests** by the Commission with Member States
- Alerts to MS/relevant authorities in case of risk
- **Company risk preparedness**
- **Strategic stockpiling**: information gathering and coordination
- Voluntary joint purchasing

# IV. Ensuring the free movement of CRMs with a high level of environmental protection

## CIRCULARITY

- **National measures on CRMs circularity**
- Maximising potential from (closed) **extractive waste facilities**
- Preparing the ground for massive recycling of **permanent magnets**

## SUSTAINABLE CHOICES

- Recognition of **certification schemes** on the sustainability of CRMs
- Empowerment to set, at a later stage, information requirements on **the environmental footprint** of CRMs placed in the EU market

# Governance

## CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS BOARD

The Board has an **advisory role** supporting the Commission in the implementation of the different actions proposed in the Act.

### COMPOSITION

Chaired by the European Commission

Composed by Member States and the Commission

Representatives from the EP as observers

### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Board also discusses **Strategic Partnerships** of the Union with third countries that cover raw materials and ensures their coordination with other international fora and initiatives.

# Links

- [CRM Act Press Release](#)
- [CRM Act \(Draft Regulation\)](#)
- [CRM Act \(Communication\)](#)
- [2023 JRC Foresight Study](#)
- [2023 Study on CRMs for the EU](#)
- [CRM Factsheets](#)

# Raw Materials in Horizon Europe (2021-2027)

**1<sup>st</sup> Work Programme  
2021-2022**

**~ EUR 300 mln budget**

**6 topics in 2021**

**EUR 159.5 mln**

**7 topics in 2022**

**EUR 130.2 mln**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Work Programme  
2023-2024**

**~ EUR 250 mln budget**

**6 topics in 2023**

**EUR 118 mln**

**Opening: 1 Dec 2022  
Deadline: 20 Apr 2023**

**5 topics in 2024**

**EUR 91,2 mln**

**Opening: 19 Sep 2023  
Deadline: 7 Feb 2024**

# Raw Materials calls for 2024 in Cluster 4

**5 topics in 2024**

**EUR 92 mln**

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- **HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-01: Exploration of critical raw materials in deep land deposits (RIA)**
- **HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-04: Technologies for processing and refining of critical raw materials (IA)**
- **HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-08: Rare Earth and magnets innovation hubs (IA)**
- **HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-10: Addressing due diligence requirements in raw materials supply chains (CSA)**
- **HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01-11: Technologies for extraction and processing of critical raw materials (IA)**