

# Raw materials for economic growth

## Towards a sustainable policy

### Stakeholder Workshop

An event organised by *Fondation EurActiv*  
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**12 noon – 2pm**

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EU institutions are striving to ensure that industries get better access to raw materials, as competition for access to commodities such as rare metals becomes fiercer with globalisation.

A European raw materials strategy, to be fleshed out later this year, should aim to improve access to raw materials in Europe and on the international markets as well as to lower the consumption of primary natural resources by increasing resource efficiency and recycling.

- What critical raw materials should EU institutions secure for European industries, and how? What balance should policymakers strike between relying on a 'raw materials diplomacy' and encouraging extraction in Europe?
- How can the EU foster sustainable access to natural resources? What is the right trade-off between access to land and environmental protection in Europe?
- What can be the contribution of resource efficiency, recycling and material substitution to the sustainable use of natural resources?
- How can an enhanced knowledge base of mineral deposits in the EU contribute to satisfying the continent's need for raw materials in a sustainable way?

*Fondation EurActiv* and the *Nickel Institute* are glad to invite you to a round table debate to explore answers to these questions.

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### Programme:

**12.00 – 12.30: Lunch and Networking**

**12.30 – 13.45: Impulse statements  
and open debate**

**13.45 – 14.00: Conclusions**

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