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# European Mining Industry



≡ **Recognised representative “voice”** of the European mining industry;



≡ **Strong proactive partner** in political lobbying and service provider to its members, politics, media and society;



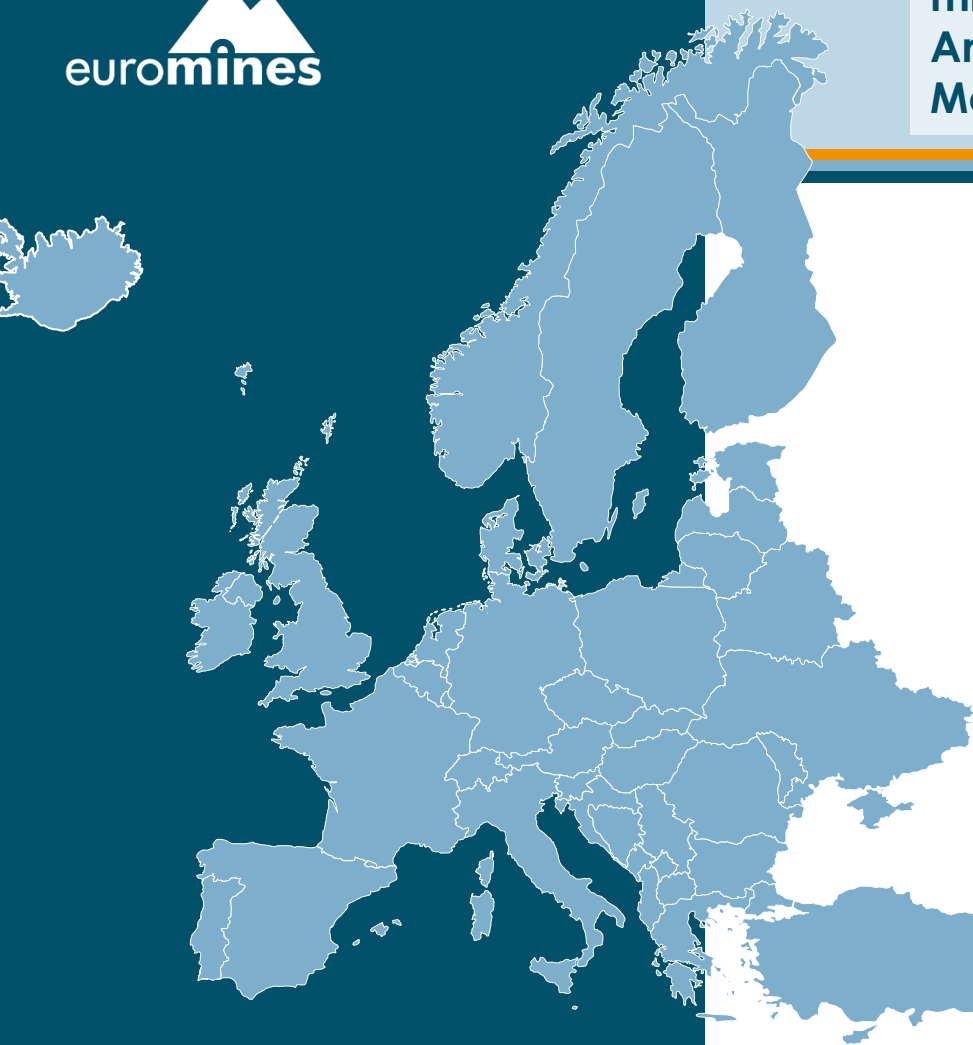
≡ **Network and platform for cooperation** and for the exchange of information;



≡ **Link to the mining community** throughout the world.



High representativity of EU production of 42 minerals and metal ores  
And 350,000 jobs covering most of Europe  
Member States



# Critical Raw Materials Act Regulation



Governance CRM Board MS and Commission + occasionnel experts (Art. 35)



« Soft Law » Targets – 10 Mining/40 Processing/15 Recycling share of EU consumption (Art. 1)



16 \* Strategic Raw Materials (Art. 3)



34 \* Critical Raw Materials (Art. 4)

One Stop Shop

Planning and Zoning

Fostering exploration

Monitoring flows, availability, disruption

Circularity – secondary mining

Sustainability



**Strategic project classification: extraction, processing, recycling of these materials**  
**Permitting Streamlining**

**« in the public interest » + « may be overriding public interest »**

**Financial and administrative support esp. exploration and permitting**



# CRM Regulation – 3 steps to permit

## **Strategic Project – Application (Criteria Art.5)**

- ≡ Contribution to security of supply
- ≡ Reasonable timeframe to implement
- ≡ Sustainability best practices observed
- ≡ EU Cross border benefits
- ≡ Mutual beneficial EU – Third Country

Assessment by the « Board »  
Right-to-say-no by MS →  
requires justified reasoning  
IROPI: if all relevant conditions  
set out in FFH/N2000/Birds  
Directives are fulfilled (Art 7)





## Generally applicable facilitation for all CRMs

### One Stop Shop (Art. 8)

- Structured streamlining permitting
- Sole point of contact and document handler
- Ensuring coherence and parallel assessments (bundling)



### Planning and Zoning (Art. 12)

- Spatial plans and zoning shall take into account land use claims
- Balancing public goods and interests



### Exploration fostering (Art. 18)

- MS to set up mapping exercises and exploration (and publish the data) for all critical raw materials



### Monitoring (Art. 19)

- Monitoring dashboard
- Stress tests for strategic raw materials
- Stockpiling coordination if necessary/ relevant
- Information sharing



### Circularity (Art. 25)

- Mapping of critical raw materials potential in closed sites
- Information on secondary mining potential to be public



### Sustainability Schemes (Art. 29)

- Commission validation of trustworthy certification schemes (CMR)
- Environmental Footprinting and labelling of sustainable materials



Standards to support objectives of CRM Regulation

# CRM Communication



Financial Support ambition

Bilateral Strategic Partnerships

Trade and Sustainable Development

Circularity

Strategic Standard Setting

Sustainability Work based in Principles for Raw Materials

Skills initiative

Research and Innovation Agenda

Trade and Investment Agreements /WTO rules

Support Global Gateway

CRM Clubs

Investment Risks abroad

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