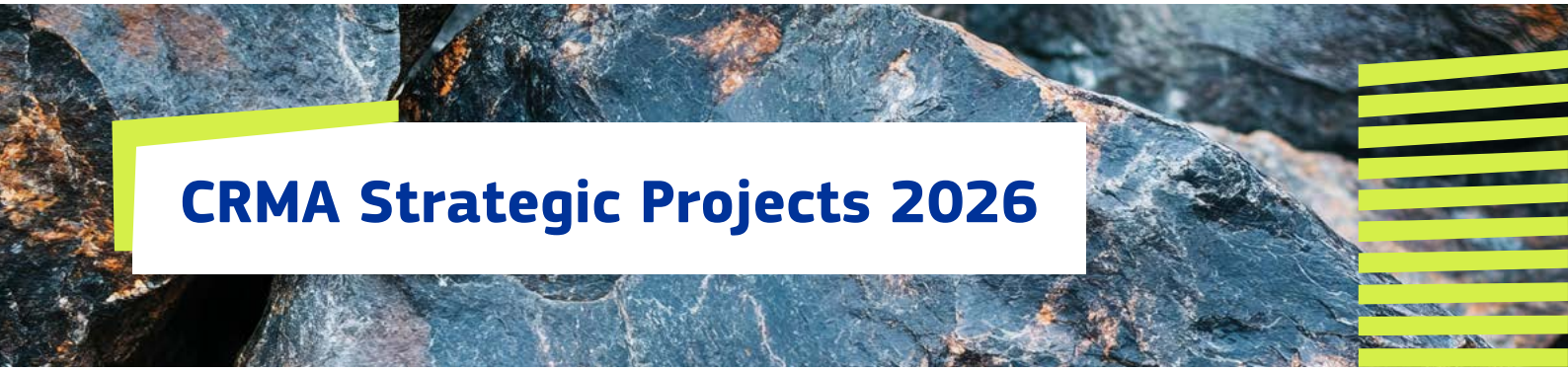


CRMA Strategic Projects 2026

Under the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), adopted in May 2024, the Commission has selected 46 new Strategic Projects to strengthen the EU's secure, diversified and sustainable supply of critical raw materials. You can find the list of projects below.

This second list follows the first list of 47 Strategic Projects in the EU, adopted in March 2025, and complements the 13 Strategic Projects in third countries and Overseas Countries and Territories adopted in June 2025. Securing reliable access to critical raw materials is essential for Europe's strategic sectors, including clean technologies, digital technologies, defence and aerospace.

NAME	MAIN COUNTRY	PROJECT TYPE	PROMOTER	STRATEGIC RAW MATERIAL
CUPIDON	Belgium	Recycling	Comet Traitements	Copper
OREON (Optimal REcycling Of Nickel)	Belgium	Processing	Umicore	Copper, cobalt, nickel (battery grade), platinum group metals
Tankhouse Expansion Pirdop	Bulgaria	Processing	Aurubis Bulgaria AD	Copper
Silmet 2.0	Estonia	Processing	NPM Silmet OÜ	Rare earth elements
CoNiKo - Cobalt and Nickel refining in Kokkola	Finland	Processing	Umicore	Cobalt, nickel (battery grade)
Hautalampi Cobalt-Nickel-Copper Mine Project	Finland	Extraction	FinnCobalt Oy	Copper, cobalt, nickel (battery grade)
Project Arctial	Finland	Processing	Arctial Group Oy	Bauxite/alumina/ aluminium
Sokli	Finland	Extraction	Sokli Oy	Rare earth elements
Suhanko project	Finland	Extraction	Suhanko Arctic Platinum Oy	Copper, nickel (battery grade), platinum group metals
BREES (Best Rare Earth Element Separation)	France	Recycling	Rhodia Operations	Rare earth elements
EMME	France	Integrated (Processing and Recycling)	ELECTRO MOBILITY MATERIALS EUROPE (EMME)	Cobalt, nickel (battery grade)
Lithium de France	France	Integrated (Extraction and Processing)	Lithium de France	Lithium (battery grade)
LUERN	France	Processing	Aubert & Duval SAS	Titanium metal
NEOMAT-PCAM	France	Processing	NEOMAT PCAM	Cobalt, manganese, nickel (battery grade)

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ALE - Altmark Lithium Extraction	Germany	Integrated (Extraction and Processing)	Neptune Energy Innovations GmbH	Lithium (battery grade)
EU BEST STRAT: Battery Economical Sustainable (Recycling-) Technology	Germany	Recycling	cylib Production I GmbH	Bauxite/alumina/ aluminium, copper, cobalt, lithium (battery grade), manganese (battery grade), graphite (battery grade), nickel (battery grade)
European Lithium Refining and Recycling Hub Bitterfeld: from primary raw materials via recycling to critical solid state battery components	Germany	Integrated (Processing and Recycling)	AMG Lithium GmbH	Lithium (battery grade)
HyProMag GmbH	Germany	Recycling	HyProMag GmbH	Rare earth elements
Pure Battery Technologies pCAM plant Europe	Germany	Integrated (Processing and Recycling)	Pure Battery Technologies Ltd.	Cobalt, manganese, nickel (battery grade)
Second TBRC Lünen	Germany	Recycling	Aurubis AG	Copper
Titanium alloys made in Europe	Germany	Integrated (Processing and Recycling)	Isabellenhütte Heusler GmbH & Co. KG	Titanium metal
Zinnwald Lithium Project	Germany	Integrated (Extraction and Processing)	Zinnwald Lithium Plc	Lithium (battery grade)
ETEOCLES - Developing a recycling hub for low quality copper scrap	Greece	Recycling	ElvalHalcor Hellenic Copper and Aluminium industry S.A.	Copper
NEW ALUMINIUM RECYCLING HUB IN GREECE	Greece	Recycling	Aluminium Rolling Division of ELVALHALCOR (Hellenic Copper and Aluminium Industry S.A)	Bauxite/alumina/ aluminium
Skouries Project	Greece	Extraction	Hellas Gold S.A.	Copper
9PV-up: Upcycling raw materials from end-of-life photovoltaic panels	Italy	Recycling	9-Tech	Bauxite/alumina/ aluminium, copper, silicon metal
Alkeemia PureGraph	Italy	Processing	Alkeemia S.p.A.	Graphite (battery grade)
ReSuPLIR - Recovery and Supply of Platinum, Iridium and Ruthenium	Italy	Integrated (Processing and Recycling)	Italrecycling & Investment srl	Platinum group metals
REW-ITA green HUB: Recovery of Wolfram: Italian Technology Advanced green Hub	Italy	Recycling	OMCD TEK HUB S.p.A.	Copper, cobalt, tungsten
CRM4Defence – Byproducts and Recycling of CRM for Defence	Italy, Poland, France, UK	Recycling	Leonardo S.p.A.	Bauxite/alumina/ aluminium, magnesium, titanium metal
Refinis recycling plant (UAB Refinis)	Lithuania	Recycling	Refinis	Platinum group metals
3ECYCLE	Netherlands	Recycling	Mitsubishi Materials Europe B.V	Copper
Myne Circular Metals Harderwijk	Netherlands	Recycling	Myne Circular Metals B.V	Bauxite/alumina/ aluminium, copper

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Enabling CRM production in Europe by recovering CRM from end-of-life batteries: A scalable battery black mass refining process that extracts critical raw materials from all types of Li-ion batteries in an environmental friendly way	Netherlands	Recycling	Back to Battery B.V.	Cobalt, manganese, graphite (battery grade), lithium (battery grade), nickel (battery grade)
Urban Mining Factory - Printed Circuit Boards	Netherlands	Recycling	CRITICAL. (owner of Circular Industries)	Bauxite/alumina/ aluminium, copper, nickel (battery grade)
Development and extraction of the Retków-Grodziszcze Deposit in KGHM Polska Miedź S.A.	Poland	Extraction	KGHM Polska Miedź S.A.	Copper
Integrated Recycling Smelter	Poland	Recycling	KGHM Polska Miedź S.A.	Copper, nickel (battery grade)
Urban mining	Poland	Recycling	TDM Electronics Inc.	Bauxite/alumina/ aluminium, copper, germanium, platinum group metals
BORRALHA MINING PROJECT	Portugal	Extraction	MINERALIA - Minas, Geotecnia e Construções, Lda.	Tungsten
Establishment of electric battery recycling capacity, Racari city, Dambovita county	Romania	Recycling	ECO LIFE STYLE S.R.L.	Cobalt, lithium (battery grade), manganese (battery grade), graphite (battery grade), nickel (battery grade)
Verde Magnesium Industries	Romania	Processing	Verde Magnesium Industries SRL	Magnesium
GaRefine - Gallium Recycling & Refining for Europe	Slovakia	Recycling	CMK s.r.o.	Gallium
Production of Primary Aluminium and Product Diversification in Slovalco, a.s.	Slovakia	Processing	Slovalco, a.s.	Bauxite/alumina/ aluminium
EU APT Tungsten Plant	Spain	Processing	ABENÓJAR TUNGSTEN S.A.	Tungsten
Cobre San Rafael Project	Spain	Extraction	Cobre San Rafael, S.L.	Copper
Viscaria Copper Project	Sweden	Extraction	Gruvaktiebolaget Viscaria	Copper

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