



Preliminary draft

THE EU RAW MATERIALS POLICY CONFERENCE

6th May 2025 Kraków, Poland

AGH University of Science and Technology

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The main objective of the conference is to engage in a comprehensive debate on the European Union's raw materials policy, with a particular focus on critical raw materials essential for the EU's energy and digital transformation. The conference aims to facilitate the exchange of views on priorities related to raw materials policies, the implementation of the Critical Raw Materials Act, international cooperation in the raw materials industry, and strategic projects concerning critical raw materials. Additionally, it will explore avenues for supporting investments in these areas to enhance the EU's sustainability and competitiveness.

The event is organized in English.

The event is co-organized with EIT Raw Materials, Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute, AGH University of Science and Technology.

Programme

9:00 – 10:00 – Registration of participants

10:00 – 10:30 – Opening of the EU RAW MATERIALS POLICY CONFERENCE

10:30 – 11:15 – The importance of Raw Materials Policy in ensuring the raw materials security of the EU and Member States

This high-level panel brings together policymakers and leaders for an open discussion on EU and member states raw materials policy. Topics will focus on the crucial role of the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) in strengthening EU prosperity through competitiveness and resilience.



11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:15 – Raw materials supply chain for Europe's industry

Panel brings together industry leaders and investors for an open discussion on Europe's investment attractiveness, focussing on the expected impact of the CRMA.

12:15 – 13:00 - The role of geological surveys in ensuring the EU raw materials security

Panel brings together representatives of the national geological surveys to discuss the key role of the geological surveys in securing supplies of critical raw materials.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 14:45 Raw materials diplomacy - Strategic Partnerships On Raw Materials

Discussions will cover the key role of the dialogues with non-EU countries in the aspect of critical raw materials value chains.

14:45 – 15:30 EU Strategic projects

The first list of CRMA Strategic Projects will be announced in March 2025. Selected strategic project promoters will be invited to present their projects, explain how they align with the CRMA, and share their views on the application process.

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:30 Support of projects along the critical raw materials value chain

This panel will explore various funding opportunities at both EU and national levels, as well as how research and technological advancements can drive the development of EU investments.

16:30 – 17:00 Closing Speech

18:00 – 20:00 Gala dinner (TBC) – GRAND HOTEL KRAKÓW, ul. Sławkowska 5/7



Day II – 7 May 2025

8:00 – 16:00 Field trips

Visit to ZGH Bolesław in Olkusz – Recovery of raw materials from mining waste and other industrial waste

Participants will have the opportunity to visit ZGH Bolesław in Olkusz, where the focus will be on the recovery of valuable zinc raw materials from tailings (flotation waste), steel dust and other industrial waste. This visit will highlight the world class achievements regarding zinc raw materials production from industrial waste sources.

Visit to Elemental Strategic Metals in Zawiercie – Recovery of raw materials from batteries and catalysts.

Participants will also visit Elemental Strategic Metals, where the recovery of raw materials from batteries and catalysts will be presented. This tour will highlight good practices in sustainable resource management and the recycling of critical materials from end-of-life products.