

Object: Coalition of raw materials and clean technology producers, defence and aerospace manufacturers call on policymakers to include aluminium in the Strategic Raw Materials list

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We, raw materials and clean technology producers, defence and aerospace manufacturers, call on policymakers to **include aluminium in the Strategic Raw Materials list in the Critical Raw Materials Act.**

Escalating unilateral actions have revealed the vulnerability of raw materials supply chains, posing a significant risk to the EU's strategic autonomy and green transition. Following the recent magnesium crisis and the anticipated export restrictions on gallium and germanium, aluminium could emerge as the next strategic metal impacted by the global race between leading industrial actors.

Demand for aluminium is set to soar¹ with the increasing deployment of electric vehicles, solar panels, electricity networks, wind turbines, heat pumps, hydrogen, digital and defence technologies. Considering the extensive range of applications where aluminium is used, a disruption in its supply would have a profound and far-reaching impact, especially given that two-thirds of global primary aluminium production is already controlled by non-market economies. In that context, developing a balanced and diversified aluminium production capacity is critical.

As negotiations advance, we call on policymakers to formally recognise the strategic nature of aluminium, as already acknowledged by the European Commission in its [impact assessment](#) accompanying the CRM proposal as well as other [supporting studies](#).

By ensuring the availability of aluminium with a low CO₂ footprint - locally produced or recycled in Europe - for EU manufacturers, we can reduce our dependence on imports, create jobs in Europe, and achieve our sustainability goals. Retaining and furthering a healthy and competitive industrial base is a pre-requisite for Europe to successfully achieve its climate goals while leading the green industrial transition.

We thank you for your attention and we look forward to a fruitful cooperation.

¹ The EU energy transition will lead to a 30% increase in aluminium demand by 2040. KU Leuven, Metals for Clean Energy, 2022, <https://eurometaux.eu/media/jmxf2qm0/metals-for-clean-energy.pdf>



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