



How can UNFC contribute to the European Green Deal and the EU raw materials policy?



*Raw Materials Week 2020
Virtual Workshop UNFC Europe: Ensuring sustainable
raw material management to support the European
Green Deal*

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EU policy context

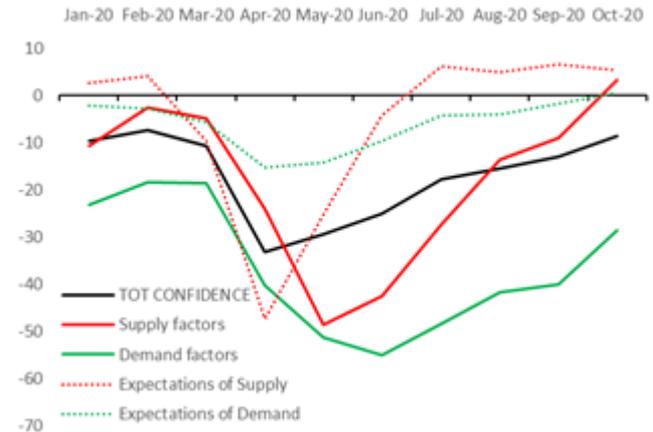


- December 2019: European Green Deal
 - Commitment to climate neutrality by 2050
 - Access to resources recognized as a “strategic security question” for Europe
- March 2020: New Industrial Strategy
 - Making industry fit to deliver the green and digital transition
 - Ecosystems approach, industrial alliances
- May 2020: Next Generation EU recovery fund
 - 750 bn EUR funding for recovery
 - New focus on resilience
- September 2020: Communication on Critical Raw Materials
 - New critical raw materials list
 - 10-point action plan

COVID-19's impacts on the EU raw materials sector

- Plant shutdowns, restrictions to cross-border worker movement and logistics
- Deterioration of business sentiment and demand for raw materials
- Export restrictions and stockpiling of raw materials
- Recovery after the first wave of lockdowns, but uncertainty remains

Ecosystem confidence indicators
Energy-intensive industries and raw materials



Source: European Commission

10 actions to ensure Europe's access to raw materials

Action Plan
on Critical
Raw Materials



1. European Raw Materials Alliance
2. Develop sustainable financing criteria for mining
3. Research and innovation on waste processing, advanced materials and substitution
- 4. Map the potential supply of secondary CRM from EU stocks and wastes**
- 5. Investment needs for mining projects that can be operational in 2025**
6. Develop expertise and skills in mining
7. Deploy Earth observation programmes for exploration, operation and post-closure environmental management
8. Develop research and innovation projects on exploitation and processing of CRMs
- 9. Develop strategic international partnerships to secure CRMs supply**
10. Promote responsible mining practices for CRMs

