

# Critical Raw Minerals Act

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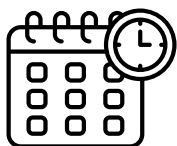
## ✓ Qualifying Criteria:

- Meaningful contribution to the security of the EU's supply of SRMs;
- Technically feasible within a reasonable timeframe and the expected production volume can be estimated with a sufficient level of confidence;
- Implemented sustainably,
- In the EU: cross-border benefits beyond involved member state (including downstream sectors)
- Outside of the EU: mutually beneficial to the EU and the involved emerging or developing economy with added value to the 3rd country.

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- Cobalt
- Magnesium metal
- Bismuth
- Boron (metallurgy grade)
- Gallium
- Germanium
- Lithium (battery grade)
- Nickel (battery grade)
- Natural graphite (battery grade)
- Platinum group metals
- Silicon metal
- Titanium metal
- Tungsten
- Aluminium/bauxite/alumina
- Copper
- Rare earth elements for permanent magnets (Nd, Pr, Tb, Dy, Gd, Sm, Ce)
- Manganese (battery grade)

## Commission Timetables:



Within 30 days - Inform applicants of the applicable cut-off date if the info provided in the application is complete.

Within 90 days of acknowledging the completeness of the application - Decision recognising the project as a Strategic Project

## Obligations:



Every 2 years:

- Progress report on the implementation of the project, in particular, about the permit-granting process;
- Reasons for delays compared to the submitted project timetable;
- Progress in financing the project, including info on public funding.

Notify the Commission when:

- Changes to the project affecting its fulfilment of the qualifying criteria;
- Lasting changes in the control of the entities involved in the project.

## Contents of the Application:

- Evidence of fulfilment of the qualifying criteria;
- Classification of the project according to the UNFCR\* (supported by evidence);
- Project implementation timetable (+ Permit overview);
- Diagram of the legal control and ownership structure of the project;
- Business plan;
- Independent 3rd party DD report on key risks to the business plan;
- Evidence of the project's technical maturity;
- Operational status of the project;
- Documentation of adherence to international standards or certifications;
- Summaries of EIA or similar reports;
- Documentation regarding the sustainability of the project;
- Plan containing measures to facilitate public acceptance i.e. community engagement
- Estimate of the project's potential for quality job creation, project's needs for skilled workforce and a work plan to support upskilling and reskilling;
- Overview of cross-border benefits/mutual benefits for the EU and 3rd countries.

*\*Level of geological knowledge, technical feasibility and environmental-socio-economic viability of the project.*

## Project Specific Application Contents:

### **Additionally for extraction projects:**

- 3rd party documentation on the methods used to assess the quality of resource, its classification and level of confidence in the resource estimates.

### **Additionally for processing and recycling projects:**

- Documentation on the material inputs and assessment methods to assess SRM content for each step of production

#### If located in protected or conservation area:

- Description of the technically appropriate alternative locations assessed and why those are not appropriate

### **Additionally for extraction projects in 3rd countries or OCTs:**

- A plan to improve the environment of the sites after the end of project, to restore the prior environmental state (considering technical and economic feasibility);
- Detailed application guide;
- Sample application form.

**[Find the Detailed application guide and Sample application form here.](#)**