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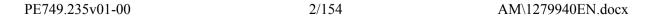
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Draft opinion Franc Bogovič

Establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and amending Regulations (EU) 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, 2018/1724 and (EU) 2019/1020

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2023)0160 – C9-0061/2023 – 2023/0079(COD))

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Amendment 1 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Access to raw materials is essential for the Union economy *and* the functioning of the internal market. There is a set of non-energy, non-agricultural raw materials that, due to their high economic importance and their exposure to high supply risk, often caused by a high concentration of supply from a few third countries, are considered critical. Given the key role of many such critical raw materials in realising the green and digital transitions, and in light of their use for defence and space applications, demand will increase exponentially in the coming decades. At the same time, the risk of supply disruptions is increasing against the background of rising geopolitical tensions and resource competition. Furthermore, if not managed properly, increased demand for critical raw materials could lead to negative environmental and social impacts. Considering these trends, it is necessary to take measures to ensure access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials to safeguard the Union's economic resilience and open strategic autonomy.

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Access to raw materials is essential (1) for the Union economy, green transition, security and defence, as well as the functioning of the internal market. There is a set of non-energy, non-agricultural raw materials that, due to their high economic importance and their exposure to high supply risk, often caused by a high concentration of supply from a few third countries, are considered critical and strategic. Given the key role of many such critical raw materials in realising the green and digital transitions, and in light of their use for defence and space applications, demand will increase exponentially in the coming decades. Further raw materials used in other sectors such as, amongst others, agriculture, health or construction, might be exposed to high supply risks in the future. At the same time, the risk of supply disruptions is increasing against the background of rising geopolitical tensions and resource competition. Furthermore, if not managed properly, increased demand for critical raw materials could lead to negative regional and local, environmental and social impacts. Considering these trends, it is necessary to take measures to ensure access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials to safeguard the Union's economic resilience, green transition, security and defence and open strategic autonomy.

Or. en

Amendment 2 Daniel Buda

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Amendment 3 Ana Miranda

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Amendment 4 Alessandro Panza

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Amendment 6 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Given the complexity and the transnational character of critical raw material value chains, uncoordinated national measures to ensure a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials have a high potential of distorting competition and fragmenting the internal market. Therefore, to safeguard the functioning of the internal market, a common Union framework should be created to collectively address this central challenge.

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Amendment 7 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Firstly, in order to effectively ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials, that framework should include measures to decrease the Union's growing supply risks by strengthening Union capacities along all stages of the strategic raw materials value chain, including extraction, processing and recycling, towards benchmarks defined for each strategic raw material. Secondly, as the Union will continue to rely on imports, the framework should include measures to increase the diversification of external supplies of strategic raw materials. Thirdly, is necessary to provide measures to reinforce the Union's ability to monitor and mitigate existing and future supply risks. Fourthly, the framework should contain measures to increase the circularity and sustainability of the critical raw materials consumed in the Union.

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Amendment 8 Daniel Buda

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Amendment 9 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3

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Or. en

Amendment 10 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) In order to ensure that the measures set out in the Regulation focus on the most relevant materials, a list of strategic raw materials and a list of critical raw materials should be established. Those lists should also serve to guide and coordinate Member States' efforts to contribute to the realisation of the aims of this Regulation. The list of strategic raw materials should contain raw materials that are of high strategic importance, taking into account their use in strategic technologies underpinning the green and digital transitions or for defence or space applications, that are characterised by a potentially significant gap between global supply and projected demand, and for which an increase in production is relatively difficult, for instance due to long lead-times for new projects increasing supply capacity. To take account of possible technological and economic changes, the list of strategic materials

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should be periodically reviewed and, if necessary, updated. In order to ensure that efforts to increase the Union capacities along the value chain, reinforce the Union's capacity to monitor and mitigate supply risks and increase diversification of supply are focused on the materials for which they are most needed, the relevant measures should only apply to the list of strategic raw materials.

changes as well as ad-hoc risks resulting from i.e. geopolitical conflicts or natural catastrophes, the list of strategic materials should be periodically reviewed and, if necessary, updated. Upon request by the Board, amendments to the list should also be possible at any time outside of the scheduled reviews

Or. en

Justification

If a supply risk arises, there is a need to be able to react quickly. This should be a caveat to ensure that this list may be adapted so as to facilitate projects when suddenly the supply situation unforeseeably changes (i.e. wars, conflicts, natural catastrophes etc.).

Amendment 11 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The list of critical raw materials should contain all strategic raw materials as well as any other raw materials of high importance for the overall Union economy and for which there is a high risk of supply disruption. To take account of possible technological and economic changes, the Commission should, in continuation of current practice, periodically perform an assessment based on data for production, trade, applications, recycling, and substitution for a wide range of raw materials to update the lists of critical and strategic raw materials reflecting the evolution in the economic importance and supply risk associated with those raw materials. The list of critical raw materials should include those raw materials which reach or exceed the thresholds for both economic importance and supply risk, without ranking the relevant raw materials

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Or. en

Amendment 12 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) To strengthen Union capacities along the strategic raw materials value chain, benchmarks should be set to guide efforts and track progress. The aim should be to increase capacities for each strategic raw material at each stage of the value chain, while aiming to achieve overall capacity benchmarks for extraction, processing and recycling of strategic raw materials. Firstly, the Union should increase the use of its own geological resources of strategic raw materials and build up capacity to allow it to extract the materials needed to produce at least 10 % of the Union's consumption of strategic raw materials. Keeping in mind that extraction capacity is highly dependent on the availability of Union geological resources, the achievement of this benchmark is dependent on such availability. Secondly, in order to build a full value chain and prevent any bottlenecks at intermediate stages, the Union should in addition increase its processing capacity along the value chain and be able to produce at least 40 % of its annual consumption of strategic raw materials. Thirdly, it is expected that in the

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Amendment 13 Ana Miranda

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Amendment 14 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 16 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) In order to build capacities in the Union, the Commission should, with the support of the Board, identify Strategic Projects in the Union that intend to become active in the extraction, processing or recycling of strategic raw materials. Effective support to Strategic Projects has the potential to improve access to materials for downstream sectors as well as to create economic opportunities along the value chain, including for SMEs, and contribute to the creation of employment. Therefore,

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to ensure the development of Strategic Projects across the Union, such projects should benefit from streamlined and predictable permitting procedures and support in gaining access to finance. In order to focus support and ensure their added value, projects should, before receiving such support, be assessed against a set of criteria. Strategic Projects in the Union should strengthen the Union's security of supply for strategic raw materials, show sufficient technical feasibility and be implemented in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner. They should also provide crossborder benefits beyond the Member State concerned. Where the Commission assesses these criteria to be fulfilled, it should publish the recognition as a Strategic Project in a decision. As a speedy recognition is key to effectively supporting the Union's security of supply, the assessment process should remain light and not overly burdensome.

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Or. en

Amendment 17 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) In order to build capacities in the Union, the Commission should, with the support of the Board, identify Strategic Projects in the Union that intend to become active in the extraction, processing or recycling of strategic raw materials. Effective support to Strategic Projects has the potential to improve access to materials for downstream sectors as well as to create

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economic opportunities along the value chain, including for SMEs, and contribute to the creation of employment. Therefore, to ensure the development of Strategic Projects across the Union, such projects should benefit from streamlined and predictable permitting procedures and support in gaining access to finance. In order to focus support and ensure their added value, projects should, before receiving such support, be assessed against a set of criteria. Strategic Projects in the Union should strengthen the Union's security of supply for strategic raw materials, show sufficient technical feasibility and be implemented in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner. They should also provide crossborder benefits beyond the Member State concerned. Where the Commission assesses these criteria to be fulfilled, it should publish the recognition as a Strategic Project in a decision. As a speedy recognition is key to effectively supporting the Union's security of supply, the assessment process should remain light and not overly burdensome.

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Or. en

Amendment 18 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) In order to diversify the Union's supply of strategic raw materials, the Commission should, with the support of the Board, identify Strategic Projects in third countries that intend to become active in the extraction, processing or recycling of strategic raw materials. To ensure that such Strategic Projects are effectively implemented, they should benefit from

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improved access to finance. In order to ensure their added value, projects should be assessed against a set of criteria. Like projects in the Union, Strategic Projects in third countries should strengthen the Union's security of supply for strategic raw materials, show sufficient technical feasibility and be implemented sustainably. For projects in emerging markets and developing economies, the project should be mutually beneficial for the Union and the third country involved and add value in that country, taking into account also its consistency with the Union's common commercial policy. Such value may be derived from the project's contribution to more than one stage of the value chain as well as from creating through the project wider economic and social benefits. including the creation of employment in compliance with international standards. Where the Commission assesses these criteria to be fulfilled, it should publish the recognition as a Strategic Project in a decision.

implemented, they should benefit from improved access to finance. In order to ensure their added value, projects should be assessed against a set of criteria. Like projects in the Union, Strategic Projects in third countries and especially in candidate and neighbouring countries should contribute to the strengthening of the Union's security of supply for strategic raw materials, show sufficient technical feasibility and be implemented sustainably in such a way as to contribute to the development of regional and local communities. For projects in emerging markets and developing economies, the project should be mutually beneficial for the Union and the third country involved. If needed, the EU will support candidate, neighbouring or third countries in reinforcing their legal framework, good governance capacity and transparency in the raw materials sector with the aim of making the raw material partnership a win-win situation, also for the local population. A project should add value in that country, taking into account also its consistency with the principles enshrined in the EU Treaties, the Union's common commercial policy and strategic priorities. Such value may be derived from the project's contribution to more than one stage of the raw materials value chain as well as from creating through the project wider economic and social benefits, including the creation of employment in compliance with international standards. Where the Commission assesses these criteria to be fulfilled, it should publish the recognition as a Strategic Project in a decision.

Or. en

Amendment 19 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

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(10)In order to diversify the Union's supply of strategic raw materials, the Commission should, with the support of the Board, identify Strategic Projects in third countries that intend to become active in the extraction, processing or recycling of strategic raw materials. To ensure that such Strategic Projects are effectively implemented, they should benefit from improved access to finance. In order to ensure their added value, projects should be assessed against a set of criteria. Like projects in the Union, Strategic Projects in third countries should strengthen the Union's security of supply for strategic raw materials, show sufficient technical feasibility and be implemented sustainably. For projects in emerging markets and developing economies, the project should be mutually beneficial for the Union and the third country involved and add value in that country, taking into account also its consistency with the Union's common commercial policy. Such value may be derived from the project's contribution to more than one stage of the value chain as well as from creating through the project wider economic and social benefits, including the creation of employment in compliance with international standards. Where the Commission assesses these criteria to be fulfilled, it should publish the recognition as a Strategic Project in a decision.

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

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Text proposed by the Commission

In order to ensure the sustainability (11)of increased raw material production, new raw materials projects should be implemented sustainably. To that end, the Strategic Projects receiving support under this Regulation should be assessed taking into account international instruments covering all aspects of sustainability highlighted in the EU principles for sustainable raw materials³¹, including ensuring environmental protection, socially responsible practices, including respect for human rights such as the rights of women, and transparent business practices. Projects should also ensure engagement in good faith as well as comprehensive and meaningful consultations with local communities, including with indigenous peoples. To provide project promoters with a clear and efficient way of complying with this criterion, compliance with relevant Union legislation, international standards, guidelines and principles or participation in a certification scheme recognised under this Regulation should be considered sufficient

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³¹ European Commission, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, EU principles for sustainable raw materials, Publications

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Or. en

Amendment 21 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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In order to ensure the sustainability of increased raw material production, new raw materials projects should be implemented sustainably. To that end, the Strategic Projects receiving support under this Regulation should be assessed taking into account international instruments covering all aspects of sustainability highlighted in the EU principles for sustainable raw materials31, including ensuring environmental protection, socially responsible practices, including respect for human rights such as the rights of women and children, as well as transparent business practices. Projects should as well boost social, economic and territorial cohesion, also by creating employment opportunities for under-represented and socially disadvantaged groups, ensure engagement in good faith as well as comprehensive and meaningful consultations with regional and local communities, including with indigenous peoples. To provide project promoters with a clear and efficient way of complying with this criterion, compliance with relevant Union legislation, international standards, guidelines and principles or participation in a certification scheme recognised under this Regulation should be considered sufficient.

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³¹ European Commission, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry,

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Or. en

Amendment 22 Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 23 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 24 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) Sustainable and environmentally respectful extraction projects, incorporating innovative processes and conducting mineralogical and metallurgical processing close to the extraction sites, may be regarded as Important Projects of Common European Interest according to comunication from the Commission on IPCEI^{1a}. These projects should significantly contribute to economic growth, job creation, the green and digital transition, and enhance competitiveness for the Union industry and economy. Furthermore, to align with European values and objectives, these projects should exhibit an unwavering commitment to transparency, regional development, education, and community engagement, avoiding the use of fossil fuels through the integration of renewable energy sources, reducing waste, and utilizing sustainable water usage practices.

Or. en

^{1a} Communication on the criteria for the analysis of the compatibility with the internal market of State aid to promote the execution of IPCEIs (OJ C 528, 30.12.2021, p. 10–18)

Amendment 25 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Any promoter of a strategic raw (12)materials project should be able to apply to the Commission for the recognition of their project as a Strategic Project. The application should include several documents and evidence related to the criteria. To better assess the social, environmental and economic viability, the feasibility of the project as well as the level of confidence in the estimates, the project promoter should also provide a classification of the project according to the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources, and to allow for objective validation, they should support this classification with relevant evidence. A timetable for the project should also be attached to an application, in order to estimate when the project would be able to contribute towards the benchmarks for domestic capacity or for diversification. As public acceptance of mining projects is crucial for their effective implementation, the promoter should also provide a plan containing measures to facilitate public acceptance. Special attention should be paid to social partners, civil society and other oversight actors. The promoter should also provide a business plan providing information regarding the project's financial viability and giving an overview of funding and offtake agreements already secured as well as estimates for potential job creation and for the project's needs in terms of skilled workforce, including upskilling and reskilling.

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Amendment 26 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

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workforce, including upskilling and reskilling.

Or en

Amendment 27 Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 28 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) To ensure the effective and efficient treatment of applications, the Commission should be able prioritise the processing of applications for projects related to specific underrepresented value chain stages or strategic raw materials, in order to be able to ensure the Union's balanced progress towards all benchmark for Union capacity included in this Regulation.

Amendment

(13) To ensure the effective and efficient treatment of applications, the Commission should be able prioritise the processing of applications for projects related to specific underrepresented value chain stages or strategic raw materials, in order to be able to ensure the Union's balanced progress towards all benchmark for Union capacity included in this Regulation. *The Commission should prioritise Strategic Projects contributing to circularity of raw materials.*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) At the same time, the unpredictability, complexity and, at times, excessive length of national permitgranting processes undermines the investment security needed for the effective development of strategic raw material projects. Therefore, in order to

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ensure and speed up their effective implementation, Member States should apply streamlined and predictable permitting procedure to Strategic Projects. To that end, Strategic Projects should be given priority status at national level to ensure rapid administrative treatment and urgent treatment in all judicial and dispute resolution procedures relating to them. This Regulation should not prevent competent authorities from streamlining permitting for other projects on the critical raw materials value chain that are not Strategic Projects.

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Or. en

Amendment 30
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19)Given their role in ensuring the Union's security of supply for strategic raw materials, and their contribution to the Union's open strategic autonomy and the green and digital transition, Strategic Projects should be considered by the responsible permitting authority as being in the public interest. Strategic Projects which have an adverse impact on the environment, to the extent it falls under the scope of Directive 2000/60/EC, Council Directive 92/43/EEC and *Directive 2009/147/EC*³⁹ may be authorised where the responsible permitting authority concludes, based on its case-by-case assessment, that the public interest served by the project overrides those impacts, provided that all relevant conditions set out in those **Directives are met**. Where relevant, the case-by-case assessment should take into

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(19)Given their role in ensuring the Union's security of supply for strategic raw materials, and their contribution to the Union's open strategic autonomy and the green and digital transition, Strategic Projects should be considered by the responsible permitting authority as being in the public interest. Strategic Projects which have an adverse impact on the environment, in particular for Natura 2000 sites, may not be authorised. Where relevant, the case-by-case assessment should take into account the geological specificity of extraction sites, which constrains decisions on location.

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account the geological specificity of extraction sites, which constrains decisions on location.

³⁹ Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7–25).

Or. en

Amendment 31 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19a) Raw materials not considered as critical or strategic may still be essential to the Member States and their industries and for sectors not covered by this Regulation.

Or. en

Justification

It is hence crucial that this Regulation is not interpretated in a contrary way. It must be ensured that the regulation does not affect the availability of raw materials needed for e.g., agriculture and construction.

Amendment 32
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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 able to interact with a single national authority, which is responsible for facilitating and coordinating the entire permit granting process and in the case of Strategic Projects shall issue a comprehensive decision within the applicable time limit. To that end, Member States should designate a single national competent authority. Where needed in light of a Member State's internal organisation, the tasks of the national competent authority should be able to be delegated to a different authority, subject to the same conditions. To ensure the effective implementation of its responsibilities, Member States should provide their national competent authority, or any authority acting on its behalf, with sufficient personnel and resources.

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Or. en

Amendment 33 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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competent authority that should consult regularly with the relevant regional authorities. Where needed in light of a Member State's internal organisation, the tasks of the national competent authority should be able to be delegated to a different authority, subject to the same conditions. To ensure the effective implementation of its responsibilities, Member States should provide their national competent authority, or any authority acting on its behalf, with sufficient personnel and resources.

Or. en

Amendment 34 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In order to ensure clarity about the permitting status of Strategic Projects and to limit the effectiveness of potential abusive litigation, while not undermining effective judicial review, Member States should ensure that any dispute concerning the permit granting process for Strategic Projects is resolved in a timely manner. To that end, national competent authorities should ensure that applicants and project promoters have access to simple dispute settlement procedure and that Strategic Projects are granted urgent treatment in all judicial and dispute resolution procedures relating to the projects.

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Or. en

Amendment 35 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In order to ensure clarity about the permitting status of Strategic Projects and to limit the effectiveness of potential abusive litigation, while not undermining effective judicial review, Member States should ensure that any dispute concerning the permit granting process for Strategic Projects is resolved in a timely manner. To that end, national competent authorities should ensure that applicants and project promoters have access to simple dispute settlement procedure and that Strategic Projects are granted urgent treatment in all judicial and dispute resolution procedures relating to the projects.

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Or. pl

Amendment 36
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The environmental assessments and authorisations required under Union law, including in relation to water, habitats and birds, are an integral part of the permit granting process for a raw material project and an essential safeguard to ensure that negative environmental impacts are prevented or minimised. However, in order to ensure that the permit granting processes for Strategic Projects are

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predictable and timely, any potential to streamline the required assessments and authorisations while not lowering the level of environmental protection should be realised. In that regard, it should be ensured that the necessary assessment are bundled to prevent unnecessary overlap and it should be ensured that project promoters and responsible authorities explicitly agree on the scope of the bundled assessment before it is implemented to prevent unnecessary follow-up.

Or. en

Amendment 37 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

Land use conflicts can create barriers to the deployment of critical raw material projects. Well-designed plans, including spatial plans and zoning, that take into account the potential for implementing critical raw material projects and whose potential environmental impacts are assessed, have the potential to help balance public goods and interests, decreasing the risk of conflict and accelerating the sustainable deployment of raw materials projects in the Union. Responsible national, regional and local authorities should therefore consider including provisions for raw materials projects when developing relevant plans.

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Amendment 38 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 39 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Recital 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(25a) Recognizing the critical role of local and regional authorities in multilevel governance, their active involvement is imperative to foster regional development in critical and strategic raw material projects. Their unique knowledge and proximity to these projects ensure effective decision-making, promote local buy-in, and drive sustainable practices tailored to regional specifics, ultimately enhancing the

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success and positive impact of these initiatives.

Or. en

Amendment 40 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Recital 25 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(25b) Recognizing the unique needs and circumstances of outermost regions, it is crucial to tailor mining, recycling, and processing projects to their specific conditions. Ensuring such considerations promotes sustainable development, preserves local ecosystems, respects cultural nuances, and maximizes the potential benefits for these regions, thereby aligning with the Union's commitment to equitable, inclusive progress across all territories.

Or. en

Amendment 41 Susana Solís Pérez, Ondřej Knotek

Proposal for a regulation Recital 25 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(25c) It is essential to acknowledge the potential of mining, processing, and recycling projects to retain and increase value within regions, improve local skill sets, and combat depopulation, as they can serve as pivotal economic drivers, providing job opportunities, enhancing local capacities, and attracting populations, thus promoting regional development and long-term sustainability.

Amendment 42 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) Within the Union, critical raw materials projects often face difficulties with access to finance. Critical raw materials markets are often characterised by high volatility of prices, long lead times, high concentration and opacity. Additionally, financing for the sector requires a high level of expert knowledge that is often lacking among financial institutions. To overcome these factors and contribute towards ensuring a stable and reliable supply of strategic raw materials, Member States and the Commission should assist in access to finance and administrative support.

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Or. en

Amendment 43 Daniel Buda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(27a) In order to ensure that the supply chain problems which arose from the COVID-19 pandemic and the energy crisis triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine can no longer happen, the European Union needs a suitable workforce, and must therefore harness EU financial instruments such as the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), the

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Just Transition Mechanism (JTM) to support education and training measures to upskill the workforce all along the raw materials value chain.

Or. ro

Amendment 44 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28)In order to overcome the limitations of the currently often fragmented public and private investments efforts, facilitate integration and return on investment, the Commission, Member States and promotional banks should better coordinate and create synergies between the existing funding programmes at Union and national level as well as ensure better coordination and collaboration with industry and key private sector stakeholders. To that end, a dedicated sub-group of the Board bringing together experts from the Member States and the Commission as well as relevant public financial institutions should be set up. This sub-group should discuss the individual financing needs of Strategic Projects and their existing funding possibilities in order to provide project promoters with a suggestion on how to best access existing financing possibilities. When discussing and making recommendations for the financing of Strategic Projects in third countries, the Board should in particular take into account the Global Gateway strategy⁴².

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Or. en

Amendment 45 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 46 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 47 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 34

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 48 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 50 Daniel Buda

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Amendment 51 Franc Bogovič

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Or. en

Amendment 52 Daniel Buda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 41 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(41a) There is a need to educate and raise public awareness on the importance of recycling and resource efficiency, encouraging sustainable behaviour both individually and collectively, as this is the only way to ensure a shift towards a truly circular economy that will help reduce dependence on third countries for raw materials.

Or. ro

Amendment 53 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Recital 42 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(42a) Electronic waste contains critical raw materials in concentrations significantly superior to those found in the world's finest ore grades. This offers an immense developmental potential for urban mining. Therefore, it is crucial to establish supportive infrastructure for recycling centers, enabling them to reintroduce these recycled materials into the market effectively and efficiently.

Or. en

Justification

This approach presents a sustainable economic opportunity that fosters regional development, underscoring the Union's commitment to promoting a resilient circular economy.

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Amendment 54 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 55 Ana Miranda

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Or. en

Amendment 56 Peter Pollák

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Or en

Amendment 57 Daniel Buda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 44 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. ro

Amendment 58
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 59 Martina Michels on behalf of The Left Group

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Or. en

Amendment 61 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 49

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made about the relative sustainability of critical raw materials placed on the Union market based on such certification. The Commission should be empowered to adopt implementing acts recognising certification schemes that should be considered comprehensive and trustworthy. providing a common basis for authorities and market participants for assessing the sustainability of critical raw materials. Recognition should be given only to certification schemes that cover a broad range of sustainability aspects, including environmental protection, human rights including labour rights and business transparency, and which contain provisions for independent third party verification and monitoring of compliance. To ensure efficient procedures, promoters of projects applying to be recognised as Strategic Projects should be allowed to rely on participation in a recognised scheme to show that their project is implemented sustainably.

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Or. en

Amendment 62
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) The Union has concluded Strategic Partnerships covering raw materials with third countries in order to implement the 2020 Action Plan on Critical Raw Materials. In order to diversify supply, these efforts should continue. To develop and ensure a coherent framework for the

Amendment

(54) The Union has concluded Strategic Partnerships covering raw materials with third countries in order to implement the 2020 Action Plan on Critical Raw Materials. In order to diversify supply, these efforts should continue with a specific attention to due respect to

conclusion of future partnerships, the Member States and the Commission should, as part of their interaction on the Board, discuss and ensure coordination on, inter alia, whether existing partnerships achieve the intended aims, the prioritisation of third countries for new partnerships, the content of such partnerships and their coherence and potential synergies between Member States' bilateral cooperation with relevant third countries. The Union should seek mutually beneficial partnerships with emerging market and developing economies, in coherence with its Global Gateway strategy, which contribute to the diversification of its raw materials supply chain as well as add value in the production in these countries.

legislation on forced labour and due diligence, labour rights and ILO recommendations on mining sector, and meaningful engagement with local communities. Those partnerships should seek a more balanced sharing of wealth across the supply and production chain and cover as soon as possible antispeculation regulation mechanisms to control brokers and speculators. . To develop and ensure a coherent framework for the conclusion of future partnerships. the Member States and the Commission should, as part of their interaction on the Board, discuss and ensure coordination on, inter alia, whether existing partnerships achieve the intended aims, the prioritisation of third countries for new partnerships, the content of such partnerships and their coherence and potential synergies between Member States' bilateral cooperation with relevant third countries. The Union should seek mutually beneficial partnerships with emerging market and developing economies, in coherence with its Global Gateway strategy, planned with transparency, public scrutiny, designed for the transition of sustainable economies to address climate change and help to provide also basic needs, while upholding human rights, reducing inequalities and not only de-risking mechanism for private sector competition, while contributing to the diversification of its raw materials supply chain as well as add value in the production in these countries.

Or. en

Amendment 63 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 54

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 64 Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 65 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Recital 54 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(54a) When prioritising the new partnerships with candidate, neighbouring and third countries, specific attention should be paid to human rights, conflict-resolution and regional stability.

Or. en

Amendment 66 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 55

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to support the implementation of tasks pertaining to the development of Strategic Projects and their financing, exploration programmes, monitoring capacities or strategic stocks and to advise the Commission appropriately, a European Critical Raw Materials Board should be established. The Board should be composed of Member States and of the Commission, while being able to ensure participation of other parties as observers. To develop the necessary expertise for the implementation of certain tasks, the Board should establish standing sub-groups on financing, exploration, monitoring and strategic stocks, that should act as a network by gathering the different relevant national authorities and, when necessary, consult industry, academia, civil society and other relevant stakeholders. The Board's advice and opinions should be non-binding and the absence of such an advice or opinion should not prevent the Commission from performing its tasks under this Regulation.

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Or. en

Amendment 67 Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation Recital 55

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 68 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Recital 55

Text proposed by the Commission

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expertise for the implementation of certain tasks, the Board should establish standing sub-groups on financing, exploration, monitoring and strategic stocks, that should act as a network by gathering the different relevant national authorities and, when necessary, consult industry, academia, civil society and other relevant stakeholders.

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expertise for the implementation of certain tasks, the Board should establish standing sub-groups on financing, exploration, monitoring and strategic stocks, that should act as a network by gathering the different relevant national authorities, economic actors, and, when necessary, consult industry, academia, civil society and other relevant stakeholders. When performing its tasks under this Regulation, the Commission should take the utmost account of the Board's advice and opinions.

Or. en

Amendment 69 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 56

Text proposed by the Commission

(56) The absence of progress towards the objectives, including the capacity and diversification benchmarks, may indicate the need for adopting additional measures. The Commission should therefore monitor the progress towards those objectives.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 70 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Recital 56 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(56a) During the evaluation proces in accordance with Article 46, the Commission should establish specific objectives related to the extraction,

processing, and recycling capacities for each strategic raw material. This should be done either within two years after the date of entry of this regulation or contingent upon the availability of necessary information regarding material availability in municipal waste management facilities, as well as requisite technological developments.

Or. en

Justification

The current objectives are very broad and include all the materials. Specific objectives should be considered according to the characteristics and availability of each material considering the reports made by local and regional authorities of their municipal facilities of waste management.

Amendment 71 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

(58)In order to ensure trustful and constructive cooperation of competent authorities at Union and national levels, all parties involved in the application of this Regulation should respect the confidentiality of information and data obtained in carrying out their tasks. The Commission and the national competent authorities, their officials, civil servants and other persons working under the supervision of these authorities as well as officials and civil servants of other authorities of the Member States should not disclose information acquired or exchanged by them pursuant to this Regulation and of the kind covered by the obligation of professional secrecy. This should also apply to the European Critical Raw Materials Board. The data should be handled and stored in a secure environment.

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Amendment 72 Martina Michels on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 62

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission should carry out an evaluation of this Regulation. Pursuant to paragraph 22 of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making, that evaluation should be based on the five criteria of efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, coherence and EU value added and should provide the basis for impact assessments of possible further measures. The Commission should submit to the European Parliament, to the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, a report on the implementation of this Regulation and progress towards achieving its objectives, including the capacity and diversification benchmarks. The report should also, based on the implementation of the measures related the transparency of the environmental footprint of critical raw materials, assess the appropriateness of establishing maximum thresholds related to the environmental footprint.

Amendment

The Commission should carry out (62)an evaluation of this Regulation. Pursuant to paragraph 22 of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making, that evaluation should be based on the five criteria of efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, coherence and EU value added and should provide the basis for impact assessments of possible further measures in particular on Human rights, environment and circularity. The Commission should submit to the European Parliament, to the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, a report on the implementation of this Regulation and progress towards achieving its objectives, including the capacity and diversification benchmarks. The report should also, based on the implementation of the measures related the transparency of the environmental footprint of critical raw materials, assess the appropriateness of establishing maximum thresholds related to the environmental footprint.

Or. en

Amendment 73 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Recital 64 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(64a) The need to ensure a sustainable and resilient supply of critical raw materials also depends on strengthening supply chains at the European regional level. In order to enhance the stability of supply chains and reduce dependence on external sources, the involvement of regional actors as well is crucial.

Or. en

Amendment 74 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Recital 64 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(64b) The importance of transparency in supply chains is recognised by the introduction of measures to ensure adequate clarity and control over the traceability of critical raw materials. In order to ensure social and environmental responsibility of companies operating in this sector and to provide accurate information, digital solutions and advanced technologies are encouraged to monitor and transparently communicate the origin of raw materials, the adopted standards of sustainability and the social and environmental practices developed by suppliers.

Or. en

Amendment 75 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Recital 64 c (new)

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Amendment

(64c) In view of promoting a progressive resilience and sustainability to supply critical raw materials, it is highly recommended investing in research and development to foster regional diversification of supply sources. Through a collaboration among companies, universities and research centres, sustainable alternatives will be identified and developed, such as the use of recycled materials or the adoption of new technologies to reduce dependence on global sources of supply.

Or. en

Amendment 76 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Recital 64 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(64d) The protection of the environment and the health of citizens should be the priority in the selection of projects; thorough environmental assessments are required, taking into consideration territorial peculiarities and fragilities, not least hydro-geological stability, by involving regional actors of the areas involved with a prominent role.

Or. en

Amendment 77 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 1. The general objective of this Regulation is to improve the functioning of the internal market by establishing a framework to ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials.
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Or. en

Amendment 78 Susana Solís Pérez, Ondřej Knotek

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of this Regulation is to improve the functioning of the internal market by establishing a framework to ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials.

Amendment

1. The general objective of this Regulation is to improve the functioning of the internal market by establishing a framework to ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials *and the sustainable* development of its regions

Or. en

Amendment 79 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of this Regulation is to improve the functioning of the internal market by establishing a framework to ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials.

Amendment

1. The general objective of this Regulation is to improve the functioning of the internal market by establishing a framework to ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical *and strategic* raw materials.

Or. en

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Amendment 80 Martina Michels on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of this Regulation is to improve the functioning of the internal market by establishing a framework to ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials.

Amendment

1. The general objective of this Regulation is to ensure the Union's access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials *and their circular*, sustainable use, in line with the Green Deal and planetary boundaries.

Or. en

Amendment 81 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) Union recycling capacity, *including for all intermediate* recycling *steps*, is able to produce at least 15% of the Union's annual consumption of strategic raw materials.

Amendment

(iii) Union recycling capacity, covering the preparation for recycling stage from collection, to sorting and pre-treatment, is able to produce at least 15% of the Union's annual consumption of strategic raw materials.

Or. en

Justification

To avoid cases of double counting, the 15% recycling benchmark mentioned should only cover "preparation for recycling" stage with additional measures supporting development of collection, sorting and pre-treatment capacity and not all intermediate recycling steps as mentioned in the article.

Amendment 82 Franc Bogovič

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Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point a – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiia) As part of the report referred to in Article 1 paragraph 3, the Commission is required to publish its methodology for calculating and reporting on these benchmarks. A mechanism should be developed to ensure that all materials are treated equally.

Or. en

Justification

There is clarity needed on the benchmarking, as tonnages and value greatly vary between raw materials, and would therefore make large volume materials dominate the benchmarks.

Amendment 83 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) secure more efficient and transparent permitting procedures without reducing environmental and social requirements;

Or. en

Amendment 84 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) ensure the free movement of critical raw materials and products containing critical raw materials placed on the Union market while ensuring *a high* level of

Amendment

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environmental protection, by improving their circularity and sustainability.

environmental protection, by improving their *durability*, *repairability*, circularity and sustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) support just energy transition in the Union, with policies that respect due diligence, human rights and the environment, and that enable Member States to meet their international climate commitments.

Or. en

Amendment 86 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) ensure public control of all lifecycle processes related to the critical and strategic raw materials.

Or. en

Amendment 87
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point d b (new)

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Amendment

(db) provide quality jobs and promote an inclusive and fair job-market throughout the value chain of critical raw materials.

Or. en

Amendment 88 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Where, based on the report referred to in Article 42, the Commission concludes that the Union is likely not to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 2, it shall assess the feasibility and proportionality of proposing measures or exercising its powers at Union level *in order to ensure the achievement of those* objectives.

Amendment

Where, based on the report referred to in Article 42, the Commission concludes that the Union is likely not to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 2, it shall assess, in close cooperation with relevant stakeholders, the feasibility and proportionality of proposing measures or exercising its powers at Union level. In this regard the Commission shall allow for a certain level of flexibility to best reflect the uniqueness of the value chain of the raw material targeted, as each material has specific properties and challenges associated with its sourcing, processing and recycling. It should focus on maintaining existing capacities and supporting them. An open and constant dialogue between industry and policymakers should be encouraged to identify benchmarks that are both technically and economically feasible, as well as in line with the EU's objectives.

Or. en

Justification

The benchmarks in terms of sourcing, processing and recycling are too general and unrealistic, and may result in unintended and negative consequences. Provisions should be carefully considered against the economic and technical difficulties associated with their

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Amendment 89 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Where, based on the report referred to in Article 42, the Commission concludes that the Union is likely not to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 2, it shall assess the feasibility and proportionality of proposing measures or exercising its powers at Union level in order to ensure the achievement of those objectives.

Amendment

3. Where, based on the report referred to in Article 42, the Commission concludes that the Union is likely not to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 2, it shall *examine the reasons why the objectives* are not achieved and propose measures or *exercise* its powers at Union level in order to ensure the achievement of those objectives.

Or. en

Justification

There are provisions in existing EU legislation that make extraction of SRM/CRM difficult (without clear environmental benefits). These types of barriers to mining and recycling in the EU are not addressed in this regulation. Therefore, if the objectives of the regulation are not met, the Commission should evaluate the reasons and propose measures to ensure the achievement of the objectives of the regulation.

Amendment 90 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) 'exploration' means all activities aimed at identifying and establishing the properties of mineral occurrences;

Amendment

(5) 'exploration' means all activities aimed at identifying and establishing the properties of mineral occurrences, including the development of new extraction and processing technologies, exploration drilling campaigns, and launching pilot plants;

Amendment 91
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) 'reserves' means all mineral occurrences that are economically viable to extract;

Amendment

(8) 'reserves' means all mineral occurrences that are economically *environmentally and socially* viable to extract;

Or. en

Amendment 92 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) 'reserves' means all mineral occurrences that are economically viable to extract;

Amendment

(8) 'reserves' means all mineral occurrences that are economically viable to extract *in a given market context*;

Or. en

Amendment 93 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) 'recycling' means any recovery operation by which waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substances whether for the original or other

Amendment

(11) 'recycling' means any recovery operation, *including collecting, sorting, and disassembling,* by which waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substances whether for the

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purposes;

original or other purposes;

Or en

Amendment 94 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) 'project promoter' means any undertaking or consortium of undertakings developing a raw material project;

Amendment

(18) 'project promoter' means any undertaking or consortium of undertakings developing a raw material project *in the Union or in third countries*;

Or. en

Amendment 95 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) 'key market operators' means producers involved in the extraction, processing or recycling of critical raw materials, traders and distributors of critical raw materials, and downstream companies consuming significant amounts of critical raw materials;

Amendment

(28) 'key market operators' means producers involved in the *exploration*, extraction, processing or recycling of critical raw materials, traders and distributors of critical raw materials, and downstream companies consuming significant amounts of critical raw materials;

Or. en

Amendment 96 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2

2. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 36 to amend Annex I, Section 1 in order to update the list of strategic raw materials.

An updated list of strategic raw materials shall include, from among the raw materials assessed, the raw materials that score among the highest in terms of strategic importance, forecasted demand growth and difficulty of increasing production. The strategic importance, projected demand growth and difficulty of increasing production shall be determined in accordance with Annex I, Section 2.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 97 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

An updated list of strategic raw materials shall include, from among the raw materials assessed, the raw materials that score among the highest in terms of strategic importance, forecasted demand growth and difficulty of increasing production. The strategic importance, projected demand growth and difficulty of increasing production shall be determined in accordance with Annex I, Section 2.

Amendment

An updated list of strategic raw materials shall include, from among the raw materials assessed, the raw materials that score among the highest in terms of strategic importance, forecasted demand growth, forecasted demand availability that could jeopardize regional development, and difficulty of increasing production. The strategic importance, projected demand growth, forecasted demand availability that could jeopardize regional development and difficulty of increasing production shall be determined in accordance with Annex I, Section 2.

Or. en

Justification

In addition to these conditions, the availability of materials must be taken into account to

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consider them strategic in a long term vision that could jeopardize the regional development.

Amendment 98
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

An updated list of strategic raw materials shall include, from among the raw materials assessed, the raw materials that score among the highest in terms of strategic importance, forecasted demand growth and difficulty of increasing production. The strategic importance, projected demand growth and difficulty of increasing production shall be determined in accordance with Annex I, Section 2.

Amendment

An updated list of strategic raw materials shall include, from among the *critical* raw materials assessed, the raw materials that score among the highest in terms of strategic importance, forecasted demand growth and difficulty of increasing production *and most importantly shall support the aims outlined in article 1, paragraph 1 and 2, of this regulation*. The strategic importance, projected demand growth and difficulty of increasing production shall be determined in accordance with Annex I, Section 2.

Or. en

Amendment 99 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

An updated list of strategic raw materials shall include, from among the raw materials assessed, the raw materials that score among the highest in terms of strategic importance, forecasted demand growth and difficulty of increasing production. The strategic importance, projected demand growth and difficulty of increasing production shall be determined in accordance with Annex I, Section 2.

Amendment

An updated list of strategic raw materials shall include, from among the raw materials assessed, the raw materials that score among the highest in terms of strategic importance, forecasted demand growth and difficulty of increasing production. The strategic importance, projected demand growth and difficulty of *developing or* increasing production shall be determined in accordance with Annex I, Section 2.

Amendment 100 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The Commission shall use a transparent and clearly defined methodology for the assessment of materials to be included in the strategic raw materials list, including through the use of technical factsheets, similar to the methodology applied to the critical raw materials list. Future strategic materials lists should be accompanied by an impact assessment of existing EU legislation and the impact it has on materials on those lists.

Or. en

Justification

Critical raw materials are assessed through a criticality assessment based on a specific methodology which includes a long and thorough validating process with the assistance of external experts, industry representatives and research institutes. Same should be the case also for strategic raw materials. On the contrary, the identification of strategic raw materials was not based on a published methodology nor did it include previous consultations. Incorporating strategic raw materials into the critical raw materials list (Annex 2) implies that all of materials have met the thresholds set by the CRM methodology, which is misleading.

Amendment 101 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall review and, if necessary, update the list of strategic raw materials by [OP please insert: *four* years

Amendment

3. The Commission shall review and, if necessary, update the list of strategic raw materials by [OP please insert: *three* years

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after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], and every *4 four* years thereafter.

after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], and every three (3) years thereafter. Upon request by the Board, based on monitoring and stress testing in accordance with this Regulation, if needed the Commission shall review or update the list at any time outside of these scheduled reviews.

Or. en

Amendment 102 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. Where a raw material is no longer considered a strategic raw material as a result of the update referred to in paragraph 3, it should continue, by way of derogation, to be considered a critical raw material for three years after the publication of that update.

Or. pl

Amendment 103 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The status of critical and strategic raw materials as referred to in this Regulation should be taken into account in all EU legislation where these materials have a direct or indirect impact, both in the general provisions and in specific provisions for particular products and substances.

Amendment 104 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall review and, if necessary, update the list of critical raw materials by [OP please insert: *four* years after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], and every *4 four* years thereafter.

Amendment

4. The Commission shall review and, if necessary, update the list of critical raw materials by [OP please insert: three years after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], and every three (3) years thereafter. Upon request by the Board, based on monitoring and stress testing in accordance with this Regulation, if needed the Commission shall review or update the list at any time outside of these scheduled reviews.

Or. en

Amendment 105 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. Where a raw material is no longer considered a critical raw material as a result of the update referred to in paragraph 4, it should continue, by way of derogation, to be considered a critical raw material for three years after the publication of that update.

Or. pl

Amendment 106 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. The status of critical and strategic raw materials shall be considered in all EU legislation where materials are directly or indirectly impacted both in general, product specific, and substance specific legislation.

Or. en

Justification

The absence of a harmonised legislative approach to critical raw materials has led to the unnecessary targeting of these materials under several and different regulatory frameworks and to the creation of regulatory barriers negatively impacting the supply of these materials, the competitiveness of the EU industry and access to investment.

Amendment 107 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the project would make a meaningful contribution to the security of the Union's supply of strategic raw materials;

Amendment

(a) the project would make a meaningful contribution to the security of the Union's supply of *critical and* strategic raw materials *and to the Union's supply of products manufactured from critical - raw materials*;

Or. en

Justification

Strategic raw materials are a sub-group of the critical raw materials. The criticality assessment is the result of more than a decade of clear and transparent work. All critical raw materials should benefit from the proposed actions (strategic projects and related investments) as they are key enablers for the twin transition, directly or indirectly. Plus, in several parts of the proposal (article 8, 12...) the 'strategic project' is linked to critical raw materials and not just strategic.

Amendment 108 Martina Michels on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

the project would be implemented (c) sustainably, in particular as regards the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of *environmental* impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights, quality jobs potential and meaningful engagement with local communities and relevant social partners, and the use of transparent business practices with adequate compliance policies to prevent and minimise risks of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration, including corruption and bribery:

Amendment

the project would be implemented (c) sustainably, in particular as regards the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of socio-environmental impacts, consistent with the precuationary *principle*, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights including, but not limited to, the fulfilment of human rights and environmental due diligence obligations, quality jobs potential and meaningful engagement with local communities and relevant social partners, and the use of transparent business practices with strong compliance policies to prevent and minimise risks of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration, including corruption and bribery:

Or. en

Amendment 109 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the project would be implemented sustainably, in particular as regards the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of environmental impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights, quality jobs potential and meaningful engagement with local communities and relevant social partners, and the use of transparent

Amendment

(c) the project would be implemented *transparently and* sustainably, in particular as regards the monitoring, *public control*, prevention and minimisation of environmental *and climate* impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights, *cultural heritage*, quality jobs potential and meaningful engagement with

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business practices with adequate compliance policies to prevent and minimise risks of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration, including corruption and bribery; local communities and relevant social partners, and the use of transparent business practices with adequate compliance policies to prevent and minimise risks of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration, including corruption and bribery;

Or. en

Amendment 110 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the project would be implemented sustainably, in particular as regards the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of environmental impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights, quality jobs potential and meaningful engagement with local communities and relevant social partners, and the use of transparent business practices with adequate compliance policies to prevent and minimise risks of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration, including corruption and bribery;

Amendment

(c) the project would be implemented sustainably, in particular as regards the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of environmental impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights, quality jobs potential and meaningful engagement with regional and local communities and relevant social partners, and the use of transparent business practices with adequate compliance policies to prevent and minimise risks of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration, including corruption and bribery;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) the project would effectively ensure consultation, information of local populations within a proper time frame, in line with article 9 new;

Or. en

Amendment 112 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) for extraction projects in the Union, the project will create added value by keeping an additional step of the value chain in the region;

Or. en

Justification

There is no mention of creating value in the member state or region in which the project is developed. Mining has a significant environmental impact. It also has a strong social opposition in the areas where it is carried out. This amendment has the intention to keep part of the raw materials processing following the extraction in the same region as outlined in AM in Annex III.

Amendment 113 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) for projects in the Union, the establishment, operation or production of the project would have cross-border benefits beyond the Member State concerned, including for downstream sectors;

Amendment

(d) for projects in the Union, the establishment, operation or production of the project would have cross-border benefits beyond the Member State concerned, including for downstream sectors, as well as regional and local communities;

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Amendment 114 Martina Michels on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) for projects in third countries that are emerging markets or developing economies, the project would be mutually beneficial for the Union and the third country concerned by adding value in that country.

Amendment

(e) for projects in third countries that are emerging markets or developing economies, the project would be mutually beneficial for the Union and the third country concerned by adding value in that country and respecting international standards and conventions, and the highest environmental and human rights standards in that country and Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937. This should also include establishing cooperation agreements to enable access to justice and redress for communities in third countries affected by the human rights and environmental violations of companies involved in the strategic projects covered by this regulation.

Or en

Amendment 115 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) for projects in third countries that are emerging markets or developing economies, the project would be mutually beneficial for the Union and the third country concerned by adding value in that country.

Amendment

(e) for projects in third countries that are emerging markets or developing economies, the project would be mutually beneficial for the Union and the third country concerned by adding value in that country *and comply with equivalent*

social, environmental and labour requirements to projects in the Union.

Or en

Amendment 116 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) for projects in third countries that are emerging markets or developing economies, the project would be mutually beneficial for the Union and the third country concerned by adding value in that country.

Amendment

(e) for projects in *candidate*, *neighbouring and* third countries that are emerging markets or developing economies, the project would be mutually beneficial for the Union and the third country concerned by adding value in that country.

Or. en

Amendment 117 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The recognition of a project as a Strategic Project shall not affect the requirements applicable to the relevant project or project promoter under international, Union or national law.

Amendment

3. The recognition of a project as a Strategic Project shall not affect the requirements applicable to the relevant project or project promoter under international, Union or national law, *including national laws in third countries*.

Or. en

Amendment 118 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation

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Article 5 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. Where relevant, the Commission should consider the feasibility of complementary infrastructural strategic projects that have the potential to facilitate and improve transport and communication related to the raw materials strategic projects, as well as generally contribute to better regional and local development and greater social acceptability of the raw materials strategic project and social inclusion, while taking into consideration also environmental issues.

Or. en

Amendment 119 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3b. When introducing obligations, for example certification schemes and environmental footprint requirements, a balanced approach is necessary to allow industry to comply with these obligations while guaranteeing a level playing field between EU and non-EU companies.

Or. en

Justification

Industry needs a balanced framework of obligations that does not hamper EU competitiveness. These obligations can be especially burdensome for SMEs.

Amendment 120 Martina Michels on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) relevant evidence that the project is not on a Natura 2000 sites;

Or. en

Amendment 121 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) a timetable for the implementation of the project, including an overview of the permits required for the project and the status of the corresponding permit granting process;

Amendment

(c) a timetable for the implementation of the project, including an overview of the permits required for the project and the status of the corresponding *transparent* permit granting process, *and a proper involvement of public in the process*;

Or. en

Amendment 122 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) a timetable for the implementation of the project, including an overview of the permits required for the project and the status of the corresponding permit granting process;

Amendment

(c) a timetable for the implementation of the project, including, where provided by the competent national authority, an overview of the permits required for the project and the status of the corresponding permit granting process;

Or. en

Amendment 123 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) a plan containing measures to facilitate public acceptance including, where appropriate, the establishment of recurrent communication channels with the local communities and organisations, including social partners, the implementation of awareness-raising and information campaigns and the establishment of mitigation and compensation mechanisms;

Amendment

(d) a plan containing measures to respect the cultural heritage and ensure the meaningful involvement and active participation of affected communities all along the project, in particular of local communities and indigenous communities concerned facilitate public acceptance including, where appropriate, through the establishment of recurrent communication channels with the local communities and organisations, including social partners, the implementation of public control and awareness-raising and information campaigns and the establishment of mitigation and compensation mechanisms, ensuring that involuntary resettlement is used exclusively as a last resort option;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) a plan containing measures to facilitate public acceptance including, where appropriate, the establishment of recurrent communication channels with the local communities and organisations, including social partners, the implementation of awareness-raising and information campaigns and the establishment of mitigation and compensation mechanisms;

Amendment

(d) a plan containing measures to ensure public participation and transparency, in particular with a view to respect internationally recognised right to give or withhold Free, Prior and Informed Consent of Indigenous communities, and to ensure that local populations have been properly consulted, informed and consented within a proper time frame to the project, in line with article 9 new. The plan shall also outline the foreseen

recurrent communication channels with the local communities and organisations, including social partners, the implementation of awareness-raising and information campaigns and the establishment of mitigation and compensation mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 125 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) a plan containing measures to facilitate public acceptance including, where appropriate, the establishment of recurrent communication channels with the local *communities* and organisations, including social partners, the implementation of awareness-raising and information campaigns and the establishment of mitigation and compensation mechanisms;

Amendment

(d) a plan containing measures to facilitate public acceptance including, where appropriate, the establishment of recurrent communication channels with the local *and regional authorities* and organisations, including social partners *and local communities*, the implementation of *engagement*, awareness-raising and information campaigns and the establishment of mitigation and compensation mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 126 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) a plan containing measures to facilitate public acceptance including, where appropriate, the establishment of recurrent communication channels with the local communities and organisations, including social partners, the

Amendment

(d) a plan containing measures to facilitate public acceptance including, where appropriate, the establishment of recurrent communication channels with the *regional and* local communities and organisations, including social partners, the

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implementation of awareness-raising and information campaigns and the establishment of mitigation and compensation mechanisms; implementation of awareness-raising and information campaigns and the establishment of mitigation and compensation mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) relevant evidence that the project promoter has no track record in human rights nor environmental violations;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) is in line with the Eligibility, Excluded Activities and Excluded sectors list of the European Investment Bank;

Or. en

Amendment 129 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) an estimate of the project's potential for quality job creation and the project's needs in terms of skilled workforce as well as upskilling and reskilling.

Amendment

(g) an estimate of the project's potential for quality job creation and the project's needs in terms of skilled workforce as well as upskilling and reskilling. For extraction projects, an estimation of the added value retained in the metallurgical and mineralogical processing and beneficiation of mineral resources expressed in terms of new job creation, research and development, and increased business volume generated.

Or. en

Amendment 130 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) an estimate of the project's potential for quality job creation and the project's needs in terms of skilled workforce as well as upskilling and reskilling.

Amendment

(g) an estimate of the project's potential for quality job creation and the project's needs in terms of skilled workforce as well as upskilling and reskilling, using social procurement clause, whenever possible, focusing on creation of employment opportunities for under-represented and socially disadvantaged groups, especially in regions that face challenges in this sense.

Or. en

Amendment 131 Peter Pollák

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) an estimate of the project's

Amendment

(g) an estimate of the project's

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potential for quality job creation and the project's needs in terms of skilled workforce as well as upskilling and reskilling.

potential for quality job creation and the project's needs in terms of skilled workforce as well as upskilling and reskilling, using social procurement clause, whenever possible, focusing on creation of employment opportunities for under-represented and socially disadvanted groups, especially in regions that face challenges in this sense.

Or. en

Amendment 132 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) an estimate of the project's potential for quality job creation and the project's needs in terms of skilled workforce as well as upskilling and reskilling.

Amendment

(g) an estimate of the project's potential for quality job creation and the project's needs in terms of skilled workforce as well as upskilling and reskilling, *and promoting gender equality*.

Or. en

Amendment 133
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the Member State whose territory is concerned by a proposed project objects to granting the proposed project strategic status, it shall present substantiated reasons for doing so during the discussion referred to in paragraph 4. The Board shall discuss the substantiated reasons presented by a Member State for its objection. If, after the discussion, the Member State maintains its

Amendment

Where the Member State whose territory is concerned by a proposed project objects to granting the proposed project strategic status, it shall present substantiated reasons for doing so during the discussion referred to in paragraph 4. The *legal base for an objection is EU environmental legislation, such as the respect of the Habitat Directive, in particular the protection of*

objection, the project shall not be considered for the status of Strategic Project.

Natura 2000 sites. The Board shall discuss the substantiated reasons presented by a Member State for its objection. If, after the discussion, the Member State maintains its objection, the project shall not be considered for the status of Strategic Project.

Or. en

Amendment 134 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the Member State whose territory is concerned by a proposed project objects to granting the proposed project strategic status, it shall present substantiated reasons for doing so during the discussion referred to in paragraph 4. The Board shall discuss the substantiated reasons presented by a Member State for its objection. If, after the discussion, the Member State maintains its objection, the project shall not be considered for the status of Strategic Project.

Amendment

Where the Member State whose territory is concerned by a proposed project objects to granting the proposed project strategic status, having consulted local and regional authorities concerned, it shall present substantiated reasons for doing so during the discussion referred to in paragraph 4. The Board shall discuss the substantiated reasons presented by a Member State for its objection. If, after the discussion, the Member State maintains its objection, the project shall not be considered for the status of Strategic Project.

Or. en

Amendment 135 Susana Solís Pérez, Ondřej Knotek

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the Member State whose territory is concerned by a proposed project objects to granting the proposed project strategic Amendment

Where the Member State *together with local or regional authorities* whose territory is concerned by a proposed project

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status, it shall present substantiated reasons for doing so during the discussion referred to in paragraph 4. The Board shall discuss the substantiated reasons presented by a Member State for its objection. If, after the discussion, the Member State maintains its objection, the project shall not be considered for the status of Strategic Project.

objects to granting the proposed project strategic status, it shall present substantiated reasons for doing so during the discussion referred to in paragraph 4. The Board shall discuss the substantiated reasons presented by a Member State for its objection. If, after the discussion, the Member State maintains its objection, the project shall not be considered for the status of Strategic Project.

Or. en

Amendment 136 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission's decision shall be reasoned, including, where applicable, where it is different from the Board's opinion. The Commission shall share its reasons with the Board as well as with the project promoter.

Amendment

The Commission's decision shall be reasoned, including, where applicable, where it is different from the Board's opinion. The Commission shall share its reasons with the Board, *the competent authority in the Member States*, as well as with the project promoter.

Or. en

Amendment 137 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission's decision shall be reasoned, including, where applicable, where it is different from the Board's opinion. The Commission shall share its reasons with the Board as well as with the project promoter.

Amendment

The Commission's decision shall be reasoned, including, where applicable, where it is different from the Board's opinion. The Commission shall share its reasons with the Board *and the European Parliament*, as well as with the project promoter.

Amendment 138 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. Where the Commission finds that a Strategic Project *no longer fulfils the criteria set out in Article 5(1) or where its* recognition was based on an application containing incorrect information, it may, taking into account the opinion of the Board and the responsible project promoter, repeal the decision granting a project the status of Strategic Project.

Amendment

8. Where the Commission finds that a Strategic Project recognition was based on an application containing incorrect information, it may, taking into account the opinion of the Board and the responsible project promoter, repeal the decision granting a project the status of Strategic Project.

Or. en

Justification

For planning security of a project promoter, it is of utmost importance that the decision of recognition as a strategic project is grandfathered. Otherwise, if the strategic status of a raw material is changing, the status of a strategic project including already implemented benefits, would be lost with unclear consequences. Once a final investment decision is made, it should not be revoked, given that mining is a long-term commitment with projects running for several decades.

Amendment 139 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. Where the Commission finds that a Strategic *Project no longer fulfils the criteria set out in Article 5(1) or where its* recognition was based on an application containing incorrect information, it may, taking into account the opinion of the Board and the responsible project promoter, repeal the decision granting a

Amendment

8. Where the Commission finds that a Strategic *Project's* recognition was based on an application containing *severely* incorrect information, it may, taking into account the opinion of the Board and the responsible project promoter, repeal the decision granting a project the status of

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Or en

Justification

It contributes to uncertainty if the Commission is allowed to withdraw a project's status as strategic if it no longer meets the criteria in Article 5(1). If e.g. a raw material is removed from the list of strategic raw materials in Annex 1 it is still needed. Since it would have severe consequences for a project to lose its status as a Strategic Project, the threshold should be severely incorrect information, not just incorrect.

Amendment 140 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Strategic Projects shall be considered to contribute to the security of supply of strategic raw materials in the Union.

Amendment

1. Strategic Projects shall be considered to contribute to the security of supply of strategic raw materials in the Union. Member States shall ensure that strategic projects are given high priority as a public interest or public security concern.

Or. en

Amendment 141 Susana Solís Pérez, Ondřej Knotek

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Member State whose territory is concerned by a Strategic Project shall take measures to contribute to its timely and effective implementation.

Amendment

3. The Member State *together with regional and local authorities* whose territory is concerned by a Strategic Project shall take measures to contribute to its timely and effective implementation.

Or. en

Amendment 142 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Member State whose territory is concerned by a Strategic Project shall take measures to contribute to its timely and effective implementation.

Amendment

3. The Member State whose territory is concerned by a Strategic Project shall take measures to contribute to its timely, *transparent* and effective implementation.

Or en

Amendment 143 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Board shall *periodically discuss* the implementation of *the* Strategic Projects *and*, *where* necessary, measures that *could be taken by* the project promoter *or* the Member State whose territory is *concerned* by a Strategic Project to further facilitate the *implementation of those* Strategic Projects.

Amendment

4. The Board shall engage in periodic discussions regarding the implementation of Strategic Projects. When necessary, it shall consider measures that the project promoter, the Member State or local and regional authorities, whose territory is directly affected by a Strategic Project, could undertake to further facilitate the successful execution of these Strategic Projects. The Board shall inform the project promoter, the Member State and the regional and local authorities of the results of the discussions in a timely manner.

Or. en

Justification

This version includes the local and regional authorities and might enhance readability

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Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 5 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) progress in the implementation of the project, in particular with regard to the permit granting process;

Amendment

(a) progress in the implementation of the project, in particular with regard to the *transparent* permit granting process;

Or en

Amendment 145 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission

9. The project promoter shall establish and regularly update a dedicated project website with relevant information about the Strategic Project, including information on the environmental, social and economic impacts and benefits associated with the Strategic Project. The website shall be freely accessible to the public and shall be available in a language or languages that can be easily understood by the local population.

Amendment

The project promoter shall establish and regularly update a dedicated project website with relevant information about the Strategic Project, including information on the environmental, cultural, social and economic impacts and benefits associated with the Strategic Project. The website shall be freely accessible to the public and shall be available in a language or languages that can be easily understood by the local population and communities. The project website shall include environmental, social and human rights impact assessments that have been carried out, as well as any existing agreements with affected communities and concession contracts with public authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 146
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission

9. The project promoter shall establish and regularly update a dedicated project website with relevant information about the Strategic Project, including information on the environmental, social and economic impacts and benefits associated with the Strategic Project. The website shall be freely accessible to the public and shall be available in a language or languages that can be easily understood by the local population.

Amendment

9. The project promoter shall establish and regularly update a dedicated project website with relevant information about the Strategic Project, including information on the environmental, social and economic impacts and benefits associated with the Strategic Project as well as its comprehensive methodology and plan local and regional authorities consultation, public participation. The website shall be freely accessible to the public and shall be available in a language or languages that can be easily understood by the local population.

Or. en

Amendment 147 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The responsibilities of the national competent authority referred to in paragraph 1 or the tasks related to it may be delegated to, or carried out by, another authority, for each critical raw material projects, provided that:

Amendment

3. The responsibilities of the national competent authority referred to in paragraph 1 or the tasks related to it may be delegated to, or carried out by, another authority, *in particular a relevant local or regional authority*, for each critical raw material projects, provided that:

Or. en

Amendment 148
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 8 – point a

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Text proposed by the Commission

(a) periodically discuss the implementation of this Section and share best-practices for speeding up permitting procedure for critical raw material projects as well as to improve their public *acceptance*;

Amendment

(a) periodically discuss the implementation of this Section and share best-practices for speeding up permitting procedure for critical raw material projects as well as to improve their public *participation and consultation*;

Or. en

Amendment 149 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 8 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) periodically discuss the implementation of this Section and share best-practices for speeding up permitting procedure for critical raw material projects as well as to improve *their* public *acceptance*;

Amendment

(a) periodically discuss the implementation of this Section and share best-practices for speeding up permitting procedure for critical raw material projects as well as to improve public *participation*;

Or. en

Amendment 150 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 8 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) where relevant, propose to the Commission guidelines for the implementation of this Section to be taken into account by national competent authorities referred to in paragraph 1.

Amendment

(b) where relevant, propose to the Commission guidelines for the implementation of this Section to be taken into account by national competent authorities referred to in paragraph 1;

Or. en

Amendment 151 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 8 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) share and discuss best practices including from other relevant mining regions in order to ensure structured and predictable formats.

Or. en

Amendment 152 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the purpose of ensuring efficient administrative processing of the permitting processes related to Strategic Projects in the Union, project promoters and all authorities concerned shall ensure that those processes are treated in the most rapid way possible in accordance with Union and national law

Amendment

1. For the purpose of ensuring efficient administrative *and transparent* processing of the permitting processes related to Strategic Projects in the Union, project promoters and all authorities concerned shall ensure that those processes are treated in the most rapid way possible in accordance with Union and national law.

Or. en

Amendment 153 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Without prejudice to obligations provided for in Union law, Strategic Projects in the Union shall be granted the status of the highest national significance

Amendment

2. Without prejudice to obligations provided for in Union law, Strategic Projects in the Union shall be granted the status of the highest national significance

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possible, where such a status exists in national law, and be treated accordingly in the permit granting processes.

possible, where such a status exists in national law, and be treated accordingly in the permit granting processes, including building, chemical and grid connection permits and environmental assessments and authorisations where these are required, and encompassing all administrative applications and procedures, also including applications for public funding.

Or. en

Amendment 154 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

All dispute resolution procedures. litigation, appeals and judicial remedies related to the permit-granting process and the issuance of permits for Strategic Projects in the Union in front of any national courts, tribunals, panels, including mediation or arbitration, where they exist in national law, shall be treated as urgent, if and to the extent to which national law provides for such urgency procedures and provided that the normally applicable rights of defence of individuals or of local communities would be respected. Project promoters of Strategic Projects shall participate in such urgency procedure, where applicable.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 155 Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 a (new)

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Article9a

Transparency and public participation

- 1. Through their one stop shop, national competent authorities ensure all strategic projects and national programme for general exploration and possible extraction sites are displayed on a single website, in a user-friendly manner, to ensure the public can have a general overview and develop an informed opinion.
- 2. The project promoter shall, within an indicative period of three months when applying for the permit granting process, draw up and submit a comprehensive methodology and plan for public participation to the national competent authority. The latter shall request modifications or approve the plan for public participation within three months.

Where the project promoter intends to make significant changes to an approved plan, it shall inform the competent authority thereof. In that case, the national competent authority may request modifications.

The methodology and plan shall be displayed on the project promoter dedicated project website, in line with article 7, paragraph 9. Project promoters shall also publish relevant information by other appropriate information means open to the public.

The Commission may adopt a delegated act to detail the requirements of the methodology and plan.

3. At least one public consultation shall be carried out by the project promoter, or, where required by national law, by the competent authority, before submission of the final and complete application file to the competent authority.

The project promoter shall prepare a report summarising the results of

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activities related to the participation of the public prior to the submission of the application file. The project promoter shall submit that report together with the application file to the competent authority. Due account shall be taken of these results in the comprehensive decision

Or. en

Amendment 156 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For Strategic Projects in the Union that had entered in the permit granting process before being granted the status of Strategic Project, the duration of the remaining steps of the permit granting process after the project is granted strategic status shall, in derogation from paragraph 1, not exceed:

Amendment

2. For Strategic Projects in the Union that had entered in the permit granting process before being granted the status of Strategic Project and for expansion projects of operations already granted with a permit, the duration of the remaining steps of the permit granting process after the project is granted strategic status shall, in derogation from paragraph 1, not exceed:

Or. en

Amendment 157 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The national competent authority referred to in Article 8(1) shall ensure that the authorities concerned issue the reasoned conclusion referred to in Article 1(2), point (g)(iv) of Directive 2011/92/EU on the environmental impact assessment of

Amendment

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a Strategic Project within *three* months of receiving all necessary information gathered pursuant to Articles 5, 6 and 7 of that Directive and completing the consultations referred to in Articles 6 and 7 of that Directive.

a Strategic Project within *two* months of receiving all necessary information gathered pursuant to Articles 5, 6 and 7 of that Directive and completing the consultations referred to in Articles 6 and 7 of that Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 158 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The time-frame for consulting the public concerned on the environmental impact assessment report referred to in Article 5(1) of Directive 2011/92/EU shall not be longer than 90 days in the case of Strategic Projects.

Amendment

4. The time-frame for consulting the public concerned on the environmental impact assessment report referred to in Article 5(1) of Directive 2011/92/EU shall not be longer than 30 days in the case of Strategic Projects.

Or. en

Amendment 159 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. Relevant bodies representing civil society, such as environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting social inclusion, fundamental rights, rights of persons with disabilities, gender equality and non-discrimination shall be properly consulted.

Or. en

Amendment 160 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall ensure that national, regional and local authorities responsible for preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, include in such plans, where appropriate, provisions for the development of critical raw materials projects. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable for agriculture and forestry.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that national, regional and local authorities responsible for preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, include in such plans, where appropriate, provisions for the development of critical raw materials projects. *If a municipality* has active/abandoned mines, known historical mining activities, mineralized bedrock, mineral deposits verified by a member states geological survey or a company that performs exploration/mining activities, the local authorities should prioritize exploration activities and mining projects in the area. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable for agriculture and forestry.

Or. en

Amendment 161 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall ensure that national, regional and local authorities responsible for preparing *plans, including* zoning, spatial *plans and land use plans, include in such plans*, where appropriate, provisions for the development of critical raw materials projects. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not

Amendment

1. Member States shall ensure that national, regional, and local authorities, responsible for preparing *plans—including* zoning, spatial, *and land-use plans—incorporate*, where appropriate, provisions for the development of critical raw materials projects *into such plans*. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not

usable for agriculture and forestry.

in use for agricultural or forestry purposes. Consideration shall also be given to proximity to potential material extraction sites and the feasibility of establishing technological hubs that foster synergies among the various components of the value chain.

Or. en

Justification

The proximity of technological hubs to extraction sites fosters supply chain efficiency and innovation within the extractive regions. The idea is to supports regional economic growth, environmental responsibility, and technological advancement, thus a proper development.

Amendment 162
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 163 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 1

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Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall ensure that national, regional and local authorities responsible for preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, include in such plans, where appropriate, provisions for the development of critical raw materials projects. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable *for agriculture and forestry*.

Amendment

1. Member States shall ensure that national, regional and local authorities responsible for preparing plans, including zoning, spatial plans and land use plans, include in such plans, where appropriate, provisions for the development of critical raw materials projects. Priority shall be given to artificial and built surfaces, industrial sites, brownfield sites, and, where appropriate, greenfield sites not usable

Or. en

Justification

In major European mining countries, that are providing the Unions industries with CRM:s, where almost 70 per cent of the land areas are covered with forest. It is hence not appropriate to prioritize green field sites not usable for forestry. Different greenfield sites are going to be appropriate in different member states.

Amendment 164 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Local and regional authorities may decide not to grant approval for the development of critical raw material projects if it is contrary to the interest of their community.

Or. en

Amendment 165 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 1. The Commission and the Member States shall undertake activities to accelerate and crowd-in private investments in Strategic Projects. Such activities may, without prejudice to Article 107 and Article 108 of the TFEU, include providing and coordinating support to Strategic Projects facing difficulties in accessing finance.
- 1. The Commission and the Member States as well as the local and regional authorities concerned shall undertake activities to accelerate and crowd-in private investments in Strategic Projects. Such activities may, without prejudice to Article 107 and Article 108 of the TFEU, include providing and coordinating support to Strategic Projects facing difficulties in accessing finance.

Or. en

Amendment 166 Susana Solís Pérez, Ondřej Knotek

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States may provide administrative support to Strategic Projects to facilitate their rapid and effective implementation, including by providing:

Amendment

2. Member States, *local and regional authorities* may provide administrative support to Strategic Projects to facilitate their rapid and effective implementation, including by providing:

Or. en

Amendment 167 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) assistance to project promoters to further increase the public acceptance of the project.

Amendment

(b) assistance to project promoters to further increase the public acceptance of the project, incorporating recommendations and best practices shared by the European Critical Raw Materials Board where necessary.

Or. en

Justification

Incorporating best practices from other regions or countries is crucial as it fosters knowledge sharing and accelerates progress. It helps avoid repetition of mistakes, introduces new methodologies and technologies, and promotes efficiency. Additionally, it contributes to regional development and capacity building, aligning with broader economic, social, and environmental objectives.

Amendment 168 Martina Michels

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) assistance to project promoters to further increase the public *acceptance* of the project.

Amendment

(b) assistance to project promoters to further increase the public *participation and consultation* of the project.

Or. en

Amendment 169 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) assistance to project promoters to further increase the public *acceptance* of the project.

Amendment

(b) assistance to project promoters to further increase the public *participation* of the project.

Or. en

Amendment 170 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) predictable, regular, and clear communication to the project promoter as to administrative delays and obstacles in the permitting process, including the reasons for such delays.

Or. en

Justification

It is important that authorities communicate clearly with project promoters on the whole permitting process, and in particular in case of expected delays and the reasons.

Amendment 171 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. By July 2024, an online portal shall be established to share clearly and transparently what public financing investors can access, including what amount is available, in which jurisdictions, what form the financing will take (for example, grants, tax credits, Contracts for Difference or loan guarantees) and the process for applying. This should include domestic and international financing options.

Or. en

Justification

Clarity is needed on the funding available for companies. Considering the 2030 timeline, facilities will need investment decisions to be made by the end of 2024. Therefore, clear access to funding opportunities needs to be available as soon as possible. The more clarity investors have about access to finance the easier it will be to decide to invest in Europe.

Amendment 172 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation

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Article 15 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. The standing sub-group referred to in Article 35(6) shall 2 years after entry into force provide a report describing obstacles to access to finance and recommendations to facilitate access to finance for Raw Materials Projects through the European Investment Bank Group and relevant Union funding and financing programs as well as state aid.

Or. en

Amendment 173 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1c. For any new future EU-level funding sources established with a link to the Green Deal Industrial Plan, the European Commission shall include a formal link to the Critical Raw Materials Act and ensure sufficient finance is allocated for supporting Europe's strategic projects.

Or en

Justification

The Critical Raw Materials Act does not include any new EU financial instruments, in stark comparison to the major incentive programs from China, US, and Japan. To ensure this gap is addressed soon, the text of the regulation should make a clear link to the upcoming discussions amongst the European Commission and Member States on a sovereignty fund or other new financing vehicle.

Amendment 174 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Facilitating off-take agreements

Facilitating *cooperation and* off-take agreements

Or. en

Amendment 175 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the volume and quality of raw materials they intend to purchase;

Amendment

(a) the volume and quality of *strategic* raw materials they intend to purchase;

Or en

Amendment 176 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The system referred to in paragraph 1 shall allow project promoters of *Strategic* Projects to make offers indicating:

Amendment

3. The system referred to in paragraph 1 shall allow project promoters of *raw material* projects to make offers indicating:

Or. en

Amendment 177 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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- (a) the volume and quality of *strategic* raw materials for which they are seeking to conclude off-take agreements;
- (a) the volume and quality of raw materials for which they are seeking to conclude off-take agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 178 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Based on the bids and offers received pursuant to paragraph 2 and 3, the Commission shall bring project promoters of *Strategic* Projects in contact with potential off-takers relevant for their project.

Amendment

4. Based on the bids and offers received pursuant to paragraph 2 and 3, the Commission shall bring project promoters of *raw materials* projects in contact with potential off-takers relevant for their project.

Or. en

Amendment 179
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Each Member State shall draw up a national programme for general exploration targeted at critical raw materials. Each Member State shall draw up the first such programme by [OP please insert: 1 year after the date of entry into force of this Regulation]. The national programmes shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated, at least every 5 years.

Amendment

1. Each Member State shall, in consulation with local and regional authorities and the civil society, draw up a national programme for general exploration targeted at critical raw materials. Each Member State shall draw up the first such programme by [OP please insert: 1 year after the date of entry into force of this Regulation]. The national programmes shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated, at least every 5 years.

Amendment 180 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall make the information on their mineral occurrences containing critical raw materials gathered through the measures set out in the national programmes referred to in paragraph 1 publicly available on a free access website. This information shall, where applicable, include the classification of the identified occurrences using the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources.

Amendment

Member States shall make the information on their mineral occurrences containing critical raw materials gathered through the measures set out in the national programmes referred to in paragraph 1 publicly available on a free access website and inform local and regional authorities about the occurrences available in their territories. This information shall, where applicable, include the classification of the identified occurrences using the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources.

Or. en

Justification

In order to carry out correct planning in line with article 12, they must have information on possible resources and reserves.

Amendment 181 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall make the information on their mineral occurrences containing critical raw materials gathered through the measures set out in the national programmes referred to in paragraph 1 publicly available on a free access website. This information shall, where applicable, include the classification of the identified occurrences using the United Nations

Amendment

Member States shall make the information on their mineral occurrences containing critical raw materials gathered through the measures set out in the national programmes referred to in paragraph 1 publicly available on a free access website *while preserving commercially sensitive information*. This information shall, where applicable, include the classification of the identified occurrences using the United

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Framework Classification for Resources.

Nations Framework Classification for Resources.

Or. en

Amendment 182 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) Union and global production and production capacities at different stages of the value chain.

Amendment

(d) Union and global production and production capacities at different stages of the value chain *whether current or potential*.

Or. en

Amendment 183 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The Commission shall protect European critical and strategic raw materials' production from unfair trade practices by maintaining and strengthening trade defense measures, in order to ensure a level playing field. The EU should prioritise establishing WTO-compliant incentives to ensure a level playing field globally. These could take the form of consumer incentives for sustainable European raw materials or support to manufacture more advanced facilities.

Justification

The European raw materials industry is at a global competitive disadvantage and needs to be assured that trade defence measures will be used to protect the industry from unfair trade practices.

Amendment 184 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission, in collaboration with the national authorities participating in the standing sub-group referred to in Article 35(6), point (c), shall ensure that a stress test is performed for each strategic raw material's supply chain at least every three years. To that end, the standing sub-group referred to in Article 35(6), point (c) shall coordinate and divide the implementation of stress tests for the different strategic raw materials by the different participating authorities

Amendment

The Commission, in collaboration with the national authorities participating in the standing sub-group referred to in Article 35(6), point (c), shall ensure that a stress test is performed for each strategic *and critical* raw material's supply chain at least every three years. To that end, the standing sub-group referred to in Article 35(6), point (c) shall coordinate and divide the implementation of stress tests for the different strategic *and critical* raw materials by the different participating authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 185 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall make publicly available on a free access website and regularly update a monitoring dashboard containing:

(a) the available information on the evolution of the parameters referred to in paragraph 1;

Amendment

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- (b) a calculation of the supply risk for critical raw materials in light of the information referred to in point (a);
- (c) the results of the stress tests referred to in paragraph 3;
- (d) where appropriate, suggestion for suitable mitigation strategies to decrease supply risk.

Or. en

Amendment 186 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Where, based on the information gathered pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, the Commission considers that there a is clear indication of the risk of a supply disruption, the Commission shall alert Member States, the Board and the Union governance bodies of crisis vigilance or crisis management mechanisms whose scope covers relevant critical or strategic raw materials.

Amendment

5. Where, based on the information gathered pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, the Commission considers that there a is clear indication of the risk of a supply disruption, the Commission shall alert Member States, the Board, *the European Parliament* and the Union governance bodies of crisis vigilance or crisis management mechanisms whose scope covers relevant critical or strategic raw materials.

Or. en

Amendment 187 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall identify key market operators along the critical raw materials value chain established in their territory and shall:

Amendment

2. Member States after consultation with the social partners, including representative organisations of SMEs, in accordance with uniform criteria

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determined ad European level by means of a delegated regulation in accordance with Article 36, shall identify key market operators along the critical raw materials value chain established in their territory and shall:

Or. en

Amendment 188 Andželika Anna Moždžanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall identify key market operators along the critical raw materials value chain established in their territory and shall:

Amendment

2. After consultation with private sector stakeholders and social partners, Member States shall identify key market operators along the critical raw materials value chain established in their territory and shall:

Or. pl

Amendment 189 Susana Solís Pérez, Ondřej Knotek

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall identify key market operators along the critical raw materials value chain established in their territory and shall:

Amendment

2. Member States, *in collaboration* with local and regional authorities where necessary, shall identify key market operators along the critical raw materials value chain established in their territory and shall:

Or. en

Amendment 190

Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the level of stocks available for each strategic raw material, measured both in tonnes and as a percentage of annual national consumption of the relevant materials, as well as the chemical form and purity of the materials stocked;

Amendment

(a) the level of stocks available for each strategic raw material, measured both in tonnes and as a percentage of annual national consumption of the relevant materials *on its territory*, as well as the chemical form and purity of the materials stocked;

Or. en

Amendment 191 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 22 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. By [OP please complete: 2 year after the date of entry into force of this Regulation] and every 2 years after that, the Commission shall, based on the information received pursuant to Article 21(1), share with the Board:

Amendment

1. By [OP please complete: 2 year after the date of entry into force of this Regulation] and every 2 years after that, the Commission shall, based on the information received pursuant to Article 21(1), share with the Board *and the European Parliament*:

Or. en

Amendment 192 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 22 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) be expressed as the amount needed to cover an amount of days of average daily net imports in case of a supply

Amendment

(a) be expressed as the amount needed to cover an amount of days of average daily net imports in case of a supply disruption, calculated on the basis of the amount of imports during the previous calendar year; disruption for the production of essential goods and the provision of goods and services directly related to vital societal functions or economic activities, calculated on the basis of the amount of imports during the previous calendar year;

Or. en

Amendment 193 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall set up and operate a system to aggregate the demand of interested undertakings consuming strategic raw materials established in the Union and Member State authorities responsible for strategic stocks and seek offers from suppliers to match that aggregated demand. This shall cover both unprocessed and processed strategic raw materials.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall support Member States and interested undertakings established in the Union in setting up and operating a system to aggregate demand for strategic raw materials and seek offers from suppliers to match that aggregated demand. This shall cover both unprocessed and processed strategic raw materials.

Or. pl

Amendment 194 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) set minimum amounts of demanded material to participate in the system, taking into account the expected number of interested participants and the need to *ensure a manageable amount of participants*.

Amendment

(b) set minimum amounts of demanded material to participate in the system, taking into account the *different capacities and needs of SME-sector market actors, the* expected number of interested participants and the need to *manage them efficiently within the system*.

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Amendment 195 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Each Member State shall by [OP please insert: 3 years after the date of entry into force of this Regulation] adopt and implement national programmes containing measures designed to:

Amendment

1. Each Member State shall by [OP please insert: 3 years after the date of entry into force of this Regulation] adopt and implement national programmes *that incorporate a multilevel governance approach involving regional authorities in the decision-making processes and* containing measures designed to:

Or. en

Justification

Regions significantly impact economic growth and sustainability through secondary markets for recycled materials. Their roles extend from establishing recycling infrastructure to setting regulations that encourage recycling, fostering public awareness, and stimulating demand for recycled goods. They're key in nurturing skills for the recycling industry and fostering innovation through stakeholder collaborations. Furthermore, regional cooperation enhances larger, resilient markets for recycled materials, sharing initiatives and best practices, thereby strengthening the circular economy. Tailoring measures to local needs ensures effective sustainability.

Amendment 196 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) increase the collection of waste with high critical raw materials recovery potential and ensure their introduction into the appropriate recycling system, with a view to maximising the availability and quality of recyclable material as an input to

Amendment

(a) increase the collection *the quality of the waste processing* of waste with high critical raw materials recovery potential and ensure their introduction into the appropriate recycling system, with a view to maximising the availability and quality of recyclable material as an input to critical

critical raw material recycling facilities;

raw material recycling facilities, in particular through the adoption of quality standards for the recy cling processes of complex waste streams such as electronic waste.

Or. en

Amendment 197 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) increase the collection of waste with high critical raw materials recovery potential and ensure their introduction into the appropriate recycling system, with a view to maximising the availability and quality of recyclable material as an input to critical raw material recycling facilities;

Amendment

(a) increase the collection, sorting and processing of waste and metal scraps and end-of-life products with high critical raw materials recovery, as well as its re-use and repair potential, and ensure their introduction into the appropriate recycling system, with a view to maximising the availability and quality of recyclable material as an input to critical raw material recycling facilities;

Or. en

Amendment 198 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) increase the re-use of products and components with high critical raw materials recovery potential;

Amendment

(b) increase the re-use, *refurbishing*, *remanufacturing*, *and repurposing* of products and components with high critical raw materials recovery potential;

Justification

It is important to enlarge the scope of this article to foster the market for secondary critical raw materials in Europe.

Amendment 199 Susana Solís Pérez, Ondřej Knotek

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) increase the re-use of products and components *with high* critical raw materials *recovery potential*;

Amendment

(b) increase the re-use of products and components *which contain* critical raw materials

Or. en

Justification

The goal should be to increase the re-use of products and components that contain critical raw materials, especially when these raw materials do not have a high potential for recovery we should keep product or components containing critical materials on the market for as long as possible, and thus reducing the need to open new mines in the regions

Amendment 200 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) increase the technological maturity of recycling technologies for critical raw materials *and to* promote materials efficiency *and* the substitution of critical raw materials in applications, at least by including support actions *to that effect* under national research & innovation programmes;

Amendment

(d) Increase the technological maturity of recycling technologies for critical raw materials, promote materials efficiency, and foster the substitution of critical raw materials in applications. This can be achieved at least by including support actions for these purposes under national research & innovation programmes. These initiatives shall include supporting the creation of recycling technology hubs that bring together synergies for the research and development of recycling processes for critical raw materials in collaboration

Or en

Justification

Joining the efforts of all recycling stakeholders, including research centers among others, is paramount to accelerate the advancement and development of technologies that enable the recycling of critical raw materials. This collaboration will bring benefits to the regions through the establishment and development of recycling hubs

Amendment 201 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) increase the technological maturity of recycling technologies for critical raw materials and to promote materials efficiency and the substitution of critical raw materials in applications, at least by including support actions to that effect under national research & innovation programmes;

Amendment

(d) increase the technological maturity of recycling technologies for critical raw materials and to promote materials efficiency and the substitution of critical raw materials in applications, *ensuring the same efficiency as well as technical and economic excellence*, at least by including support actions to that effect under national research & innovation programmes;

Or. pl

Amendment 202 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) ensure that their workforce is equipped with the *skills* needed to support circularity of the critical raw materials value chain.

Amendment

(e) with the involvement of social partners and by sustainable public investment ensure that their workforce through upskilling and reskilling is equipped with the key competences needed to support circularity of the critical raw materials value chain.

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Amendment 203 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) Establish a stable secondary critical raw materials market, coordinating shared initiatives, and exchanging best practices;

Or. en

Justification

local and regional authorities are vital for establishing stable secondary markets, developing recycling infrastructure, stimulating market demand, promoting innovation, and facilitating collaborations. They contribute to larger markets, coordinate initiatives, and exchange best practices

Amendment 204 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point e b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(eb) (new e b) ensure the uptake of quality standards for recycling processes of complex waste streams like electronics waste, to ensure optimal material recovery improving the collection and sorting of its regions or municipalities;

Or. en

Justification

Regions are crucial for implementing quality standards in recycling complex waste streams like electronic waste. They influence recycling practices, enforce standards, and monitor compliance efficiently. Their understanding of local conditions and capabilities helps tailor effective recycling strategies. Regions foster partnerships, drive innovation, and promote the

use of recycled materials. Quality standards ensure efficient recovery of critical raw materials and prevent costly mixing of alloys.

Amendment 205 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

With respect to points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1, the programmes referred to in that paragraph may include, without prejudice to Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU, the introduction of financial incentives, such as discounts, monetary rewards or deposit-refund systems, to encourage the re-use of products with *high* critical raw materials *recovery potential* and the collection of waste from *such* products.

Amendment

With respect to points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1, the programmes referred to in that paragraph may include, without prejudice to Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU, the introduction of financial incentives, such as discounts, monetary rewards or deposit-refund systems, to encourage the re-use of products with critical raw materials content, and the collection of waste from products with critical raw material recovery potential taking into account the special needs of the different regions.

Or. en

Justification

The goal should be to increase the re-use of products and components that contain critical raw materials, especially when these raw materials do not have a high potential for recovery. It's essential for regions to introduce financial incentives for product reuse because they are closest to local businesses and communities, allowing for targeted and effective implementation. Their understanding of local dynamics enables them to tailor incentives that best respond to specific regional needs and opportunities, fostering sustainability at a grassroots level.

Amendment 206 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. When reporting to the Commission the data concerning the quantities of waste

Amendment

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electrical and electronic equipment recycled, pursuant to Article 16(6) of Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment, Member States shall identify separately, and report, the quantities of components containing relevant amounts of critical raw materials removed from such waste equipment and the quantities of critical raw materials recovered from the waste electrical and electronic equipment. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts specifying the format and details of such reporting. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 37(3). The first reporting period shall cover the first full calendar year after the adoption of those implementing acts.

electrical and electronic equipment recycled, pursuant to Article 16(6) of Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment, Member States in collaboration with local and regional authorities shall identify separately, and report, the critical raw materials put on the market in electrical and electronic *equipment*, the quantities of components containing relevant amounts of critical raw materials removed from such waste equipment and the quantities of critical raw materials recovered from the waste electrical and electronic equipment. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts specifying the format and details of such reporting. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 37(3). The first reporting period shall cover the first full calendar year after the adoption of those implementing acts.

Or. en

Justification

Member States collaborating with regions to report data on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and critical raw materials is crucial. Accurate data is vital for effective policies, regulations, and strategies. Regional authorities have detailed information and can monitor compliance. Collaboration ensures a comprehensive understanding of the waste situation, including the quantities of critical raw materials put on the market and recovered from WEEE. Knowing the quantity and devices containing CRMs is essential for meaningful analysis

Amendment 207 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. During the evaluation process in accordance with Article 46, the Commission shall set targets for the collection and recovery of critical raw materials from waste electrical and

electronic equipment. These targets shall be progressive and revised every two years in line with technological development, recycling capacity, and the availability of waste of electrical and electronic equipment in line with the report in paragraph 5, objectives set out in Article 1 and regional and local collection reports.

Or. en

Justification

To achieve effective programs in paragraph 1, it will be necessary to set targets for the collection of waste electrical and electronic equipment and the recycling of critical raw materials and be in collaboration with regional and local authorities.

Amendment 208 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In drawing up this list, the Commission shall take account of:

In drawing up this list, the Commission, where necessary in collaboration with Member states regional and local authorities, shall take account of:

Or. en

Justification

It is crucial for the Commission to collaborate with Member States, regions and local authorities to access data concerning the quantities of waste electrical and electronic equipment and their critical raw materials content to obtain accurate data

Amendment 209 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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(aa) the product turnover, volume placed and collected on the market;

Or. en

Justification

It is very important to take into account the number of units a product is put on the market as well as its turnover. Small quantities of a critical mineral multiplied by many units have a considerable impact. Municipal collection centers play a key role in this regard

Amendment 210 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Article 28 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article28a

Socially responsible practices

The principle of sustainability set out in Article 5 of this Regulation includes the use of socially responsible practices, which implies respect for human and labour rights in the implementation of the strategic project. Companies benefiting from strategic project status and operating in third countries must ensure that these rights are respected. The companies concerned should provide any evidence or information that may be requested from time to time by the Member State from which they originate, or by the board, to ensure compliance with this obligation is fulfilled.

Or. en

Amendment 211 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Article 29 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Governments *or* organisations that have developed and oversee certification schemes related to the sustainability of critical raw materials ("scheme owners") may apply to have their schemes recognised by the Commission.

Amendment

National governments and local administrations, organisations or industrial companies that have developed and oversee certification schemes related to the sustainability of critical raw materials ("scheme owners") may apply to have their schemes recognised by the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 212 Andželika Anna Moždžanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 4 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) all relevant stakeholders, such as industry including downstream industry, SMEs and, where relevant, the craft industry, social partners, traders, retailers, importers, environmental protection groups and consumer organisations;

Amendment

(i) all relevant stakeholders, such as industry including downstream industry, SMEs, regional and local authorities and, where relevant, representatives of the craft industry, social partners, regional and local communities, traders, retailers, importers, environmental protection groups and consumer organisations;

Or. pl

Amendment 213 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 4 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) all relevant stakeholders, such as industry including downstream industry, SMEs and, where relevant, the craft industry, social partners, traders, retailers, importers, environmental protection groups and consumer organisations;

Amendment

(i) all relevant stakeholders, such as *regional and local communities*, industry including downstream industry, SMEs and, where relevant, the craft industry, social partners, traders, retailers, importers, environmental protection groups and consumer organisations;

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Amendment 214 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The Commission may adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 36 to supplement this Regulation by establishing environmental footprint performance classes for critical raw materials for which calculation and verification rules have been adopted pursuant to paragraph 1, in accordance with Annex V.

Amendment

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 215 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 31 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall not, for reasons relating to information for recycling or recycled content of permanent magnets or for reasons relating to information on the environmental footprint of critical raw material covered by this Regulation, prohibit, restrict or impede the making available on the market or the putting into service of products incorporating permanent magnets or of critical raw materials that comply with this Regulation.

Amendment

1. Member States, *local and regional authorities* shall not, for reasons relating to information for recycling or recycled content of permanent magnets or for reasons relating to information on the environmental footprint of critical raw material covered by this Regulation, prohibit, restrict or impede the making available on the market or the putting into service of products incorporating permanent magnets or of critical raw materials that comply with this Regulation.

Amendment 216 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Board shall *periodically* discuss:

Amendment

1. The Board shall at least once a year discuss and no longer than one (1) year after entry into force of this regulation publish a strategy report on the EU's strategic partnerships, outlining:

Or. en

Justification

The Critical Raw Materials Board should have an urgent first responsibility to deliver a well-defined strategy for domestic and third-country projects to address supply needs for the short-term demand growth and for securing resources from third countries.

Amendment 217
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) improving cooperation along the critical raw materials value chain between the Union and partner countries;

Amendment

(iii) improving cooperation along the critical raw materials value chain between the Union and partner countries as well as ensuring due diligence and respect for human rights by all actors involved along the value chain;

Or. en

Amendment 218 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii

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Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) improving cooperation along the critical raw materials value chain between the Union and partner countries;

(iii) improving cooperation along the critical *and strategic* raw materials value chain between the Union and partner countries;

Or. en

Amendment 219 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiia) contributing to the economic and social developments in partner countries, in particular for emerging and developing economies, while also promoting the uptake of environmentally sustainable and circular economy practices and decent working conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 220 Martina Michels on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiia) the Union's climate and environmental objectives

Or. en

Amendment 221 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the coherence and potential synergies between Member States' bilateral cooperation with relevant third countries and the actions carried out by the Union in the context of Strategic Partnerships;

Amendment

(b) the coherence and potential synergies between Member States' bilateral cooperation with relevant *candidate*, *neighbouring and* third countries and the actions carried out by the Union in the context of Strategic Partnerships;

Or. en

Amendment 222 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) which third countries should be prioritised for the conclusion of Strategic

Partnerships, taking into account the following criteria:

Amendment

(c) which *candidate*, *neighbouring and* third countries should be prioritised for the conclusion of Strategic Partnerships, taking into account the following criteria:

Or. en

Amendment 223
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) the contribution to the fulfilment of international obligations in the areas of human rights, environment, climate and protection of fragile ecosystems, which the countries of the Union have assumed following the ratification of ILO

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Convention 169, the European legislation on forced labour and due diligence, the Ramsar Convention, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Paris Agreement, among others.

Or en

Amendment 224 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) whether a third country's regulatory framework ensures the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of environmental impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights and meaningful engagement with local communities, the use of transparent business practices and the prevention of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration and the rule of law;

Amendment

(ii) whether a third country's regulatory framework ensures the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of environmental impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights and meaningful engagement with local communities, *in particular indigenous peoples*, the use of transparent business practices and the prevention of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration and the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 225 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) whether a third country's regulatory framework ensures the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of environmental impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights and meaningful engagement with local communities, the

Amendment

(ii) whether a third country's regulatory framework ensures the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of environmental impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights and meaningful engagement with *regional and* local

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use of transparent business practices and the prevention of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration and the rule of law; communities, the use of transparent business practices and the prevention of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration and the rule of law;

Or. pl

Amendment 226 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) whether a third country's regulatory framework ensures the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of environmental impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights and meaningful engagement with local communities, the use of transparent business practices and the prevention of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration and the rule of law;

Amendment

(ii) whether a third country's regulatory framework ensures the monitoring, prevention and minimisation of environmental impacts, the use of socially responsible practices including respect of human and labour rights and meaningful engagement with *regional and* local communities, the use of transparent business practices and the prevention of adverse impacts on the proper functioning of public administration and the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) whether there are existing cooperation agreements between a third country and the Union and, for emerging markets and developing economies, the potential for the deployment of Global Gateway investment projects.

Amendment

(iii) whether there are existing cooperation agreements between a third country and the Union and, for emerging markets and developing economies, the potential for the deployment of Global Gateway investment projects *planned with*

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transparency, public scrutiny, designed for the transition of sustainable economies to address climate change and help to provide also basic needs, while upholding human rights, reducing inequalities and not only de-risking mechanism for private sector competition.

Or. en

Amendment 228 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) whether there are existing cooperation agreements between a third country and the Union and, for emerging markets and developing economies, the potential for the deployment of Global Gateway investment projects.

Amendment

(iii) whether there are existing cooperation agreements between a *candidate, neighbouring or* third country and the Union and, for emerging markets and developing economies, the potential for the deployment of Global Gateway investment projects.

Or. en

Amendment 229 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c – point iv a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iva) for candidate and neighbouring countries, whether and how a partnership in a sphere of critical and strategic raw materials could contribute to local value addition and would be mutually beneficial for the partner country and the Union.

Amendment 230 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c – point iv b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ivb) whether a candidate, neighbouring or third country demonstrates alignment with European values.

Or. en

Amendment 231 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The Board should advise on possible new strategic partnerships with candidate, neighbouring or third countries.

Or. en

Amendment 232 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2b. The Board shall seek cooperation and coordination with international partners, as well as States of the European Free Trade Association, countries participating in the internal market or candidate countries.

Amendment 233 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 2 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2c. Following the identification of strategic projects with candidate, neighbouring and third countries, the Board shall rapidly establish structured communication with the Strategic Partnerships countries to identify the modalities of cooperation, relevant stakeholders and procedures.

Or. en

Justification

Timely engagement with third countries will be fundamental to enhance the contribution of strategic projects with third countries to the resilience of the value chains.

Amendment 234 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) coordinate with the Commission to ensure coherence between their bilateral cooperation with relevant third countries and the Union's non-binding Strategic Partnerships with third countries, whose scope at least includes critical raw materials value chain;

Amendment

(a) coordinate with the Commission to ensure coherence between their bilateral cooperation with relevant *candidate*, *neighbouring and* third countries and the Union's non-binding Strategic Partnerships with *candidate*, *neighbouring and* third countries, whose scope at least includes critical raw materials value chain;

Or. en

Amendment 235 Franc Bogovič

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Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The Commission shall integrate a critical and strategic raw materials component in existing and future international agreements.

Or. en

Amendment 236 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. In its activities, the Board shall seek cooperation and regular consultation with representatives of industry, private sector stakeholders, social partners and relevant local and regional authorities.

Or. pl

Amendment 237
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Board shall be composed of Member States and the Commission. It shall be chaired by the Commission.

Amendment

1. The Board shall be composed of Member States and the Commission. It shall be chaired by the Commission. *Regional and Local authorities shall be consulted.*

Amendment 238 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Board shall be composed of Member States *and the Commission*. *It shall be chaired by* the Commission.

Amendment

1. The Board shall be composed of Member States, *representatives of the raw materials industry and* the Commission.

Or. pl

Amendment 239 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. The Board shall ensure regular coordination and collaboration with industry and key private sector stakeholders, as well as with representatives of candidate, neighbouring and third countries and relevant local and regional authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 240 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) a subgroup to discuss and coordinate socially inclusive and sustainable mining practices, addressing local concerns and needs, promoting transparent communication, and fostering

positive community relationships, with the aim of facilitating acceptance of mining projects. The subgroup shall also be responsible for collating and disseminating best practices within the Union;

Or. en

Justification

the subgroup would work to develop and implement strategies that minimize potential adverse impacts on regional development, thereby reducing the likelihood of project rejection

Amendment 241 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) a subgroup to discuss and coordinate on the Strategic Partnerships pursuant to Article 33, ensuring cooperation with other relevant coordination fora, including those established as part of the Global Gateway strategy; representatives of civil society organisations shall be invited as observers;

Or. en

Amendment 242
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) a subgroup bringing together civil society representatives, regional and local authorities, academics, and various other

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institutions including the European Environment Agency and the European Chemicals Agency.

Or. en

Amendment 243 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) (e) a subgroup responsible for investigating possibilities for private and public funding for exploration companies to fully utilize and accelerate the knowledge drawn from the national exploration programmes.

Or. en

Justification

Exploration activities are to be considered high-risk, high-reward investments. The availability of risk capital for exploration activities in the EU is very limited. There is a need to investigate the possibility to establish funds or instruments that can support exploration activities in addition to the exploration programs of the Member States.

Amendment 244 Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where appropriate, the Board may invite experts, other third parties or representatives of third countries to attend meetings of the standing or temporary subgroups referred to in paragraph 6 as observers or to provide written contributions.

Amendment

Where appropriate, the Board may invite experts, other third parties or representatives of third countries from industry, civil society, academia, trade unions and other representatives with expertise and reasonable interest before taking decisions, to attend meetings of the standing or temporary sub-groups referred

to in paragraph 6 as observers or to provide written contributions.

Or en

Amendment 245 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where appropriate, the Board may invite experts, other third parties or representatives of third countries to attend meetings of the standing or temporary subgroups referred to in paragraph 6 as observers or to provide written contributions.

Amendment

Where appropriate, the Board may invite representatives of local and regional authorities, experts, industry and key private sector stakeholders, other third parties or representatives of candidate, neighbouring or third countries to attend meetings of the standing or temporary subgroups referred to in paragraph 6 as observers or to provide written contributions.

Or. en

Amendment 246 Andželika Anna Moždžanowska

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where appropriate, the Board may invite experts, other third parties or representatives of third countries to attend meetings of the standing or temporary subgroups referred to in paragraph 6 as observers or to provide written contributions.

Amendment

Where appropriate, the Board may invite representatives of industry and private sector stakeholders, social partners, local and regional authorities, experts, other third parties or representatives of third countries to attend meetings of the standing or temporary sub-groups referred to in paragraph 6 as observers or to provide written contributions.

Or. pl

Amendment 247 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

9a. The Board shall report annually to the European Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 248 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The following raw materials shall be considered strategic:

The following raw materials shall be considered strategic, including their respective carrier metals and minerals with which these strategic raw materials are extracted and their ferroalloy form:

Or. en

Amendment 249 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) Aluminium

Or. en

Justification

Aluminium is recognised in the impact assessment SWD(2023) 161 accompanying the Act, as

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a raw material that is projected to face significant future supply challenges while being essential to multiple strategic sectors. As highlighted in the JRC foresight study, among the 15 technologies explored, such as wind turbines, heat pumps, robotics, drones, solar photovoltaics, fuel cells, electrolysers, and satellites, aluminium is the most widely used raw material. It is an enabling material in the green transition, it underpins the digital transition, and it is a component of nearly all technological solutions listed in Commission Regulation 2023/0081, and in addition, aluminium is an essential component for defence applications. The growing demand for aluminium is leading to more imports from third countries, as European producers struggle to remain competitive due to the energy crisis and uneven trade conditions. The impact assessment emphasises that even if the best-case supply of aluminium would be sufficient, further investment is needed in the base case. At present, in Europe, 50% of primary aluminium production is curtailed, and these losses can be replaced by increased production in China, which accounts for 56% of global aluminium production. Such production results in higher global emissions, given that China's carbon footprint is almost three times higher than in Europe.

Amendment 250 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) Boron - metallurgy grade

(b) Boron

Or. en

Amendment 251 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) Chromium

Or. en

Justification

Chromium in the form of ferrochromium is an essential raw material for stainless steel. Therefore, Chromium should also be added to the list. Ferroalloys are indeed mainly used to improve the performance of steel, an essential material in the production of the different renewable energy technologies (solar PV structures, wind turbines, e-mobility, hydrogen

infrastructure). Some ferro-alloys are also at the top of aerospace and nuclear industries supply chains without suitable substitutes in their major applications, i.e., iron and steel, making them essential to its production. Considering their strategic importance and difficulties in increasing capacities, ferro-alloys should benefit from the strategic status under the CRM act.

Amendment 252 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) Lithium - battery grade

(g) Lithium

Or. en

Justification

Limitations in terms of application should be avoided. For extraction, it is not possible to determine the downstream use. An alternative to this amendment would be to clarify that the limitations does not apply to extraction projects.

Amendment 253 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) Lithium - battery grade

(g) Lithium

Or. en

Amendment 254 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h) Magnesium *metal* (h) Magnesium Or en **Amendment 255** Erik Bergkvist Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point i Amendment Text proposed by the Commission (i) (i) Manganese Manganese - battery grade Or. en **Amendment 256** Franc Bogovič Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point i Text proposed by the Commission Amendment (i) Manganese - battery grade (i) Manganese Or. en **Amendment 257** Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point j Text proposed by the Commission Amendment (j) *Natural* Graphite - battery grade (j) Graphite - battery grade Or. pl Justification Both synthetic and natural graphite (in battery grade) should be considered strategic.

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Amendment 258 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(j) Natural Graphite - battery grade

(j) Natural Graphite

Or. en

Amendment 259 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(j) Natural Graphite - battery grade

(j) Natural Graphite

Or. en

Amendment 260 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(k) Nickel - battery grade

(k) Nickel

Or. en

Amendment 261 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission		Amendment		
(k) Nickel - battery grade	(k)	Nickel		
			Or. e	
Amendment 262 Erik Bergkvist				
Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point m				
Text proposed by the Commission		Amendment		
(m) Rare Earth Elements <i>for magnets</i> (Nd, Pr, Tb, Dy, Gd, Sm, and Ce)	(m) Dy, ((m) Rare Earth Elements (Nd, Pr, Tb, Dy, Gd, Sm, and Ce)		

Amendment 263 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point n

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(n) Silicon *metal* (n) Silicon

Or. en

Or. en

Or. en

Amendment 264 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point n

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(n) Silicon *metal* (n) Silicon

Amendment 265 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point o

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(o) Titanium *metal*

(o) Titanium

Or. en

Amendment 266 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point o a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(o a) Coking coal

Or. pl

Justification

Coking coal is a strategic raw material as it is essential for the European steel industry to produce materials such as steel, which in turn are used, among others, in the production of construction, green and military technologies. At the moment, there is no cost-effective and efficient alternative to coking coal.

Amendment 267 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 2 – point 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The strategic importance shall be determined based on the relevance of a raw material for the green and digital transition as well as defence and space applications, taking into account:

1. The strategic importance shall be determined based on the relevance of a raw material for the green and digital transition, including raw materials enabling the production and processing of raw materials for the green and digital transition, as well as defence and space applications, and importance for medical

and food security, taking into account:

Or en

Amendment 268 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Section 2 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The forecasted demand availability shall be calculated as follow:

 $D_{F/A}=DF/R$

DF is the demand forecast for a reference year;

R are known reserves of economically extractable geological resources of a raw material.

Or. en

Justification

The availability of materials must be taken into account to consider them strategic in a long term vision that could jeopardize the regional development, in addition to prevent future instances of strategic dependence on raw materials. It is crucial to adopt a long-term vision that assesses the required materials and compares them with the economically available resources. This also launches long-term signals to seek substitutes for these materials through innovation.

Amendment 269 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) Aluminium

Justification

Aluminium is recognised in the impact assessment SWD(2023) 161 accompanying the Act, as a raw material that is projected to face significant future supply challenges while being essential to multiple strategic sectors. As highlighted in the JRC foresight study, among the 15 technologies explored, such as wind turbines, heat pumps, robotics, drones, solar photovoltaics, fuel cells, electrolysers, and satellites, aluminium is the most widely used raw material. It is an enabling material in the green transition, it underpins the digital transition, and it is a component of nearly all technological solutions listed in Commission Regulation 2023/0081, and in addition, aluminium is an essential component for defence applications. The growing demand for aluminium is leading to more imports from third countries, as European producers struggle to remain competitive due to the energy crisis and uneven trade conditions. The impact assessment emphasises that even if the best-case supply of aluminium would be sufficient, further investment is needed in the base case. At present, in Europe, 50% of primary aluminium production is curtailed, and these losses can be replaced by increased production in China, which accounts for 56% of global aluminium production. Such production results in higher global emissions, given that China's carbon footprint is almost three times higher than in Europe.

Amendment 270 Franc Bogovič

Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point g a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ga) Chromium

Or. en

Justification

Since strategic raw materials (potentially including ferro-alloys) are a sub-group of the critical raw materials, Chromium should therefore also be considered as critical raw materials, as it was the case in a previous CRM list.

Amendment 271 Andželika Anna Moždžanowska

Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(v) *Natural* Graphite

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Justification

Both synthetic and natural graphite should be considered critical.

Amendment 272
Martina Michels
on behalf of The Left Group

Proposal for a regulation Annex III – point 4 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) EIB Eligibility, Excluded Activities and Excluded sectors list; UN Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP); ILO Convention n°169; Paris Agreement.

Or. en

Amendment 273 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Annex III – point 4 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) striving towards free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

Or. en

Justification

FPIC is the internationally acknowledged principle of how to ensure local communities and indigenous people's participation and consent during the process of developing a project or an economic activity on land that would affect the group. FPIC is based in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as it mainly pertains to land use rights.

Amendment 274

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Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Annex III – point 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 4a. Whether a extracting project in the Union fulfils the criterion referred to in Article 5(1), point (c a) (new), must comply with the following:
- (a) Part of the metallurgical and mineralogical processing and beneficiation of the mineral resources are carried out in the same NUTS 3 area or no more than 150 km from the place of extraction in line with Article 12(1), provided that such operations are economically and technically viable;
- (b) The creation of a wider economic or social benefits, including the creation of employment.

Or. en

Justification

Mining has a significant environmental impact. It also has a strong social opposition in the areas where it is carried out. This amendment tries to solve both to create added value in the region where mining takes place and to avoid CO2 emissions associated with the transport of materials.

Amendment 275 Alessandro Panza

Proposal for a regulation Annex IV – paragraph 1 – point b – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) requirements ensuring no damage to habitats, wildlife, flora and ecosystems, including not practicing deep-sea tailing placement, especially for the nickel industry.

Amendment 276 Susana Solís Pérez

Proposal for a regulation Annex IV – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiia) requirements involving local stakeholders in planning and adapting schemes to regional needs and objectives, making use of local data and feedback for tailored and effective implementation.

Or. en

Amendment 277 Erik Bergkvist

Proposal for a regulation Annex IV – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiia) ensure free and prior informed consent (FPIC) that enable local community to exercise their fundamental right to give or withhold consent.

Or. en

Justification

FPIC is the internationally acknowledged principle of how to ensure local communities and indigenous people's participation and consent during the process of developing a project or an economic activity on land that would affect the group. FPIC is based in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as it mainly pertains to land use rights.