# RAMP up! Joining forces under the Raw Materials







# Metals and minerals research & innovation – A Swedish success story

#### The Swedish mining industry:

- The Swedish mining industry accounts for 3% of Sweden's GDP. Goods are exported over the entire world and make up around 8% of Sweden's total exports.
- Sweden accounts for 93% of all iron ore produced within the EU.
- The mining industry is capital intensive and accounts for 13-20% of all industrial investments in Sweden.
- Sweden is also a world leader in mining equipment and machinery. As much as 60% of the world market for underground technology derives from two Swedish suppliers: Epiroc and Sandvik.

#### Swedish research & innovation:

- Vinnova will coordinate RAMP. Time for Sweden to take an international lead role in this flagship sector.
- The Swedish R&I system is a strong backbone. More than a third of funded projects in ERA-MIN had Swedish partners. About half of the proposals in the latest ERA-MIN call had Swedish partners, and 8 of the top-10 ranked projects had Swedish participation.
- Strong value chain coverage and collaborative spirit in Sweden will be beneficial for being successful in the RAMP calls.

# NEXGEN SIMS



Competitive technology advantage leading to unlocking substantial reserves of new or today unexploited resources within the EU







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**Country:** Spain Partner 3: Universitat de Barcelona (UB)

**Country:** Czech Republic Partner 4:

**Country:** Finland Partner 5: Czech Geological Survey (CGS) The Sokli Oy (SO)

**Country: Country:** Sweden Spain **Coordinatior:** Partner 2: Luleå University of Technology (LTHuelva university (UHU) Partner 6: LKAB











Economical, Environmental, Social Sustainability

The long-term goal of SuMREE is to contribute to sustainable mining of REE in Europe:

- ✓ Increase the competitiveness for REE mining in Europe
- ✓ Reduce the environmental footprint
- ✓ Indirectly improve the social acceptance towards REE mining.

**REE in Karst Bauxites** 

**REE in Laterites** 

**REE in Sokli Carbonatites** 

REE in Fe-apatite tailings

**REE in Acid Mine Drainage** 



## Safe, sustainable transports in reindeer husbandry area 2.0



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# Sweden as an innovation partner



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- Strong innovation focus
- Economy dominated by small- and mediumsized enterprises (start-up friendly)
- Globally leading companies
- Largely digitalized service and industry sectors, as well as society
- Independent government agencies
- Unique collaborative and informal culture across sectors and competitors
- Entire value chain coverage in many sectors
- Fossil-free energy
- Large-scale research infrastructure (ESS, Max IV)
- Great potential for test bed and demonstrator activity prior to upscaling to bigger economies











OECD April 2023: Supply of critical raw materials risks jeopardizing the green transition (<u>link</u>)



Source: Stockholm Resilience Centre

# **European Critical Raw Materials Act**

Ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials for the Union



Improve EU capacity to monitor and mitigate risks of disruption to CRM supply



Diversify EU CRM imports to reduce strategic dependencies

European

Commission



Strengthen all stages of the European CRM value chain



Improve CRM circularity and sustainability



## Background



www.era-min.eu/ri-agenda

# Mission

#### Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda

Co-funded European partnership on raw materials for the green and digital transition



The SRIA's mission is to enable the green and digital transition by focusing on the Raw Materials value chain. To achieve this there are pathways that need to be addressed, such as:





Creation and improvement of the sustainable and resilient value chains needed to supply the transition;

Guidelines for the needed research and its funding to systematically increase the knowledge of the Raw Materials value chain (how to locate RM, how to process them, use them more efficiently, and manage them responsibly in a circular economy);



Capitalization on created and gained knowledge into solutions related to challenges within industry, governance structures, ecosystems, and society;



Work along the whole value chain focusing on sustainable supply and use of raw materials to meet the climate change benchmarks.

- Resilient primary and secondary raw materials supply
- 2. Efficient use of raw materials in design and production
- 3. Sustainable use and reuse of products

### Core targets >> Technical innovation >> Close to business

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**Enabling targets** 

» Social innovation

» Human centric

» Focus on social and ecological sustainability

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» Focus within economyc activity



- Effective policy development and governance
- Maximizing societal benefit
- 3. World-class innovation capacity

#### **Complementarity and synergies with other raw material funding schemes**



#### **EITRawMaterials:**

- » Varying consortium size, all must pay membership fee to EIT RM
- » Minimum start at TRL6, minimum target
- » Minimum co-funding 30%
- » Focus on commercialisation and financial backflow to EIT RM

#### Partnership on Raw Materials for the Green and Digital Transition

• Co-funded EU Funding Scheme for Research & Innovation (R&I) Projects

• EU contribution of €90M and total funds of €300M, i.e. 30% co-funding rate

• **Consortium** composed of mainly national/regional Research Funding Organisations

• Duration of 7 years (11 years total for finalizing all calls and projects), starting early 2026

• Regular news and updates: <u>https://www.era-min.eu/partnership</u>

### Partnership consortium

Observer countries

The consortium of the Raw Materials Partnership consists currently of organizations from the following countries:



### **Partnership timeline**

- Timeline:
  - RFOs from MS sign a financial commitment per call or for the total of 7 calls (e.g. €500k per call, €3.5M total)
  - Q2 & Q3 of 2025 > proposal writing to be submitted for assessment by experts from European Commission
  - Q2 Q4 of 2025 > development and preparation of the first Joint Transnational Call for proposals
  - Q1 & Q2 of 2026 > Grant Agreement signature and Partnership launch
  - Q2 of 2026 > Launch of first Joint Transnational EU co-funded Call for Proposals
  - Q2 of 2027 > Communication of results of the call
  - Q3 Q4 of 2027 > Start of selected R&I funded projects
  - 2027 and beyond > annual call cycles and additional activities