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The [EIT RawMaterials Greece Representative](#) is excited to announce the 10th edition of the Greek Raw Materials Community Dialogue, a flagship event supported by the [EIT RawMaterials](#).

The 10th Greek Raw Materials Community Dialogue will take place on **November 6, 2025**, at the **Divani Palace Acropolis Hotel** in Athens, Greece, marking 10 years of impact and addressing the theme **"Fostering a strong and innovative Raw Materials Industry."**

This year marks a major milestone for the Greek Raw Materials Community Dialogue, a decade of collaboration, innovation, and strategic growth in one of Greece's most vital industrial sectors. The event will celebrate these achievements and pave the way for resolving future challenges and seizing

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opportunities in the Greek and European Raw Materials industry, bringing together stakeholders from across the value chain, including industry leaders, policymakers, academics and researchers.

The event will address the following key thematic areas:

Session 1 - Securing Europe's Raw Materials supply: the position of Greece

Session 2 - Unlocking investment: Funding the Greek Raw Materials ecosystem

Session 3 - Shaping the Raw Materials Future Together: Workforce Transformation and Public Acceptance

Poster Session - From Ideas to Impact: Innovation in the Greek Raw Materials Sector

10th Greek Raw Materials Community Dialogue - Agenda

9:00 – 9:45	Registration, Coffee and Networking
9:45 – 10:15	Welcome - Opening Ioannis Paspaliaris - Professor Emeritus, School of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, NTUA & Director, EIT RawMaterials Greece Representative Despoina Paliarouta - Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources, Hellenic Ministry of Environment & Energy Bernd Schäfer - CEO, Managing Director, EIT RawMaterials Ioannis Chatjigeorgiou - Professor, Rector, NTUA Dimitrios Damigos - Professor, Dean, School of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, NTUA
10:15 – 10:45	Keynote Presentation Geopolitical Situation and Opportunities for the Raw Materials Sector Dimitris Papakanellou - Partner, Strategy & Execution Leader, Energy & Industrials sectors, EY Parthenon
10:45 – 11:30	10 Years of Impact: Advancing the Future of Raw Materials Together 10 years of EIT RawMaterials Bernd Schäfer - CEO, Managing Director, EIT RawMaterials EIT RawMaterials Greece Representative: 10 years of the Greek Raw Materials Community Dialogue Ioannis Paspaliaris - Professor Emeritus, School of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, NTUA & Director, EIT RawMaterials Greece Representative Presentation of the EIT Community Hub in Greece Christina Dolianidi - EIT Community Officer for Greece
11:30 – 11:50	Coffee Break – Poster Session

11:50 – 13:00	<p>Session 1: Securing Europe's Raw Materials supply: the position of Greece</p> <p>To ensure long-term resilience, the EU has set ambitious 2030 targets: extract at least 10% of its strategic raw materials annually from within its borders, process at least 40%, meet 25% of demand through recycling, and reduce dependency so that no more than 65% of any strategic material comes from a single third country. With rich geological resources and a growing technical expertise, Greece is well-positioned to contribute meaningfully to these goals. The discussion will explore how national initiatives can unlock Greece's mineral potential, reinforcing its role in Europe's secure and sustainable raw materials supply chains.</p> <p>Moderator: Mark Rachovides - President Emeritus, Euromines</p> <p>Bernd Schäfer - CEO, Managing Director, EIT RawMaterials</p> <p>Effrosyni Varvitsioti - Director of Development and Policy, Directorate General for Mineral Raw Materials, Ministry of Environment & Energy</p> <p>Dionysios Gkoutis - Director General, Hellenic Survey of Geology and Mineral Exploration (H.S.G.M.E.)</p> <p>Konstantinos Yazitzoglou - Chairman, Greek Mining Enterprises Association & CEO, GEOHELLAS</p> <p>Nick Keramidas - General Manager, European Affairs & Regulatory Advocacy, METLEN Energy & Metals</p> <p>Leonidas Bakouras - General Manager, Thracean Mining (Eldorado Gold)</p> <p>Q&A – Discussion with the audience</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch and Networking
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session 2: Unlocking investment: Funding the Greek Raw Materials ecosystem</p> <p>"Full and rapid implementation of the CRM Act" is not just a recommendation; it's a call to action. As outlined in Draghi's report, achieving Europe's strategic raw materials goals will require bold decisions, coordinated efforts, and substantial investments, estimated to be between €10 billion and €100 billion. Greece presents promising opportunities for growth across the entire raw materials value chain, from exploration and mining to processing and recycling. This session will offer an in-depth look at investment prospects in the Greek raw materials sector, focusing on how financial instruments and EU-level funding opportunities can mobilize long-term capital and position Greece as a key contributor to Europe's resilient raw materials future.</p> <p>Moderator: Svetoslav Danchev - Head of Microeconomic Analysis & Policy Unit, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE)</p> <p>Antonis Politis - Senior Business Development Manager, EIT RawMaterials</p> <p>Spyros Arsenis, Dr. - Head of Business Innovation Development, NBG Business Seeds, Business Strategy, Startups and Partnerships Division</p> <p>Panagiotis Prontzas, Dr. - Partner & Head of Strategy and Investments, Grant Thornton</p> <p>Ioakeim Kampasakalis - Shared Services Director, Europe, Imerys</p> <p>George Dimopoulos - Founder & Managing Partner, Verallis</p> <p>Q&A – Discussion with the audience</p>



15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break – Poster Session
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Session 3: Shaping the Raw Materials Future Together: Workforce Transformation and Public Acceptance</p> <p>Workforce development is one of the most urgent challenges the raw materials sector is facing today. According to the European Commission, the green and digital transition is expected to significantly increase demand for talent, with the raw materials sector anticipated to support 32 million jobs and generate over €2 trillion in value by 2030. This shift requires professionals not only to be equipped with green and digital skills but also to be aware of the societal dynamics that shape the sector. Securing the Social License to Operate (SLO) is crucial for building public trust and ensuring the long-term success of raw materials projects. This session will explore national and EU-level efforts aimed at creating a future-ready workforce capable of driving innovation and sustainability, while also fostering public acceptance of the raw materials sector.</p> <p>Moderator: Katerina Adam - Professor Emeritus, School of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, NTUA & Educational Advisor, EIT RawMaterials Greece Representative</p> <p>Jan Eggert - Head of Business Development, EIT RawMaterials</p> <p>Gregory Poelzer, Dr. - Associate Senior Lecturer, Luleå University of Technology</p> <p>Athanasios Kefalas - Chairman, Imerys Greece & Vice President of the Hellenic Volunteer Managers Center (KEMEL)</p> <p>Emmanouil Daftsis, Dr. - Training Manager, Hellas Gold</p> <p>Ioannis Papaspyros - Senior HR Business Partner, Metallurgy, HR General Division, METLEN Energy & Metals</p> <p>Panagiota Tsarouchi, Dr. - Funded Programmes Manager, Copper Segment, ElvalHalcor</p> <p>Stefanos Kokkorikos - Co-founder & Managing Partner, CORE Group</p> <p>Q&A – Discussion with the audience</p>
17:00 – 17:15	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p><i>Sustainable Growth and Resilience: The Role of the EIB in the Greek Raw Materials Sector</i></p> <p>Ioannis Tsakiris - Vice President, European Investment Bank</p>
17:15 – 17:30	Closing Remarks
17:30 – 17:45	Coffee Break – Poster Session
17:45 – 18:30	<p>Poster Session: From Ideas to Impact: Innovation in the Greek Raw Materials Sector</p> <p>This poster session will showcase projects that advance innovation, industry, and education to strengthen the Greek raw materials sector. The session will highlight initiatives funded by the European Commission, EIT RawMaterials, and national programs, offering tangible solutions that support sustainability, technological advancement, and resilience. Participants will present achievements, share best practices, and engage in cross-sector dialogue. By celebrating collaboration and knowledge exchange, the session aims to foster new partnerships and reinforce Greece's position within the European raw materials ecosystem.</p>
18:30 – 21:00	Cocktail