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#### Three inconvenient truths about the critical minerals race

China is so far winning the global scramble for metals needed in the green transition







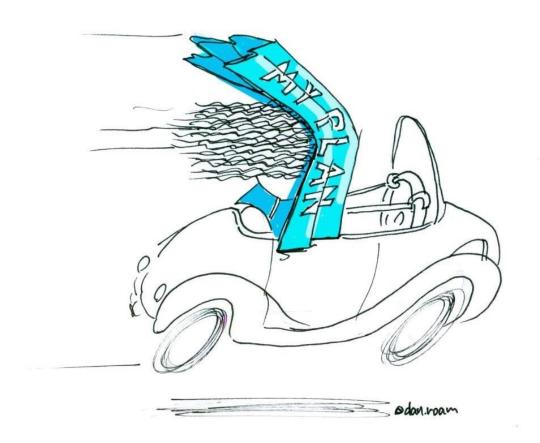
#### Europe in race to secure raw materials c energy transition



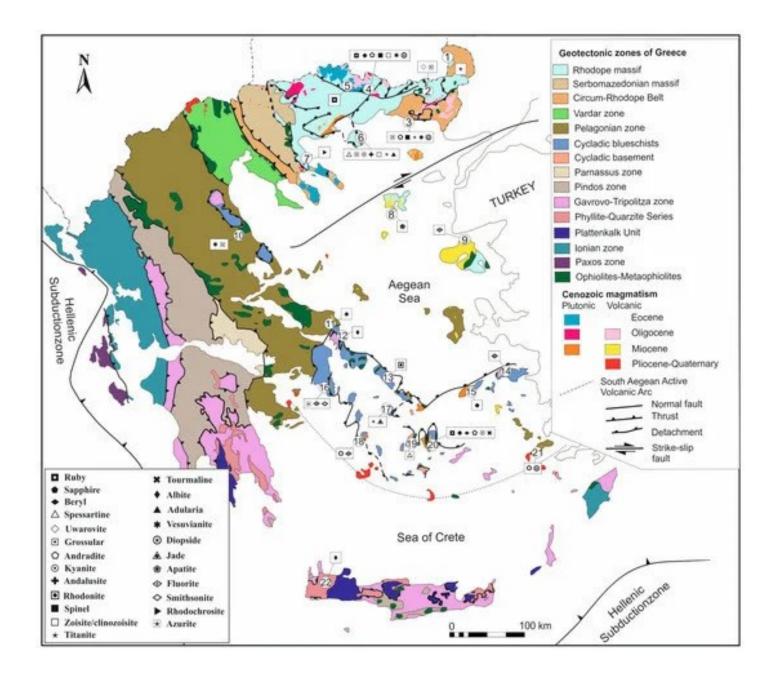




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Supply ...



# Critical & strategic RM in Greece

Active extraction	Planned extraction	Idling extraction	Indication
Bauxite	Copper	Antimony	Arsenic
Nickel and Cobalt		Baryte	Gallium
Magnesite		Feldspar	Rare earths
Quartz		Manganese	Scandium
			Tungsten
			Germanium
			Graphite

The .....
Others!

Attapulgite Aggregates Bentonite Gold / Calcium Gypsum Carbonate silver Lead & Marble Lignite Zinc Perlite Pozzolan **Pumice** 

Let's find out what we have .....



Let's discuss about demand.....



Metal	Element	Total metal required produce one generation of technology units to phase out fossil fuels	Global Metal Production 2019	Yez o production  Yez o production
		(tonnes)	(tonnes)	(years)
Copper	Cu	4 575 523 674	24 200 000	189,1
Nickel	Ni	940 578 114	2 350 147	400,2
Lithium	Li	944 150 293	95 17	9920,7
Cobalt	Со	218 396 990	126 02	1733,0
Graphite (natural flake)	С	8 973 640 257	1 156 30	3287,9
Graphite (synthetic)	С		1 573 00	-
Silicon (Metallurgical)	Si	49 571 460	8 410 0	5,9
Vandium	V	681 865 986	96 0	7101,2
Rare Earth Metals	-			
Neodymium	Nd	965 183	23 90	40,4
Germanium	Ge	4 163 162	14	29113,0
Lanthanum	La	5 970 738	35 800	166,8
Praseodymium	Pr	235 387	7 500	31,4
Dysprosium	Dy	196 207	1 000	196,2
Terbium	Tb	16 771	280	59,9

<sup>\*</sup> Estimated from mining production. All other values are refining production values.

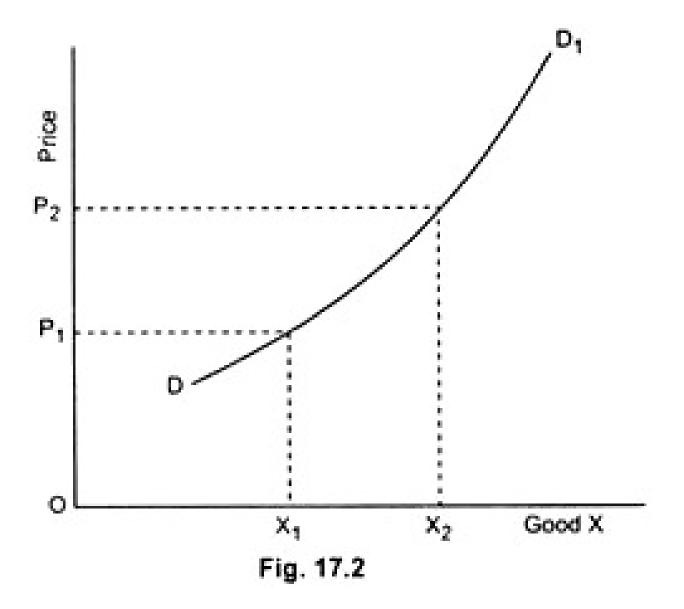
(Source: BGR 2021, USGS, Friedrichs 2022)

<sup>♦</sup> Natural flake graphite and synthetic graphite was combined to estimate total production

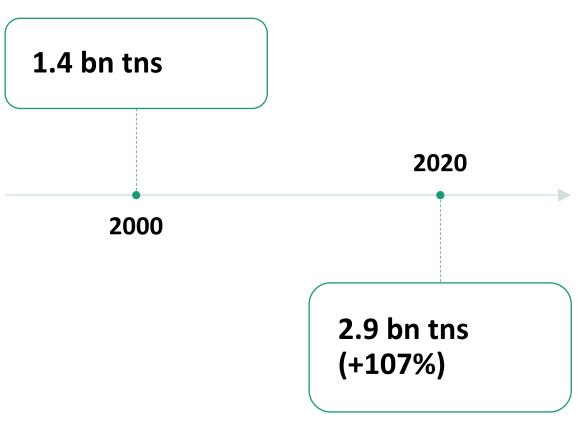
A few more numbers ....

	Ni	Со	Li
Per battery (kg)	35	15	8
For 100 mio evs (million tons)	3.5	1.5	0.8
Today's production	3.0	0.16	0.13
Extra production	116%	837%	515%

For commodities (goods with finite supply)



# Global production excluding energy and aggregates



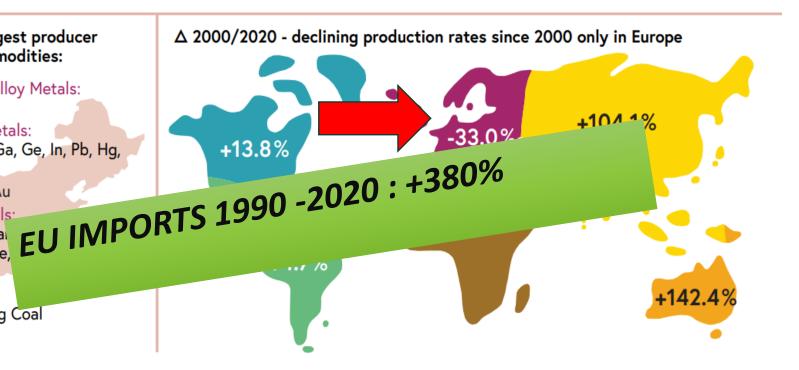


GLOBAL GDP 2000-2020: +78%

# Let's talk about production.....

### China is world's largest producer of 31 different commodities:

- 4 Iron and Ferro-Alloy Metals: Mo, Ti, W, V
- 15 Non-Ferrous Metals:
   Al, Sb, As, Bi, Cd, Ga, Ge, In, Pb, Hg, REE, Se, Te, Sn, Zn
- 1 Precious Metal: Au
- 9 Industrial Minerals: Bentonite, Fluorspal Gypsum, Magnesite, Salt, Sulfur, Talc
- 2 Mineral Fuels: Steam Coal, Coking Coal



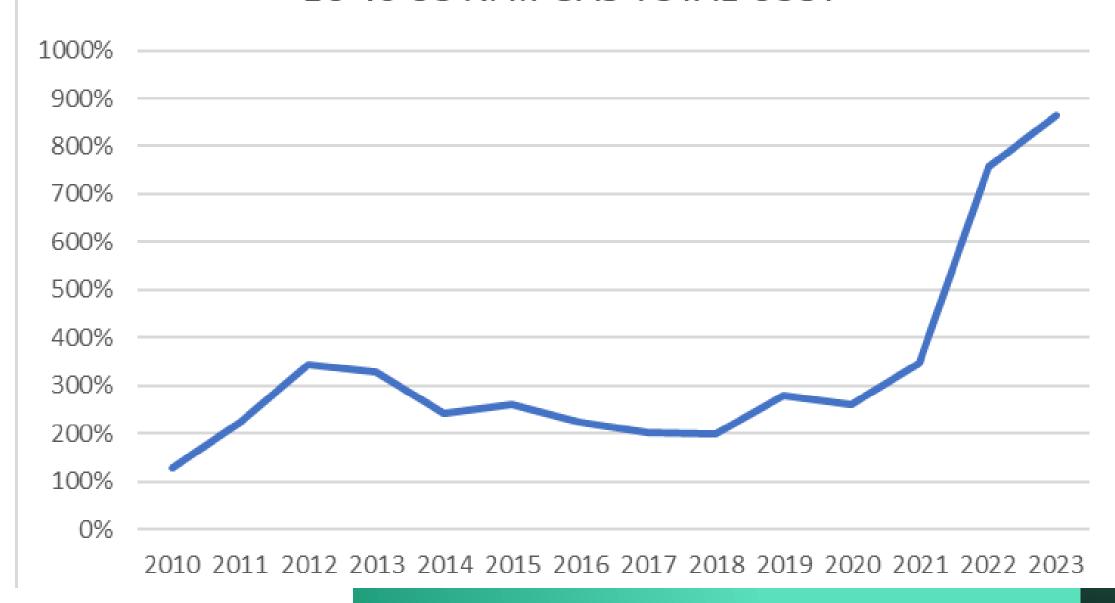
**EU GDP: +40%** 

**EU IMPORTS : + 160%** 

World Mining Data 2022



#### EU vs US NAT. GAS TOTAL COST



### Let's talk about action !!!!!!!!!!!!!



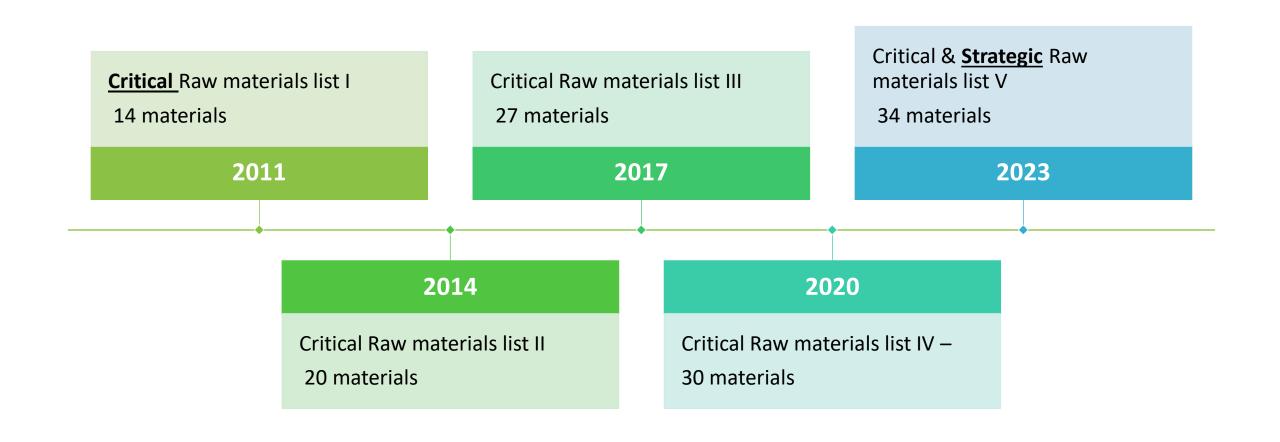
#### COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

The raw materials initiative — meeting our critical needs for growth and jobs in Europe

### Let's talk about action !!!!!!!!!!!!!



President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen said:

"This Act will bring us closer to our climate ambitions. It will significantly improve the refining, processing and recycling of critical raw materials here in Europe"

# Action plan to increase raw materials production in the EU

- Creating secure and resilient EU critical raw materials supply chains
- Investing in research, innovation and skills
- Protecting the environment by improving circularity and sustainability of critical raw materials
- Further develop Strategic partnerships

# Creating secure and resilient EU critical raw materials supply chains:

 The Act will reduce the administrative burden and simplify permitting procedures for critical raw materials projects in the EU. In addition, selected Strategic Projects will benefit from support for access to finance and shorter permitting timeframes (24 months for extraction permits and 12 months for processing and recycling permits).

(My) closing remarks

CRMA is a *small first* step to the right direction..

JAN MOSTROM –EUROMINES

The EU is not at 5 minutes before midnight but at 3 minutes before midnight...

FREDERIC PERSSON – BUSINESS EUROPE

EU is watching its industry going down and does nothing ..

**EVAGGELOS MYTILINEOS - EUROMETAUX** 

Eventually, the question should be.....

Can we afford to wait another 15 years before the next REGULATION ??

