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## European Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for Sustainable Raw Materials Supply and Use

The aims for the new SRIA within the field of non-fuel, non-food

More than ten years have passed since the ERA-MIN Research and Innovation Agenda was published and the Raw Materials landscape has considerably changed since then.

As the world, and in particular the EU, transitions from a fossil-based economy to a near-zero waste and emission economy, this comes with a number of challenges. **Demand** for many raw materials skyrockets. Expert predictions indicate up to 20 times the current demand by 2040.

**Geopolitical risks** are higher than anticipated a couple of decades ago, thus threatening the sustainable and resilient raw materials supply to European industries and straining the raw materials value chain.

**Recycling of raw materials** will only meet a fraction of the demand and there is a need to act on both short- and long-term strategies to increase EU resilience.

raw materials are:

• Identifying critical technological and structural challenges within the EU, related to the supply of raw materials for the green and digital transition.

• Addressing needs for research and innovation to tackle the challenges, as well as prioritizing among strategically important core targets.

This Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) will serve as a basis for the proposed EU co-funded Partnership "Raw Materials Supply for the Green and Digital Transition" as the continuation of ERA-MIN3.

ERA-MIN3 (2020-2025) is pan-European network of 25 public research funding organisations, supported by EU Horizon 2020, that builds on the experience of the ERA-MIN (2011 to 2015) and ERA-MIN 2 (2016-2022).

**Six thematic areas were proposed for the SRIA**, three of which are technical, business focused themes addressing economic activity (so-called core themes) and will tackle the main research and innovation challenges in the field.

The remaining three themes have a focus on policy development, social (and environmental) sustainability and international cooperation (socalled transversal themes) and will enable the development of a strong innovation system. The themes are aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals of Agenda 2030.





Sustainable

use and reuse

of products

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## **CORE** themes

- Technical innovation
- Close to business
- Focus within economic activity

## TRANSVERSAL themes

- Social innovation
- Human centric
- Focus on social and ecological

Resilient primary and secondary raw materials supply

> Efficient use of raw materials in design and production

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PRODUCTION

Effective policy development and

World-class innovation

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