

Question for written answer E-004475/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Risk of resource dependency due to the policy for the full electrification of transport

In the Critical Raw Materials Act, the EU adopted the goal of limiting imports of key raw materials from a single country to 65 % and recycling at least 15 % of these materials.

It also plans to implement a full transition to electric vehicles, the production of which requires huge amounts of rare earth elements, lithium and cobalt.

Given that the EU does not have sufficient reserves or processing capacity, and that recycling will only meet a small part of the demand, there is a serious risk of increasing dependence on third countries, including suppliers from regions with high geopolitical risk.

In light of the above:

1. How does the Commission justify its policy of full electrification of transport in light of the limited availability of critical raw materials?
2. Is the Commission conducting an assessment of the risk of a new raw material dependency arising from the chosen path of transition?
3. What specific measures will it adopt to ensure Europe's raw material security and avoid replacing one form of energy dependency with another?

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