

Question for written answer E-000471/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Court of Auditors report on the EU's supply of critical metals

According to a recent report by the European Court of Auditors (ECA), the European Union remains heavily dependent on a very limited number of third countries for critical raw materials essential for implementation of the Green Deal (lithium, nickel, copper and rare earths). Despite the adoption in 2024 of the Critical Raw Materials Act, the ECA's auditors note a lack of tangible results, extremely low recycling rates, little progress in European extraction projects and a lack of industrial processing capacity notably owing to high energy costs.

1. Against this backdrop, how can the Commission justify pursuing ever more stringent climate targets without first securing strategic supply chains, thus running the risk of increasing external dependence, undermining European industrial competitiveness and transferring environmental impacts outside the EU?
2. What immediate corrective measures does it intend to take to prevent the Green Deal from resulting, in practice, in a loss of strategic autonomy and increased geopolitical vulnerability for the EU?

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