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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission acts in the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP)¹ on behalf of the EU. The Commission coordinates the EU position within the MSP by organising regular meetings with the Member States that are also MSP partners and regularly informs the Council and the Critical Raw Materials Board², where the European Parliament is an observer, of its activities.

Under the MSP, partner countries identify sustainable Critical Raw Materials (CRM) projects around the world to diversify the supply of CRM for the benefit of their industries. For instance, the deal between the Société du Terril de Lubumbashi, a subsidiary of Gécamines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Belgian company Umicore will supply germanium for the benefits of EU industry³. The MSP also supports the Chvaletice project in Czech Republic that contributes to site remediation efforts and supplies manganese for the European electric vehicles industry by re-processing mine tailings⁴.

In April 2024, the EU, the United States and other MSP partners, joined by Kazakhstan, Namibia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, announced the launch of the MSP Forum (the Forum) – an additional pillar within the framework of the MSP. The Forum serves as a platform for cooperation on CRM between resource-producing and resource-consuming countries, focusing on projects identification and policy dialogue on CRM.

By contributing to MSP and co-chairing the MSP Forum (along with the United States), the Commission works to ensure that the projects selected benefit the EU contributing to its resilience and diversification goals and that EU values and sustainability principles are promoted globally. The Commission hosted on 12 December 2024 in-person MSP Principals and MSP Forum events during the Raw Materials Week.

¹ <https://www.state.gov/minerals-security-partnership/>

² https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/sectors/raw-materials/areas-specific-interest/critical-raw-materials_en

³ <https://www.umicore.com/en/media/newsroom/umicore-and-stl-sign-partnership-related-to-germanium-recycling/>

⁴ <https://www.mn25.ca/chvaletice-manganese-project>