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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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In order to ensure that Strategic Projects contribute to the EU's security of supply, the Commission is actively monitoring the designated projects and is working with the project promoters in alignment with the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) provisions¹. The Commission is also organising pitching sessions with financial institutions for Strategic Project promoters and is working on facilitating offtake agreements. These activities are conducted in alignment with Articles 16 and 17 of the CRMA.

Additionally, the RESourceEU Action Plan² puts forward several tools to enable the active contribution of strategic and other priority projects to EU rare earth, battery and defence value chains. Firstly, to facilitate offtake agreements with EU industrial players, the EU Energy and Raw Materials Platform will act as a matchmaking tool to connect potential EU buyers with suppliers from the EU strategic partners.

The planned Critical Raw Materials Centre will reinforce the EU tools to monitor projects throughout their development cycle and operations to ensure that they quickly ramp up and contribute to the resilience of the EU strategic value chains.

If through its monitoring activities the Commission finds that a Strategic Project no longer fulfils the criteria laid down in Article 6(1) and specifically also the criterion on the contribution to EU supply security, it may withdraw the Strategic Project status in alignment with Article 7(11) of the CRMA.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1252/oj/eng>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0945>.