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**Question for written answer E-000643/26
to the Commission
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Subject: EU position on the FORGE initiative for critical minerals supply chains

The United States has launched the Forum on Resource Geostrategic Engagement (FORGE), a multinational initiative aimed at strengthening and diversifying global supply chains for critical raw materials. The initiative was launched on 4 February 2026 with over 50 countries participating, including EU Member States ⁽¹⁾.

This development coincides with recent findings by the European Court of Auditors (ECA), which warn that the EU is unlikely to secure sufficient supplies of critical raw materials by 2030. The auditors highlight continued dependency on a small number of non-EU countries, limited progress on import diversification, slow development of domestic extraction and processing, and very low recycling rates for most strategic materials ⁽²⁾.

In the light of these findings and the objectives of the Critical Raw Materials Act:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the relevance of the FORGE initiative in addressing the supply vulnerabilities identified by the ECA?
2. What is the Commission's assessment of the potential for EU involvement with FORGE to support EU supply chain resilience for critical minerals?
3. In the Commission's estimation, what effect would participation or non-participation have on the EU's ability to secure sufficient supplies of the critical raw materials required to meet its clean energy, industrial and defence objectives?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European Commission
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The RESourceEU Action Plan ⁽¹⁾ confirms the Commission's intention to accelerate the EU's diversification efforts to reduce critical raw materials (CRM) dependencies and to build on multilateral initiatives to secure diversified supply.

The Commission assessed the United States proposal to launch the Forum on Resource Geostrategic Engagement (FORGE) and proposed to the Council to join FORGE, on behalf of the EU. FORGE's intention to cooperate on both policies and projects identification and support has the potential to foster the development of projects along the value chain that need enhanced support from different players.

The EU will join FORGE once the internal procedures in the Council have been completed.

Engagement in FORGE is complementary to the EU's participation in other global fora, such as the Group of Seven (G7) and the Group of 20 (G20), its bilateral relations through its 15 partnerships on raw materials, the G7 Critical Minerals Production Alliance, contributing to the policy objectives set by the Critical Raw Materials Act ⁽²⁾ and RESourceEU.

¹ <https://www.state.gov/releases/office-of-the-spokesperson/2026/02/2026-critical-minerals-ministerial/>.

² <https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/news/NEWS-SR-2026-04>.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0945>.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02024R1252-20240503>.