

EU-Canada Raw Materials Dialogue – Stakeholder Session



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Priorities



For our second meeting, the following topics were discussed with the aim of identifying proposals for common and mutually beneficial action:

- Increasing Investments
- Environmental and social license to operate and responsible sourcing
- Permitting Procedures
- Short and medium term innovation

Investment



- Identify and support the advancement and deployment of technologies that enhance social license
- Work toward a common understanding of responsible sourcing and sustainable financing
- Ensure competitive access to the development of critical materials

Key Question: What areas, specifically, do Canadian and European Union governments think there are opportunities to enhance mineral investment, and how can industry support?

Environmental and social license to operate and responsible sourcing



- Educate citizens on the importance and fundamental role that responsible resource development plays in their daily lives:
 - Educational Curriculum
 - Sustainable Development Goals
 - Responsible sourcing
- Explore how linkages and understanding of best practice can be shared and strengthened across jurisdictions

Key Question: What actions can Canadian and European Union governments take to support the recognition of global best mining practice in a way to enhance social acceptance and drive value creation?

Permitting Procedures

- Create a forum where “constructive engagement” on challenges and opportunities can be discussed by relevant parties (member states, provinces, companies, and Canadian and EU governments)
 - Power of the positive
 - Sharing best-practice in the regulatory space
 - Not top-down, but “bottom-up” pull
 - Peer-to-peer engagement and collaboration

Key Question: What does a meaningful and constructive dialogue on challenges and opportunities in the permitting space look like, and how can varying jurisdictional regulatory authorities best work together?

Innovation



- Explore pathways for enhanced and collaborative funding and coordination of mining innovation
 - Safety, efficiency and enhanced operational controls as driving forces for automation and digitization
 - Reduce costs for SMEs and juniors to participate in technology transition
 - Supply-chain verification in support of responsible sourcing
 - Ensuring standards/regulations change with technology to enable transition, not deter it
 - Education and training: prepare people with skills for the future needs

Key Question: How can new and existing innovation investments and programs be leveraged to widen benefits and participation on both sides of the Atlantic? Are there opportunities for economies of scale?