

## PRESS RELEASE

### **EFG Welcomes EU's 47 Strategic Projects and Encourages Further Data Disclosure on Quantitative Potentials**

*Brussels, April 2025* - The European Federation of Geologists (EFG) welcomes the European Commission's recent announcement of the first 47 strategic projects under the European Union's Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) aimed at enhancing access to critical raw materials. This valuable initiative represents a significant advancement for Europe and reflects the substantial efforts of the EU Commission and its technical bodies. These projects, spanning 13 EU member states—including Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, and Spain—encompass activities related to the extraction, processing, recycling, and substitution of vital materials for our economy, such as lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese, and graphite.

Geologists play a critical role across the entire minerals supply chain but are particularly engaged in the exploration and extraction phase, which is the foundation of the supply chain.

Published factsheets on raw materials show the expected percentage contribution of strategic projects to the 2030 benchmarks for the extraction phase, disclosed for 7 of the 14 raw materials. EFG advocates for the public disclosure of the expected quantitative potentials of strategic projects for the extraction phase according to international mining standards, and that it be stated whether estimations have been conducted by competent persons, as defined in international mining standards.

EFG believes that sharing this information for the extraction stage with both the market and European citizens is crucial to assessing the potential impact of these projects and their benefits for Europe. It can help build public trust, enhance confidence in Europe's capabilities, and encourage informed decision-making among stakeholders.

David Govoni, EFG President, stated: "*Geologists are working across Europe to support the European Commission Critical Raw Materials strategy. Our expertise ensures a robust*



*foundation for Europe's technological ambitions. Rigorous quantitative reserve estimates, conducted using international mining standards and assessed by competent persons, are essential to guaranteeing, towards third parties, compliance with high ethical and environmental standards in mineral asset and projects evaluations."*

## Strategic Projects for the EU

### MAP LEGEND



Al	Aluminium
B	Boron
BRMs	Battery Raw Materials <sup>1</sup>
Co	Cobalt
Cu	Copper
Ga	Gallium
Ge	Germanium
C	Graphite
Li	Lithium
Mg	Magnesium
Mn	Manganese
Ni	Nickel
PGMs	Platinum Group Metals
REEs	Rare Earth Elements
W	Tungsten

<sup>1</sup> Battery Raw Materials refer to lithium, cobalt, nickel, manganese and graphite

Disclaimer: The location of projects is based on a regional scale and doesn't reflect their exact geographical locations

