


INVITATION

 **7 November 2022**

 **Online**

 **13.00-15.00**

 **Stakeholders' consultation meeting on the European Union – Norway Strategic Partnership on raw materials and batteries value chains**

On 23 February 2022, President Ursula von der Leyen and Jonas Gahr Støre, Prime Minister of Norway announced the intention to develop an EU-Norway Green Alliance with several building blocks, including sustainable raw material and battery value chains.

In line with that declaration, and building on the joint statement of Maroš Šefčovič, Commission Vice-President, and Jan Christian Vestre, Norway's Minister of Trade and Industry of 27 June 2022, the EU and Norway wish to expand their cooperation, and to launch a strategic Partnership in the field of critical raw materials and batteries.

The Partnership is shaped around 5 main areas of cooperation:

- Closer economic and industrial integration of Norway-EU in the strategic value chains of raw materials, both primary and secondary, and batteries, in particular through mapping resources, identifying projects throughout the respective value chains, facilitating business opportunities and attracting private investment.
- Closer bilateral cooperation on research and innovation.
- Alignment on high environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards throughout the raw material and value chains.
- Identification and deployment of financial and investment de-risking instruments.
- Development of the necessary skills for high-quality jobs in these clean technology sectors.

In view of the establishment of this Partnership, we would like to invite you to a dedicated stakeholders' consultation meeting. The event will bring together the relevant stakeholders from the EU and Norway, with the aim of together identifying cooperation opportunities in the raw materials and batteries sectors.

Attached with the invitation you will find a draft Roadmap for the Partnership. We invite you to share your views on the proposal and encourage you to give feedback on additional activities that could be included and taken further on governmental and business level. We welcome such feedback during the workshop and in writing after the meeting.

As a follow-up to this workshop, we will also organise a dedicated matchmaking event in Oslo in December. We will provide more information about this workshop in the meeting on 7th November.

Please confirm your presence on the 7th November by sending an email to the following address: GROW-RAW-MATERIALS-WEEK@ec.europa.eu providing the name and email address of your representative. You will receive then a link to the WEBEX connection. Please register before 4th November.

Written feedback on the Roadmap can be submitted to the following addresses: GROW-RMSG@ec.europa.eu and postmottak@nfd.dep.no

Agenda

Online Stakeholders Workshop November 7, 2022

1. **13:00 – 13:05 Opening**
Mr. **Henrik Schiellerup**, Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries – Moderator for the event
2. **13:05 – 13:10 Welcome and introductions**
 - A. Mr. **Maroš Šefčovič**, European Commission Vice-President
 - B. Mr. **Jan Christian Vestre**, Minister of Trade and Industry, Norway
3. **13:10 – 13:30 EU - Norway cooperation on raw materials and batteries overview**
 - A. Mr. **Pål Somdalen**, Director, Unit for Europe and Internal Market, Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries
 - B. Mr. **Peter Handley**, Head of Unit, Energy Intensive Industries – Raw Materials, DG GROW, European Commission
 - C. Ms. **Matilda Axelson**, Policy Officer, DG GROW – EU activities on batteries
 - D. Mr. **Daniel Cios**, Policy Officer, DG GROW - EU-NO cooperation in Horizon R&I projects on raw materials
 - E. Mr. **Holger Schlaupitz**, Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature - Environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards throughout the raw material and battery value chains
4. **13:30 – 13:45 Roundtable with EU Member States**
Interventions from interested Member States
5. **13:45 – 14:00 Break and short presentation of who you will meet in Oslo**
6. **14:00 – 14:10 Speakers on behalf of Norwegian business community**
 - A. Ms. **Anniken Hauglie**, Deputy Director General, Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise
 - B. Mr. **Pål Runde**, CEO, Battery Norway
 - C. Ms. **Anita Helene Hall**, Secretary General, Norwegian Mineral Industry
7. **14:10 – 14:20 Speakers on behalf of European industry alliances**
 - A. Mr. **Thore Sekkenes**, European Battery Alliance (EBA)
 - B. Mr. **Massimo Gasparon**, European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA)
8. **14:20 – 14:30 Speakers on behalf of the Geological Survey Organisations**
 - A. Ms. **Kari Aslaksen Aasly**, Act. Director Resources and Environment, Geological Survey of Norway
 - B. *EuroGeoSurveys TBC*
9. **14:30 – 14:45 Speakers on behalf of the financial institutions**
 - A. *European Investment Bank TBC*
 - B. Mr. **Dimitri Koufos**, Head of Industry and Agribusiness, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - C. Mr. **Bo Nordberg**, Head of Project and Structured Finance, Nordic Investment Bank
 - D. Mr. **Håkon Haugli**, CEO, Innovation Norway
10. **14:45 – 15:00 Closing remarks**