

INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN #2

Strategic Intelligence Bulletins aim to enrich strategic and managerial decisions and to engage stakeholders based on partners networks.

THE EU RAW MATERIALS WEEK 2021

The sixth edition of the "Raw Materials Week" took place from **15 to 19 November 2021** as hybrid and online events, gathering a wide range of EU and national policymakers and industry key players to discuss policies and initiatives in the field. The conference focused on the latest developments concerning raw materials in the EU, including opportunities under EU Recovery and Green Deal policies, co-creation of the transition pathways, further analysis of strategic dependencies as well as work on partnerships and trade with third countries. The highlight of the week was the 8th annual high-level conference of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on raw materials. This stakeholder platform aims to provide high-level insights to the Commission, EU countries and private players on innovative approaches to address the challenges related to raw materials.

As part of the Raw Material Week, the Commission also co-organised several complementary events, with dedicated focus on specific topics including: Critical Raw Materials, Trends in innovation and Skills for raw materials, EU Horizon technology success stories, EU-Canada Partnership and UNECE Resource management.

PASSENGER was presented during the first day event (Figure 1): **4th EU Critical Raw Materials Event - Co-organised with SCRREEN2.**



Figure 1. *Presentation of PASSENGER by PI Alberto Bollero at the 4th EU Critical Raw Materials Event - Co-organised with SCRREEN2*

The event was hybrid with online streaming with 654 online attendees in addition to the presence of attendees in person at the theatre. At the following table you can find the Official agenda of the Raw Materials week and EC co-organised events:

Monday, November 15, 2021	
EU Horizon Technology Success Stories – Co-organised with HaDEA	10:00 - 16:30
	ONLINE
	Salon Fabiola - Virtual Stage D1
4th EU Critical Raw Materials Event - Co-organised with SCRREEN2	10:00 - 17:30
	HYBRID
	Théâtre - Live stage I - D1
Tuesday, November 16, 2021	
Future trends Innovation and skills for Raw Materials – Co-organised with EIT Raw Materials	10:00 - 12:30
	HYBRID
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D2
Towards an Earth Observation platform for Raw Materials – Co-organised with DG DEFIS and ESA	10:00 - 12:30
	ONLINE
	Salon Fabiola - Virtual Stage D2
Workshop: How companies improve critical raw materials circularity - Co-organised with IRTC-Business	11:00 - 15:40
	HYBRID
	Versailles - Live Stage II
Horizon Raw Materials Info Day and Brokerage Event	14:00 - 16:40
	HYBRID
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D2
3rd EU Raw Materials Biotics Event on Bio-based solutions for the green and digital transition	14:00 - 17:30
	ONLINE
	Salon Fabiola - Virtual Stage D2
Wednesday, November 17, 2021	
8th Annual High Level Conference of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials – Co-organised with EUMICON	10:00 - 17:30
	HYBRID
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D3

Thursday, November 18, 2021	
4th Event on the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System – Co-organised with UNECE and EGS	10:00 - 12:30
	HYBRID
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D4
Knowledge needs - EU-Africa focus	14:00 - 17:00
	HYBRID
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D4
Canada-EU Tracing Sustainable Battery Minerals Seminar	14:30 - 17:00
	ONLINE
	Salon Fabiola - Virtual Stage D4

NEW EUROPEAN RAW MATERIALS ALLIANCE (ERMA) REPORT ON RARE EARTHS AND PERMANENT MAGNETS

The European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA), has published in September the first Action Plan to secure access to Rare Earth Elements for European industry, entitled "[Rare Earth Magnets and Motors: A European Call for Action](#)".

Many strategically important industrial ecosystems in the European Union depend on a reliable supply of sustainable raw materials. Raw Materials and advanced materials in the context of Circular Economy are vital for European competitiveness and innovation capacity. The European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA) contributes to ensuring reliable, secure and sustainable access to raw materials as key enablers for a globally competitive, green, and digital Europe. The alliance focuses on the most pressing needs: increasing the EU resilience in the rare earth-based magnets and motor value chain. They are vital to key EU industrial ecosystems, such as automotive, renewable energy, defence and aerospace. This is a very visible step that has raised the highest level of attention from the political, industrial and media spheres from across Europe – a strong proof of the importance of PASSENGER project.

More info: [ERMA call for action webpage](#), [PASSENGER website](#)