

# Invitation

## Multiplier Seminar on Raw Material Policies in Brussels

from **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 20:00**

till **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 17:00h**

The European Union is one of the biggest importers of raw materials in the world. Its resource consumption is far above a sustainable level on a global scale. Products “Made in the EU” like cars, electronics or chemicals contain raw materials often coming from countries in the Global South. In many countries we observe human, social and labour rights violation and a degradation of the environment. Some of these countries are not able or willing to secure the rights of their citizens and defend them against corporate interests. The local communities often do not benefit from the raw material extraction and bear all the social and environmental costs.

This seminar for political multipliers introduces the participants to the resource strategy of the European Union and its way of legislation process in the field of raw materials. Human rights and environmental issues play only a secondary role in this process although resource extraction has often enormous social and environmental impacts in the mining regions. Therefore we will address perspectives of industrial stakeholders as well as human rights and ecological impacts and demands. European experts in their field will give introductions into topics like the European Raw Materials Initiative, Conflict Minerals Regulation, Investor-to-state-dispute Settlements and Investment Court System. Beside this, we will also focus on alternative concepts for resource extraction and sustainable development campaigns.

The seminar is addressed to decision makers, interested journalists and multipliers from parties, unions, press and NGOs (in the field of mining, human rights, or environment)

### Program

Wednesday, 8th November

**from 17:00 Arrival in a Restaurant**

**20:00 Introduction**

Thursday, 9th November

**8:30 Introduction to the EU Raw Materials Initiative**

**9:00** *travel to European Parliament*

**10:00 Tour through the institutes of the EU**

*Visitors Centre of the European parliament*

**11:45 Meeting with MEP Joachim Schuster (S&D):** Trade Policies and raw materials

**13:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00 Introduction to the Conflict Minerals Regulation as binding Due Diligence**

*Emily Norton, Global Witness*

**15:00 Blue Growth and Deep Sea Mining**

*Ann Dom, Seas At Risk*

**16:00 Meeting with MEP Judith Sargentini (Groenlinks):** Important steps of the Conflict Minerals Regulation and lobby strategies of the industry

**18:00** *Dinner break*

**20:00 Meeting with a representative EU-Commission (requested)**

*Raw Materials Initiative and list of Critical Raw Materials*

Friday 10th November

- 9:00**      **Introduction to the London Mining Network**  
*Richard Harkinson, London Mining Network*
- 10:00**      **Introduction to ISDS and ICS (Investor-State Dispute Settlement and Investment Court System)**  
*Roxana Pencea, Mining Watch Romania*
- 11:00**      **New Development in Human Rights Developments**  
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- 12:00**      *Lunch break*
- 13:30**      **Expert Talk at EUROMINES: Introduction to the work of EUROMINES and Discussion of the Raw Materials Initiative** (requested)
- 15:30**      **Critical Lobby Tour**  
*Corporate Europe Observatory*
- 17.00**      *End of Seminar*



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