

# NEEIP Position Paper calling for “A long-term and ambitious EU Raw Materials Strategy”

The Associations of European Non-Energy Extractive Industries (NEEIP) – the European Cement Association (CEMBUREAU), the European Ceramic Industry Association (Cerame-Unie), Construction Products Europe (CPE), the European Gypsum Industry Association (Eurogypsum), the European Metals and Minerals Mining Industry Association (Euromines), the European & International Federation of Natural Stone Industries (EUROROC), the European Salt Producers' Association (EUsalt), the European Expanded Clay Association (EXCA), the European Industrial Minerals Association (IMA-Europe) and the European Aggregates Association (UEPG) – are calling for a long-term and ambitious EU Raw Materials Strategy as laid down in the [Industry4Europe Joint Reaction Paper](#). Primary and secondary raw materials are the catalyst for a sustainable economy which is the backbone of society. An Industrial Strategy needs a long-term and ambitious EU Raw Materials Strategy.

The Associations of European Non-Energy Extractive Industries (NEEIP) welcome the European Commission Communication “Investing in a smart, innovative and sustainable Industry – A renewed EU Industrial Policy Strategy” and the recognition of “**the strategic importance of raw materials for the EU manufacturing industry**” and the fact that “the Commission is implementing a wide range of actions under the EU Raw Materials Initiative and will continue to help ensure their **secure, sustainable and affordable supply.**”

## NEEIP Partners wish to go further by

- Continuing to make the positive link between industry and society through projects like the “European Minerals Days”, “Life in Quarries” or “Before it’s yours, we mine it”;
- Supporting Member States in taking responsibility for sustainable access to, management and supply of domestic primary resources;
- While promoting the increased use of renewable or carbon-neutral energy in mining/quarrying operations the associated loss of coal combustion products needs to be addressed by offering replacement or alternative solutions;
- Working with policy makers towards an energy supply at a competitive price;
- Exploring all avenues to contribute to energy efficiency in supply chains;
- Creating a global and EU competitive level-playing field through stable, integrated, predictable and proportionate EU and national legislation;
- Reducing red tape and improving effectiveness of EU legislation, being a step in the right direction, the adequate implementation and application of existing legislation should be reinforced;
- Promoting the enabling role of the mining and quarrying sectors for the economy in EU, national and regional policies;
- Measuring progress of the raw materials contribution to the renewed industry strategy;
- Using systematically impact assessments prior to the adoption of legislative proposals;
- Continuing to foster innovation in the sector and accessing EU and national research funding to this end;
- Seeking facilitated investments in raw materials sectors and European infrastructure.

**NEEIP Partners wish to strengthen the dialogue within the European Commission Raw Materials Supply Group and propose to adopt a long-term Working Programme with the 2050 perspective taking into account the above points.**

The Associations of European Non-Energy Extractive Industries (NEEIP) are committed to assist the European Commission in implementing actions under a renewed EU Raw Materials Strategy ensuring the **secure, sustainable and affordable supply of primary and secondary resources.**

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