

2022 EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials – Concept

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Event			
Name	<i>EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials</i>		
Date	3 and 4 November 2022	Time	Day 1 – 09:00 to 19:00 (CLT) Day 2 – 09:00 to 19:00 (CLT)
Place	Hotel W Santiago, Chile		

Background

The project **EU-Latin America Partnership on Raw Materials**, funded by the European Union (EU), aims at promoting and intensifying cooperation between the EU and seven Latin American partner countries (i.e. Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay) along the value chains of minerals-based industries. Based on complementarities, common objectives and shared values of the EU and Latin America, the Partnership aims at moving a step closer towards an integration of strategic industrial value chains for both regions, exploring new business models and adding value to society, while maintaining high environmental and social standards at the core of the Partnership.

The Partnership implements the digital **Mineral Development Network Platform (MDNP)**, with over 1000 members from government entities, businesses, research institutions, and civil society across the Partnership countries. The MDNP allows members to connect and is a reliable source of information about the situation of non-energy extractive industries and the raw materials value chain of the partner countries: [Home | MDNP \(mineralplatform.eu\)](https://mineralplatform.eu)

To enhance exchange and learning, the Partnership offers a business-oriented webinar series that addresses some of the most pressing issues in the sector, participates in the region’s key mining fairs, and convenes high-level events such as the **EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials**.

2022 Convention

The 2022 **EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials** will build upon the work done in previous years and raise the political profile of the Partnership. The 2022 Convention will take place on 3 and 4 November 2022 in Santiago, Chile and bring together the mineral raw materials value chain community, including policymakers, industry, the private sector, and research and innovation actors, from the EU and Latin America under the following overarching theme **Mineral Raw Materials for the Clean Energy Transition**.

The Convention will include a **high-level (political) session** on day 1 and **panel sessions** on days 1 and 2, which will address the following themes:

No.	Theme
1	Analysis of critical raw materials for the energy transition
2	Opportunities in the EU industrial alliances and EU external cooperation action
3	Mobilising investment in sustainable critical minerals for clean energy transitions – global trends and policy actions (co-organised with the International Energy Agency)
4	Upstream battery raw materials projects: exploration & mining
5	Downstream battery raw materials projects: refining, battery manufacturing & recycling
6	Synergies between raw materials and green hydrogen production
7	Sustainability, traceability & standards
8	Earth observation for raw materials (co-organised with European Space Agency)

A moderator will open each session with 10 minutes to introduce the topic (if applicable) and speakers. The **plenary session** will include statements by the EU and the seven Latin American partner countries (10 minutes each). **Panel sessions** will have 3 - 4 speakers, each with 10 minutes to present a topic, followed by 10 - 20 minutes of open discussion, including questions and answers facilitated by a moderator. There will be 15-minute coffee breaks in between sessions.

There will be **networking opportunities** and **simultaneous translation** (English, Spanish and Portuguese) throughout the event.

The 2022 Convention will be organised as a **hybrid event**. Panellists should attend in person to the Convention. Attendees could attend in person or connect to the session using the **live stream** and **interact** with the panels using a dedicated website.