

# 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 is 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.

If you want to know more about what is the raw materials week in brief, please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/1mvtEnGJmIQ>

As part of the Raw Material Week, the Commission has 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 present at the Raw Materials week in the first day event: **4th EU Critical Raw Materials Event - Co-organised with SCRREEN2**. The following link provides access to the recording of that particular session with an introduction to PASSENGER project: [https://youtu.be/H-0\\_Y5kwB9I?t=16768](https://youtu.be/H-0_Y5kwB9I?t=16768)



*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:

<b>Monday, November 15, 2021</b>		
<b>EU Horizon Technology Success Stories – Co-organised with HaDEA</b>	10:00 - 16:30	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T68OnMdMt-4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T68OnMdMt-4</a>
	ONLINE	
	Salon Fabiola - Virtual Stage D1	
<b>4th EU Critical Raw Materials Event - Co-organised with SCRREEN2</b>	10:00 - 17:30	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-0_Y5kwB9I">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-0_Y5kwB9I</a>
	HYBRID	
	Théâtre - Live stage I - D1	
<b>Tuesday, November 16, 2021</b>		
<b>Future trends Innovation and skills for Raw Materials – Co-organised with EIT Raw Materials</b>	10:00 - 12:30	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTw2141Xp7s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTw2141Xp7s</a>
	HYBRID	
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D2	
<b>Towards an Earth Observation platform for Raw Materials – Co-organised with DG DEFIS and ESA</b>	10:00 - 12:30	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntfr ycm7tFw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntfr ycm7tFw</a>
	ONLINE	
	Salon Fabiola - Virtual Stage D2	
<b>Workshop: How companies improve critical raw materials circularity - Co-organised with IRTC-Business</b>	11:00 - 15:40	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSn-MGfjUZ4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSn-MGfjUZ4</a>
	HYBRID	
	Versailles - Live Stage II	
<b>Horizon Raw Materials Info Day and Brokerage Event</b>	14:00 - 16:40	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTw2141Xp7s&amp;t=14984s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTw2141Xp7s&amp;t=14984s</a>
	HYBRID	
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D2	
<b>3rd EU Raw Materials Biotics Event on Bio-based solutions for the green and digital transition</b>	14:00 - 17:30	<a href="https://youtu.be/ntfr ycm7tFw?t=19341">https://youtu.be/ntfr ycm7tFw?t=19341</a>
	ONLINE	
	Salon Fabiola - Virtual Stage D2	
<b>Wednesday, November 17, 2021</b>		
<b>8th Annual High Level Conference of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials – Co-organised with EUMICON</b>	10:00 - 17:30	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPnHwXnoMuo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPnHwXnoMuo</a>
	HYBRID	
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D3	
<b>Thursday, November 18, 2021</b>		
<b>4th Event on the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System – Co-organised with UNECE and EGS</b>	10:00 - 12:30	<a href="https://youtu.be/IUYIstbLuiU?t=1479">https://youtu.be/IUYIstbLuiU?t=1479</a>
	HYBRID	
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D4	
<b>Knowledge needs - EU-Africa focus</b>	14:00 - 17:00	<a href="https://youtu.be/IUYIstbLuiU?t=15530">https://youtu.be/IUYIstbLuiU?t=15530</a>
	HYBRID	
	Théâtre - Live Stage I - D4	
<b>Canada-EU Tracing Sustainable Battery Minerals Seminar</b>	14:30 - 17:00	<a href="https://youtu.be/0h4y7fLxZ5o?t=7417">https://youtu.be/0h4y7fLxZ5o?t=7417</a>
	ONLINE	
	Salon Fabiola - Virtual Stage D4	

## **NEW EUROPEAN RAW MATERIALS ALLIANCE (ERMA) REPORT CONCERNING 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 here <https://erma.eu/european-call-for-action/>  
And in our website: <https://passenger-project.eu>

### **NEXT IB BULLETIN IB#3: RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY SHORTAGE CRISIS**

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