



# Council's adoption of Critical Raw Materials Act promoting secondary raw materials use welcomed by EU recyclers

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EuRIC strongly welcomes the Council's adoption of the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), aiming to ensure a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and reduce EU reliance on external sources.

The final text, adopted earlier this week, addresses critical issues, with **recycling and processing projects set to receive their permits with priority compared to extraction projects**, within 15 and 27 months, accordingly – aligning perfectly with EuRIC's advocacy and with circular economy objectives. The CRMA outlines a list of 17 strategic materials and an extensive list of 34 critical materials. [EuRIC applauds that steel is not listed among them](#), as inclusion without robust scientific data would set an alarming precedent for the unrestricted addition of materials to the list, lacking clear conditions or a methodology for assessment.

Moreover, **EuRIC is particularly pleased with the the establishment of minimum recycled content targets for certain materials in permanent magnets, through delegated acts**. The CRMA requests the Commission to adopt delegated acts supplementing this Regulation by laying down minimum shares for the materials recovered from post-consumer waste no later than 31 December 2031. While EuRIC had called for the date to be further advanced to 2025, the outcome is still a major development compared to the Commission's proposal.

**The CRMA signifies a positive step towards promoting the use of secondary raw materials instead of or alongside primary critical ones, including materials from metal scraps and end-of-life products.**

EuRIC remains committed to collaborating with legislators to effectively connect the CRMA with other pieces of EU legislation, such as the End-of-Life Vehicles proposal (ELVs) and the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR), which will share more data on the amount of CRMs in different components of these products and set future recycled content targets.