

JOINT STATEMENT
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF THE KINGDOM OF
NORWAY AND
THE MINISTRY OF ENTERPRISES AND MADE IN ITALY AND
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SECURITY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS

On the 5th of May 2025, in Tromsø, the Republic of Italy and the Kingdom of Norway released the following Joint Statement to deepen their mutual collaboration on critical raw materials.

Recognizing the importance of secure and sustainable access to critical raw materials (CRMs) for the advancement of green energy technologies, digital transformation, and economic resilience in both countries and the wider European continent;

Considering the common will of Italy and Norway to foster decarbonisation processes, including through the use of renewable energy and renewable and low carbon hydrogen;

Emphasizing the mutual benefits of collaboration in areas such as resource development, technological innovation, environmental sustainability, energy transition and energy security;

Acknowledging the commitment of both Countries to achieving sustainable development goals, Paris Agreement and COP 28 GST outcomes and their alignment with EU regulations and international best practices in the critical raw materials sector;

Aiming to strengthen their bilateral relations and foster long-term cooperation in the field of critical raw materials;

The Republic of Italy and the Kingdom of Norway intend to advance this cooperation through the following areas of work:

International Collaboration & Multilateral Engagement: Encourage participation in leading international fora addressing critical mineral supply chains security sustainability and resiliency including but not limited to the Minerals Security Partnership and Mineral Security Partnership Forum and the International Energy Agency - Critical Minerals Working Party.

Mapping and exploration: Highlight the countries' mineral potentials, exchange strategies for national exploration programs, and explore other opportunities for collaboration between the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) and the Geological Survey of Norway (NGU).

Strengthening Supply Chains: Promote critical minerals value chain trade and investment opportunities in the Republic of Italy and the Kingdom of Norway through government efforts to facilitate B2B matchmaking and Italy-Norway support in projects, also through national

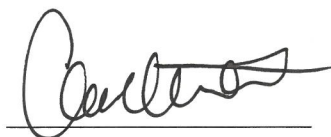
organizations such as the Italian National Fund for Made in Italy and the Norwegian Sovereign Fund.

Research and Innovation: Discuss opportunities for joint research on Critical Raw Materials and Advanced Materials, also through Horizon Europe newly instituted Critical Raw Materials and Advanced Materials partnership. The Republic of Italy and the Kingdom of Norway will work jointly to improve in processing and in the efficient reuse and recycling of critical minerals and critical raw materials.

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