

Meeting between EVP Vestager CAB and SveMin, Boliden and Euromines, 19 December, 10-10.30am

Participants

- [REDACTED], Svemin
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Boliden stressed the need of an improved value chain of raw materials based on trade, enhanced circular economy, easier permitting, and effective governance. Predictable permitting is the most important element to promote investments. Svemin further stressed the need to focus also on exploration capabilities and flagged it as another area where permitting could be simplified. Euromines noted that the energy spikes had a negative impact on the industry and stressed the need of tools to support. On public acceptance, stakeholders flagged that it is not an issue in the area where they are active. On exploration, they also flagged the need of not bureaucratizing the process but create conditions for private actions.

CAB Vestager indicated that the EU will aim to ensure supply of critical raw materials through higher diversification, production and recycling. It welcomed stakeholders to provide their contributions to the Commission's services.