



# EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials

## 2023 EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials – Concept *Promoting EU – LATAM investments in sustainable raw materials value chains*

<b>Date</b>	22 – 24 May 2023	<b>Time</b>	Day 1 – 09:00 to 12:00 (ART) Day 2 – 09:00 to 12:00 (ART) Day 3 – 09:00 to 16:00 (ART)
<b>Place</b>	La Rural   Buenos Aires, Argentina		

### 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.

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 annual **EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials**.

## 2023 EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials

The **2023** edition of the **EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials** will take place in parallel with the International Argentine Trade Fair for the Mining Industry (Arminera) on 22 – 24 May 2023 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with the overarching theme: **Promoting EU – LATAM investments in sustainable raw materials value chains.**

The Convention will bring together stakeholders along the whole raw materials value chain, from exploration and extraction to refining and recycling, as well as key downstream players decidedly contributing to the clean energy transition. It will include policymakers, industry, the private sector, and research and innovation actors from the EU and Latin America.

The Convention will promote and facilitate **public-private dialogues** on investment opportunities, policy design and implementation to achieve a sustainable integration of EU – LATAM raw materials value chains.

The Convention will hinge upon the **sustainability values** shared by the EU and Latin America, enhancing cooperation for the development of raw materials value chains for the clean energy transition and the industries that depend on them, such as e-mobility, renewable energies or digital technologies.

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

### Day 1: Monday 22 May 2023

Day 1 will include a **high-level session with presentations by the EU and governments of the seven Latin American partner countries**. A master of ceremonies will introduce the speakers. Each of them will have 10 minutes to highlight **recent policy developments for the development of the raw materials value chains**.

The high-level session will be followed by a 90-minute **thematic session on sustainable mining and circular economy in the EU and LATAM**. During the session, speakers will cover the following topics: **Mining and Sustainable Development Goals, Challenges of mining governance and national regulation, and Responsible mineral supply chains**. A moderator will facilitate the session. The master of ceremonies will introduce the moderator. The moderator will open the session with 10 minutes to introduce the theme and the speakers. There will be 4 speakers, each with 15 minutes to make a presentation, followed by 20 minutes of open discussion, including questions and answers.

We will provide **lunch** after the conclusion of the thematic session and provide **networking opportunities**.

## Day 2: Tuesday 23 May 2023

Day 2 will continue with **investment-related presentations by the official delegations of the first three (out of seven) Latin American partner countries**. Each partner country will have 30 minutes to highlight **their investment promotion schemes and specific opportunities along the sustainable raw materials value chains**, including exploration, extraction and processing, refining, value-adding for e-mobility, digital and renewable energies, and recycling.

There will be a 20-minute **matchmaking session between EU – LATAM stakeholders** after the conclusion of each investment-related presentation. The matchmaking session will bring constituents with similar interests together and foster cooperation along the sustainable raw materials value chains. We will organise these bilateral networking opportunities before the event upon request by the interested parties. EU stakeholders participating in the matchmaking sessions will include representatives from the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and EIT RawMaterials (TBC).

Other participants that do not partake in the matchmaking sessions will have the opportunity to network with their peers.

We will provide **lunch** after the conclusion of the final matchmaking session and provide **networking opportunities**.

## Day 3: Wednesday 24 May 2023

Day 3 will continue with the remaining **investment-related presentations by the official delegations of the Latin American partner countries**, followed by their respective **matchmaking sessions**. We will observe the format of Day 2.

The final matchmaking session will be followed by a 60-minute **thematic session** by the EU-LATAM Geological Surveys, **mapping strategic and critical raw materials in LATAM and the Caribbean**. A moderator will facilitate the session. The master of ceremonies will introduce the moderator. The moderator will open the session with 10 minutes to introduce the theme and the speakers. There will be 4 speakers, each with 10 minutes to make a presentation, followed by 10 minutes of open discussion, including questions and answers.

The EU and ARG will **close the event** with final reflections.

## Preliminary agenda

Day 1: Monday, 22 May 2023

<b>09:00 – 09:20 (ART)</b> Registration, coffee and networking	
<b>09:20 – 09:30 (ART)</b> Opening of the EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials	
<b>Argentina</b>	<b>European Commission</b>
<b>09:30 – 10:20 (ART)</b> Policy developments related to investments in sustainable raw materials value chains (EU, Argentina, Brazil and Chile)	
<b>European Commission</b>	<b>Argentina</b>
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>Chile</b>
<b>10:20 – 11:10 (ART)</b> Policy developments related to investments in sustainable raw materials value chains (Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay)	
<b>Colombia</b>	<b>Mexico</b>
<b>Peru</b>	<b>Uruguay</b>
<b>11:10 – 12:40 (ART)</b> Sustainable mining and circular economy in the EU and LATAM	
Moderated by <b>Argentina</b>	
<b>12:40 – 14:00 (ART)</b> Closure of day 1, lunch and networking	

Day 2: Tuesday, 23 May 2023

<b>09:00 – 09:20 (ART)</b> Registration, coffee and networking	
<b>09:20 – 09:30 (ART)</b> Opening of Day 2 of the EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials	
<b>Argentina</b>	<b>European Commission</b>
<b>09:30 – 10:00 (ART)</b> Investment promotion and opportunities along the value chain (Argentina)	
<b>10:00 – 10:20 (ART)</b> Matchmaking session, coffee and networking	
<b>10:20 – 10:50 (ART)</b> Investment promotion and opportunities along the value chain (Brazil)	
<b>10:50 – 11:10 (ART)</b> Matchmaking session, coffee and networking	
<b>11:10 – 11:40 (ART)</b> Investment promotion and opportunities along the value chain (Chile)	
<b>11:40 – 12:00 (ART)</b> Matchmaking session, coffee and networking	
<b>12:00 – 14:00 (ART)</b> Closure of day 2, lunch and networking	

## Day 3: Wednesday, 24 May 2023

**09:00 – 09:20 (ART)** Registration, coffee and networking

**09:20 – 09:30 (ART)** Opening of Day 3 of the EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials

**Argentina**

**European Commission**

**09:30 – 10:00 (ART)** Investment promotion and opportunities along the value chain (Colombia)

**10:00 – 10:20 (ART)** Matchmaking session, coffee and networking

**10:20 – 10:50 (ART)** Investment promotion and opportunities along the value chain (Mexico)

**10:50 – 11:10 (ART)** Matchmaking session, coffee and networking

**11:10 – 11:40 (ART)** Investment promotion and opportunities along the value chain (Peru)

**11:40 – 12:00 (ART)** Matchmaking session, coffee and networking

**12:00 – 14:00 (ART)** Lunch and networking

**14:00 – 14:30 (ART)** Investment promotion and opportunities along the value chain (Uruguay)

**14:30 – 14:50 (ART)** Matchmaking session, coffee and networking

**14:50 – 15:50 (ART)** Mapping strategic and critical raw materials in LATAM and the Caribbean

Moderated by **Argentina**

**15:50 – 16:00 (ART)** Closing of the EU-Latin America Convention on Raw Materials

**Argentina**

**European Commission**