

## ADVOCACY PLAN

### European Critical Raw Materials Act

#### What is the issue and why is it important? (max 200 words)

Access to critical raw materials is a key priority for Europe's Technology Industries. In recent years our industries have experienced constant shortages of key raw materials due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The European Critical Raw Materials Act (ECRMA) is therefore a welcome initiative for Europe's technology manufacturers, as its primary aim is to ensure a stable and resilient supply chain of Critical Raw Materials (CRMs) and Strategic Raw Materials (SRMs) for Europe.

The ECRMA establishes a list of CRMs and SRMs and sets objectives for the EU to increase domestic extraction, increase recycling and reduce dependencies from foreign suppliers for SRMs. It sets out rules on:

1. facilitating permitting procedures for SRM projects
2. monitoring and reporting obligations for member states on CRM supply chains (which indirectly impact companies) and coordination of strategic reserves
3. measures at member state level to increase the circularity of the CRM value chain
4. recyclability and recycled content of permanent magnets contained in different products manufactured by our industries

#### Key Orgalim objectives (+ [Link to position paper](#))

1. Stress the importance of ensuring a stable and reliable access to raw materials for Europe's Technology Industries
2. Limit burdensome obligations for companies to monitor, map and audit their CRM supply chains
3. Minimise the negative impact of burdensome requirements on recyclability and recycled content of permanent magnets

#### Institutional Process/Advocacy milestones

When	Development	Orgalim advocacy	Members' advocacy suggestion
September – November 2022	Public consultation	Response to public consultation ( <a href="#">link</a> )	
25 January 2023		Orgalim spoke at a EFM event on the ECRMA – with several MEPs and the relevant Commission Head of Unit	
16 March 2023	Publication of legislative proposal	Development of position paper & amendment proposals; engagement with Commission, MEPs and PermReps	Engagement with selected MEPs and national governments
30 June 2023	Council General Approach		
7 September 2023	Vote in lead EP Committee (ITRE)		

20 October 2023		Orgalim co-signed a joint letter on reporting obligations arising from the ECRMA – shared with Spanish Presidency and other key stakeholders in PermReps	
September 2023 - ongoing	Trilogues	Development of trilogues recommendations, engagement with Commission, MEPs and PermReps	Engagement with selected MEPs and national governments

### Key decision-makers (10 max)

Name	Institution / Role	Rationale	Relationship w/ Orgalim
Joaquim Nunes de Almeida	DG GROW		Met on 11 May; received Orgalim position paper
Peter Handley	DG GROW		Participated in the EFM event on the ECRMA in which Orgalim was speaking; received Orgalim position paper
Nicola Beer MEP (RE, DE)	Rapporteur in lead Committee (ITRE)		Engagement during a BusinessEurope event on 25 August 2023; received Orgalim position paper.
Hildegard Bentele MEP (EPP, DE)	Shadow in lead Committee (ITRE)		Received Orgalim position paper
Mohammed Chahim MEP (S&D, NL)	Shadow in lead Committee (ITRE)		Received Orgalim position paper
Henrike Hahn MEP (Greens, DE)	Shadow in lead Committee (ITRE)		Received Orgalim position paper
Izabela-Helena Kloc (ECR, PL)	Shadow in lead Committee (ITRE)		Received Orgalim position paper
Jessica Polfjärd (EPP, SE)	Shadow in Opinion Committee (ENVI)		Received Orgalim position paper
Karin Sandkull	Counsellor, WP on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry), Sweden Permanent Representation to the EU		Received Orgalim position paper
Alberto Ruiz Rodriguez	Counsellor, Industry and Tourism, Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU		Received Orgalim position paper

### Orgalim Team

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