

EU-Zambia 360° Partnership on Critical Raw Materials

Supporting Zambia's Green Industrialisation and Sustainable Mining Future.
From extraction to transformation – building sustainable value chains together.

SUMMARY

In October 2023, the European Union and Zambia signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a Strategic Partnership focused on developing sustainable raw materials value chains. This partnership supports Zambia's ambition to industrialise its mining sector, add local value to critical raw materials, and align with green and digital transitions. In June 2024, a joint Roadmap was adopted outlining concrete actions under five pillars: value chain development, enabling infrastructure, licensing and ASM reform, geological data and exploration, and skills and governance. The roadmap provides a comprehensive framework for EU and Member States to support Zambia's sustainable economic transformation.

OBJECTIVES

-  1. Develop mineral value chains by promoting local processing and joint ventures.
-  2. Build infrastructure needed for raw material value chain development.
-  3. Enhance licensing, governance and support for artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM).
-  4. Invest in geological mapping and responsible resource exploration.
-  5. Promote skills, ESG standards and transparency across the sector.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Upstream and downstream mineral value chains established and linked with EU partners.
- Transparent, digitised and efficient mining cadastre system in place.
- Artisanal mining sector formalised with improved traceability and market access.
- Geological database strengthened and made accessible to investors.
- Skilled workforce trained to meet mining sector needs and uphold ESG standards.
- Enhanced public participation and accountability through EITI and CSO engagement.

KEY PRINCIPLES

- Integrated 360° Global Gateway approach: governance, investment, skills, infrastructure.
- Joint approach by EU and MSs with shared policy priorities.
- Strong public-private dialogue and multi-stakeholder taskforces.
- Capacity building, twinning and technical assistance to national institutions.
- Focus on ESG standards, green technologies and circular economy.



PARTNERS:

- Ministry of Finance and National Planning
- Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development
- Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry
- Ministry of Green Economy and Environment
- Zambia Revenue Authority
- Zambia Development Agency
- Artisanal Mining Associations
- National Chambers of Commerce and Private Sector



DURATION:

2024 – 2030



PROJECT REGION IN ZAMBIA:

National coverage with focus on mining and industrial regions: Copperbelt, North-Western, Luapula Provinces.

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