

**Question for written answer E-001797/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: High environmental standards and support for the EU mining sector

The main objectives of the European Green Deal are set out in the Fit for 55 package: the aim is to achieve a 55% cut in emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050. To meet these drastic targets, we need to completely transform our production and consumption patterns. The battery industry is therefore expected to see significant growth in the coming years, and so are the sectors involved in the extraction and recycling of raw materials, which will clearly also be involved in the process. A fully electric vehicle, for example, has a battery which requires 50 kg of nickel, 7 kg of cobalt and 45 kg of lithium to produce.

European industry must take a lead role in this major strategic undertaking: we know that the EU is made up of countries which have listed deposits of these strategic metals on their territories (within Europe and/or overseas).

1. Does the Commission intend to allocate substantial funding to promote the European mining of these raw materials and in doing so to support the future energy independence of Europe?
2. Does it also plan to include responsible mining in the green taxonomy?