



ANTIMONY DAY 2025

Antimony: the Element Europe Can't Ignore

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SCHEDULE:

DAY 1 (17 NOV.)

Securing Strategic Value Chains

The Role of Lithium, Antimony, Gallium and Graphite Materials in
Europe's Green and Digital Transition

12:00 Registration and Light Lunch

12:50 Welcome and Institutional Remarks

- **Raymond Devaux** – President, I2A
- **Katarzyna Palaczanis** – Board Member, CRM Alliance
- **Peter Handley** – Moderator

13:00 Opening Keynote

Securing access to critical raw materials is one of Europe's key strategic challenges. As the Critical Raw Materials Act takes shape, attention turns to what's effective, what gaps remain, and how policy can drive industrial resilience and sustainability.

- **Michał Spiechowicz** – Policy Officer of DG DEFIS, European Commission
Securing Strategic Value Chains for Europe's Defence and Space Industries
- **Albéric Mongrenier** – Executive Director, European Initiative for Energy Security
Critical Raw Materials and the EU's economic and defence resilience
- **Joris Teer** – Research Analyst, European Institute for Security Studies
Outlook for securing Critical Raw Materials
- **Nicolas Goffaux** – MineSpans Asset Leader, McKinsey
Global Strategic Outlook: Materials Under Pressure: Global Dynamics, Local Realities

14:30 Coffee Break



15:00 Spotlight Talks

Lesser-known materials like antimony, lithium, graphite, gallium, and germanium are vital to Europe's energy, tech, and defence sectors. As demand rises, securing their supply and strategic use will be key to long-term resilience.

- **Amar Kaadouch** – Sales Manager Precious and Minor Metals, Precious Metals Refining

Antimony, Lithium, Graphite: The Overlooked Enablers of Resilience

- **Anton Aranzabal** – Director General, Graftech/President, ECGA

The role of graphite in Europe's economic and defence resilience

- **Solomon Cefai** – Senior Price Reporter, Fastmarkets/Minor Metals Trade Association

Gallium and Germanium: Geopolitical Dynamics Shaping Minor Metals Markets

16:15 Innovation & Circularity: From Primary to Secondary: Unlocking the Circular Potential

Transitioning from primary to secondary raw materials is key to unlocking circular potential. Innovation in recycling and material recovery can drive sustainability, reduce dependency, and strengthen industrial resilience.

- **Hendrik Engelkamp** – Policy Officer of DG ENV, European Commission
- **Michael Blakeney** – President, CRM Alliance/Head of Government and Public Affairs, Cobalt Institute
- **Dr Stian Madshus** – Senior Vice President Sales, Marketing and Strategy, Vianode
- **Hans Vercammen** – Division Director Specialty Chemicals, Campine

17:00 Closing Remarks

- **Michael Blakeney** – President, CRM Alliance
- **Lars Hintz** – Board Member, International Antimony Association