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## EIT RawMaterials Summit Spotlights Europe's Top Startups

- Summit will feature leading European startups across the raw and advanced materials value chains
- Investor Day brings high-potential startups together with sector's leading Venture Capital investors and funds
- Innovation Village will feature breakthrough innovations including blockchain-based commodity traceability to the recovery of critical materials from water to AI-driven real-time decision-making tools optimizing mineral processing and battery recycling.
- EIT RawMaterials is supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, a body of the European Union.

**Berlin, 08. 05. 2025:** The 2025 edition of the EIT RawMaterials Summit will unveil an expanded Innovation Village featuring Europe's most promising start-ups. Now in its seventh year, the EIT RawMaterials Summit is Europe's leading event covering the full raw materials value chain. This year's event will take place in Brussels from 13–15 May 2025.

The Summit will showcase 30 high-potential start-ups from the EIT RawMaterials portfolio, selected for their technological maturity, market potential, and alignment with Europe's strategic sustainability and competitiveness objectives for 2030. These innovators will pitch to some of Europe's most active deep-tech investors and funds, including Alpha Future Fund, Bpifrance, and Finindus at a dedicated Investor Day event focused on accelerating financing for transformative innovation.

Speaking ahead of the conference, Bernd Schäfer, CEO, Managing Director, EIT RawMaterials, said: "Europe's Race to 2030 demands bold innovation — and bold investment. Securing the raw materials essential for our industrial future requires moving faster, scaling smarter, and connecting brilliant ideas to real-world impact. As Europe's leading impact investor for raw materials, EIT RawMaterials is proud to champion the next generation of entrepreneurs who are building Europe's resilience and sovereignty. Investor Day bridges the valley of death between breakthrough technologies and commercial success, accelerating the solutions Europe urgently needs."

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Start-ups featured at the Summit have been rigorously vetted through EIT RawMaterials' investment programmes. Participating investors will have the opportunity to engage directly with these de-risked, high-potential ventures in one-to-one meetings throughout the event.

Featured EIT RawMaterials Portfolio Start-ups:

- Minespider (Germany): A blockchain-based traceability platform improving visibility across the mineral supply chain; currently tracking 10% of the global tin supply in partnership with Minsur.
- Weeefiner (Finland): A pioneer in sustainable resource extraction, offering circular wastewater treatment solutions that recover valuable metals from industrial effluent.
- IntelliSense.io (United Kingdom): A technology leader using industrial AI to optimise battery recycling and mineral processing operations with real-time, data-driven insights.

Financing and innovation will also feature on the main stage of the EIT RawMaterials Summit, where leaders from policy, industry, and innovation will address how Europe can secure its industrial competitiveness and sustainability targets—particularly with fewer than 1,300 working days remaining until 2030. Find out more about the EIT RawMaterials Summit [here](#) and the Investor Day programme [here](#).

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### About EIT RawMaterials

EIT RawMaterials is the largest and most active raw materials knowledge and innovation network globally, comprising over 300 partner organisations across the entire raw materials value chain. EIT RawMaterials demonstrates its



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dedication to advancing and supporting a circular economy in Europe by fostering innovation, collaboration, and sustainable practices. Mandated by the European Commission, EIT RawMaterials leads the European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA), which includes more than 750 members and an advanced project pipeline of over 40 projects, representing an investment potential of more than €25 billion.

Since its founding, EIT RawMaterials has deployed over €600 million in direct strategic funding to support more than 800 projects and start-ups. These initiatives, including ERMA projects, have leveraged additional funding of €5 billion from external sources, creating a cumulative impact of more than €5.5 billion in critical and strategic raw materials projects, technologies, and programmes across Europe and beyond.

Supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union, EIT RawMaterials was established in 2015 to advance Europe's transition to a sustainable economy. Its mission is to secure a sustainable supply of raw materials for Europe, close material loops, and design innovative product solutions, with the goal to position raw materials as a strategic strength for Europe through innovation, education, and entrepreneurship.

Learn more at [www.eitrawmaterials.eu](http://www.eitrawmaterials.eu).