

UK-ITALY CLEAN GROWTH DIALOGUES

Critical Minerals: Developing international sustainable supply chains

29 January 2026

AGENDA

09:30-10:00 *Registration and welcome breakfast*

10:00-12:00 **DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS**

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The UK's Critical Minerals Strategy sets out long-term ambition for securing critical minerals to drive growth and the clean energy transition and support diversified and sustainable global supply chains through international partnerships. By combining domestic capabilities with global collaboration, the UK aims to ensure a stable, ethical, and environmentally responsible supply of critical minerals for future technologies.

The EU has taken action on alternative critical supply chains by adopting a Critical Raw Materials Act, recently complemented by the Commission's ResourceEU Action Plan. Moreover, the EU is leveraging its financial, commercial and development tools to strengthen clean supply chains while ensuring emerging and developing economies benefit from the transition. These efforts are further underpinned by national strategies such as Italy's Mattei Plan and multilateral frameworks including the G7 and G20.

Discussion with all participants

Guiding questions:

- *Which specific vulnerabilities in critical supply chains are the EU, Italy and UK most concerned about? What could be improved domestically, and which strategies should be pursued beyond national borders?*
- *How can the EU and UK's instruments be leveraged to bolster sustainable and alternative supply chains?*
- *In which ways are development finance, capacity building, infrastructure, standard-setting, and trade agreements being coordinated to support supply chain diversification and enable a just transition with local value added in emerging economies?*
- *How should development finance and private investment be blended to de-risk investments in new supply chain partners?*
- *Which practical instruments can be used to foster partnerships among like-minded partners?*
- *How to avoid and target unfair practices in the critical minerals supply chain?*