

Amendments to B-R7: Nature Restoration Law vs. EU plan for critical raw materials - challenges to protect nature and food sovereignty

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1	AM-1-6	SF - Green Left	The European Greens have been spearheading policies to respond to climate challenges while putting people and the planet at the top of its priorities. In the European Parliament, at both national and local levels, EGP members	<p>New title: EU's plan for critical raw materials can create challenges to the protection of nature and food sovereignty</p> <p>Delete from line 1 to 7: The European Greens have been spearheading policies to respond to climate challenges while putting people and the planet at the top of its priorities. In the European Parliament, at both national and local levels, EGP members have been proposing measures to mitigate such impacts and to politically address changes in production, distribution and</p>	Propose to discuss / Propose to discuss title at the end	CAS accepted as amended EU's plan for critical raw materials can create challenges to the protection of nature and democracy
2	AM-1-7	Možem o! – politická platforma		<p>New title: Nature Restoration Law vs. EU plan for critical raw materials - challenges to protect nature, food sovereignty and democracy</p>	Propose to discuss title at the end (accepted by Os Verdes)	Accepted

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3	AM-7-1	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	balanced ways of using essential resources, ensuring less impact on nature and human health.	<p>Insert from line 6 to 7:</p> <p>balanced ways of using essential resources, ensuring less impact on nature and human health.</p> <p>The EGP congress takes note of the following draft motion for resolution. Raw materials are of critical importance for the green transformation of our consumption and production model. Regularly raw materials including critical ones are produced under outrageous conditions for people and planet in the global south. Others are extracted in states where local communities have no effective access to democratic control or legal security. However, even best efforts for circularity and resource frugality cannot avoid the need for additional critical raw materials in the process of the green transition. This is why the EGP will establish a task force to develop a common position how the need for resources can be catered for</p>	Propose to discuss	<p>Accepted</p> <p>Insert from line 6 to 7:</p> <p>The EGP congress takes note of the following draft motion for resolution. Raw materials are of critical importance for the green transformation of our consumption and production model. Regularly raw materials including critical ones are produced under outrageous conditions for people and planet in the global south. Others are extracted in states where local communities have no effective access to democratic control or legal security. However, even best efforts for circularity and resource frugality cannot avoid the need for additional critical raw materials in the process of the green transition. This is why the EGP will establish a task force to develop a common position how the need for resources can be catered for in the most sustainable way in the global south as well as in Europe. This task force should encompass a fact finding mission to Jadar and Barroso in order to ensure that the voice of local communities and experts is fully taken into account.</p>

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4	AM-8-5	SF - Green Left	For this reason, Greens all over Europe recognise the need to bring back nature and restore those precious ecosystems which are under threat today. At the same	Delete from line 8 to 9: For this reason, Greens all over Europe recognise the need to bring back nature and restore those precious ecosystems which are under threat today. At the same	Propose to discuss, (align with discussion on AM 1)	Withdrawn
5	AM-9-1	Ecolo	For this reason, Greens all over Europe recognise the need to bring back nature and restore those precious ecosystems which are under threat today. At the same time, they are demanding	Insert from line 8 to 10: For this reason, Greens all over Europe recognise the need to bring back nature and restore those precious ecosystems which are under threat today, <u>not only in the EU but everywhere, including in the Global South</u> . At the same time, they are demanding	Propose to accept (accepted by Os Verdes)	CAS accepted

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6	AM-13-1	SF - Green Left	toxic-free consumer goods while significantly reducing the risk of contamination from pollutants and chemical contaminants and tackling climate challenges.	<p>Insert from line 12 to 13:</p> <p>toxic-free consumer goods while significantly reducing the risk of contamination from pollutants and chemical contaminants and tackling climate challenges.</p> <p>The EU's demand for critical raw materials, combined with the demand to develop resource independency, increases pressure on nature, undermining the intentions of the Nature Restoration Law. Examples hereof are Lithium mining projects in</p>	Propose to accept (accepted by Os Verdes)	<p>CAS accepted as amended</p> <p>The EU's demand for critical raw materials, combined with the demand to develop resource independency, increases pressure on nature. Examples hereof are Lithium mining projects in Portugal and Serbia.</p>
7	AM-15-1	EGP Committee	On 17 June 2024, nature protection was the subject of a very important resolution approved by the EU national environment	<p>From line 15 to 17:</p> <p>On 17 June 2024, nature protection was the subject of a very important resolution legislation approved by the EU national environment ministers. The Nature Restoration Law (NRL) will contribute to the definition of binding goals for</p>	Propose to accept (accepted by Os Verdes)	CAS accepted

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8	AM-21-1	GroenLinks	guidelines for restoring the health of fresh-water bodies while also improving biodiversity in agricultural ecosystems with the aim of	<p>From line 20 to 22:</p> <p>guidelines for restoring the health of fresh-water bodies while also improving biodiversity in agricultural ecosystems with the aim of improving that, between other things, will improve organic carbon stock in cropland soils and promoting high-diversity landscapes.</p>	Propose to accept (accepted by Os Verdes)	CAS accepted

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9	AM-29-1	EGP Committee	The EU's demand for critical materials – mainly to reduce its dependence on China and to supply the electric vehicle industry – is forcing those European countries with identified lithium deposits to respond to EU pressure to ensure that at least 10% of such critical minerals are extracted in	<p>From line 29 to 32:</p> <p>The EU's demand for critical materials – mainly to reduce its dependence on China and to supply the electric vehicle industry – is forcing those European countries with identified lithium deposits to respond to EU pressure to ensure that at least 10% of such critical minerals are extracted in Europe by 2030.</p> <p><u>The EU's demand for critical raw materials – which are necessary for decarbonisation, including electric vehicle production – is growing. New EU legislation aims for 10% of the EU's critical raw material consumption to be extracted in the EU to rebalance EU dependencies on third countries. The EU therefore is encouraging countries with identified lithium deposits to</u></p>	Propose to discuss AM 9, 10	<p>CAS accepted amended</p> <p>The EU's demand for critical raw materials – which are necessary for decarbonisation – is growing. New EU legislation aims for 10% of the EU's critical raw material consumption to be extracted in the EU to rebalance EU dependencies on third countries. The EU therefore is encouraging member countries with identified lithium deposits to increase production.</p>

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10	AM-30-1	Ecolo	The EU's demand for critical materials – mainly to reduce its dependence on China and to supply the electric vehicle industry – is forcing those European countries with identified lithium deposits to respond to EU pressure to ensure	<p>From line 29 to 31:</p> <p>The EU's demand for critical materials – mainly to reduce its dependence on China and, to supply the electric vehicle industry, <u>but also to sustain its overconsumption of digital technologies</u> – is forcing those European countries with identified lithium deposits to respond to EU pressure to ensure</p>	Propose to discuss AM 9, 10 (accepted by Os Verdes)	Falls

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11	AM-32-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	that at least 10% of such critical minerals are extracted in Europe by 2030. Europe's green transition and digital transformation – associated with an unsustainable model of overconsumption and overexploitation of raw materials – are far removed from plans for the transition to place prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions.	<p>From line 32 to 36:</p> <p>Some projects connected to Europe's green transition and digital transformation –are associated with an unsustainable model of overconsumption and overexploitation of raw materials —are far removed from plans for the Sustainable transition has to place prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions.</p>	Withdrawn by Vihreät (support to AM 14)	Propose to discuss AMs 11, 12, 13, 14

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12	AM-33-1	Miljöpartiet de gröna	Europe's green transition and digital transformation – associated with an unsustainable model of overconsumption and overexploitation of raw materials – are far removed from plans for the transition to place prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions.	<p>From line 33 to 36:</p> <p>Europe's green transition and digital transformation — associated with an unsustainable model of overconsumption and overexploitation of raw materials — are far removed from plans for the transition to place prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions.</p> <p><u>While a green transition is needed and requires some extraction of raw materials, in these cases, the impact on both the local environment and people have not been shown sufficient consideration.</u></p>	Withdrawn by Miljöpartiet de gröna (support to AM 14)	Withdrawn by Miljöpartiet de gröna (support to AM 14)

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13	AM-33-2	EGP Committee	Europe's green transition and digital transformation – associated with an unsustainable model of overconsumption and overexploitation of raw materials – are far removed from plans for the transition to place prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions.	<p>From line 33 to 36:</p> <p>Europe's green transition and digital transformation – associated<u>unless it can break</u> with an unsustainable model of overconsumption and overexploitation of raw materials – are<u>will be</u> far removed from plans for the<u>a</u> transition to place<u>that places</u> prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions.</p>	Withdrawn by EGP Committee (support to AM 14)	Withdrawn by EGP Committee (support to AM 14)

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14	AM-33-3	Ecolo	Europe's green transition and digital transformation – associated with an unsustainable model of overconsumption and overexploitation of raw materials – are far removed from plans for the transition to place prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions.	<p>From line 33 to 36:</p> <p>Europe's green transition and digital transformation — associated with an unsustainable model of overconsumption and overexploitation of raw materials — are far removed from plans for the transition to place prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions.</p> <p><u>While a green transition is needed and requires some extraction of raw materials, the European regulation introduced a safeguard with the "public acceptance" dossier, requiring mining project promoters to engage in a transparent way with affected communities and social partners. But in the Portugese and Serbian cases, the impact on both the local environment and people have not been showed sufficient consideration.</u></p>	Propose to discuss AMs 11, 12, 13, 14 (accepted by Os Verdes, EGP Committee, Miljöpartiet de gröna)	<p>CAS accepted as amended from AM 11 to 15</p> <p>While a green transition is needed and requires the extraction of raw materials, the Critical Raw Materials Act introduced a safeguard with the "public acceptance" dossier, requiring mining project promoters to engage in a transparent way with affected communities and social partners. Even in European cases such as in Portugese and Serbia, the impact on both the local environment and people have not been showed sufficient consideration, leading to unjust and exploitative practices by Western governments and corporations. <i>These practices have been discribed as neocolonial by different scholars and civil society organisations.</i></p>

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15	AM-36-1	Federation of Young European Greens	are far removed from plans for the transition to place prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions.	<p>Insert from line 35 to 36:</p> <p>are far removed from plans for the transition to place prevention and precaution at the forefront of productive and technological solutions, and lead to neocolonial practices by European governments.</p>	Propose to discuss	Falls, see AM14

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16	AM-41-1	Federation of Young European Greens	precautionary principle concerning the environmental impact of lithium mining, while jeopardising national needs and goals regarding nature protection. In both cases, governments have not gone any further with the projects thanks to strong popular demonstrations and the persistence of civic movements and parties,	From line 40 to 43: precautionary principle concerning the environmental impact of lithium mining, while jeopardising national needs and goals regarding nature protection. In both cases the case of Portugal , governments have not gone any further with the projects thanks to strong popular demonstrations and the persistence of civic movements and parties,	Propose to discuss	Accepted In both cases, governments have not gone any further with the projects thanks it is unclear how the governments will proceed due to strong popular demonstrations and the persistence of civic movements and parties,

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17	AM-43-1	EGP Committee	cases, governments have not gone any further with the projects thanks to strong popular demonstrations and the persistence of civic movements and parties, including Partido Ecologista "Os Verdes" in Portugal, which have put these concerns on the political agenda.	From line 42 to 45: cases, governments have not gone any further with the projects thanks to strong popular demonstrations and the persistence of civic movements and parties, including Partido Ecologista "Os Verdes" in Portugal the green movement , which have put these concerns on the political agenda.	Propose to accept	CAS accepted From line 42 to 45: cases, governments have not gone any further with the projects thanks to strong popular demonstrations and the persistence of civic movements and Green parties and movements, which have put these concerns on the political agenda.

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18	AM-45-1	Možem o! – politička platforma	including Partido Ecologista “Os Verdes” in Portugal, which have put these concerns on the political agenda.	<p>Insert from line 44 to 45:</p> <p>including Partido Ecologista “Os Verdes” in Portugal, which have put these concerns on the political agenda.</p> <p><u>Moreover, the Serbian Government has shown unacceptable repression including police brutality towards the citizens and civil society organizations who are challenging the Jadar Valley project. Arbitrary detentions, smear campaigns, unlawful oversight of activists, physical violence, and frequent threats are some of the elements of the repressions we are witnessing against the citizens in Serbia, particularly against</u></p>	Propose to discuss (accepted by Os Verdes)	<p>CAS accepted as amended</p> <p>The Serbian Government has shown unacceptable repression including police brutality towards the citizens and civil society organizations who are challenging the Jadar Valley project. Arbitrary detentions, smear campaigns, unlawful oversight of activists, physical violence, and frequent threats are some of the elements of the repressions we are witnessing against the citizens in Serbia, particularly against environmental activists.</p>

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19	AM-57-1	Federation of Young European Greens	landscape, the identity of rural regions, on food production and the economic sustainability of communities. Lithium extraction - the aim of which is for use in decarbonization solutions - is absolutely incompatible with regions suffering from severe drought.	From line 56 to 63: landscape, the identity of rural regions, on food production and the economic sustainability of communities. Lithium extraction - the aim of which is for use to be used in decarbonization solutions - is absolutely incompatible with can not be done in regions which are suffering from severe drought, water scarcity and devastating forest fires, such as Portugal. Therefore, this option is not a long term solution to climate change in these territories . On the contrary, it is a problem and will soon become a huge burden for future generations; due to the the environmental liabilities it will leave	Propose to accept (accepted by Os Verdes)	CAS accepted
20	AM-67-1	Federation of Young European Greens	recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the EU which is seen as the first step in developing Serbia's lithium	From line 66 to 67: recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the EU which is seen as the first step in developing exploiting Serbia's lithium resources.	Propose to accept (accepted by Os Verdes)	CAS accepted

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21	AM-69-1	Federation of Young European Greens	Extraction and processing of lithium in the Jadar Valley, planned by the Rio Tinto company, could significantly harm the	From line 68 to 70: Extraction and processing of lithium in the Jadar Valley, planned by the Rio Tinto company, w ould significantly harm the environment, creating a devastating impact on the surrounding areas of farmland, forest groundwater and soil,	Propose to accept (accepted by Os Verdes)	CAS accepted

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22	AM-80-1	Federation of Young European Greens	companies from a thorough assessment of the environmental and socio-economic impacts in extractive areas.	<p>Insert from line 79 to 80:</p> <p>companies from a thorough assessment of the environmental and socio-economic impacts in extractive areas. <u>We additionally condemn the EU for disregarding the desires of the citizens of sovereign nations outside of its borders. This showcases a worrying willingness to work with oppressive governments for its own goals. Especially in this period of transition, we cannot support governments which have disregarded the ecological aspects of development previously.</u></p>	Propose to discuss	<p>Accepted</p> <p><u>For the sake of global justice, the EU must work alongside its partners, especially, bordering countries and the countries in the Global South to develop sustainable trade and cooperation agreements, that uphold the right of each party to regulate the quantity of Critical Raw Material exchanged and ensure a high level of sustainable development, climate and human rights protection. The EU must show leadership by supporting its partners to ensure that their raw materials supply chains becomes exemplary with regard to environment, workers and human rights. We must fight for the highest environmental, social, democratic and labour standards to be used for mining activities, that are in line with the wishes of those affected in the EU and beyond.</u></p>

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23	AM-84-1	Ecolo	as well as the food sovereignty of Member States.	<p>Insert after line 84:</p> <p><u>The other side of the coin</u> <u>Nature must be protected, not only on EU territory, but everywhere. The EU overconsumption of digital technologies is feeding the need for critical raw materials such as lithium and cobalt. Up until now, rare earth has been essentially mined in the Global South, in mines where the respect for fundamental rights and environmental law is far from ensured. As Greens, we recognise that saying no to lithium mines on EU soil is not about giving a blank check for more inhuman mines in the Global South but rather questioning our own overconsumption practices and fighting for the protection of nature and people everywhere.</u></p>	Propose to discuss (accepted by Os Verdes)	<p>Accepted</p> <p><u>The other side of the coin</u></p> <p><u>Nature must be protected, not only on EU territory, but everywhere. The EU overconsumption of digital technologies is feeding the need for critical raw materials such as lithium, cobalt and gold. Up until now, rare earth has been essentially mined in the Global South, in mines where the respect for fundamental rights and environmental law is far from ensured. Ensuring stricter standards for lithium mines on EU soil, which are laid out in this resolution, does not mean that we are coming up with excuses for getting our critical raw materials continuously from the Global South, but rather about questioning our own overconsumption practices and fighting for the protection of nature and people everywhere.</u></p>

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24	AM-84-2	Federation of Young European Greens	protect nature – particularly water resources, fertile soils and biodiversity – as well as the food sovereignty of Member States.	Insert from line 83 to 84: protect nature – particularly water resources, fertile soils and biodiversity – as well as the food sovereignty of Member States and candidate countries .	Propose to accept (accepted by Os Verdes)	CAS accepted
25	AM-86-1	Možemo! – politička platforma	actions on processes involving lithium exploration projects:	Insert after line 86: immediately end arbitrary detentions, physical violence, and unlawful treatment of people in Serbia who are challenging lithium exploration project	Propose to discuss (accepted by Os Verdes)	CAS accepted
26	AM-86-2	Federation of Young European Greens	The European Greens parties gathered in Dublin demand further and strengthened actions on processes involving lithium	Insert from line 85 to 86: The European Greens parties gathered in Dublin demand further and strengthened actions on processes involving lithium exploration projects, by ensuring the following steps are taken:	Propose to accept (accepted by Os Verdes)	CAS accepted

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27	AM-88-1	Federation of Young European Greens	communities, NGOs and the scientific community governments must embrace the precautionary principle	From line 88 to 89: <u>ensure collaborating</u> governments must <u>fully</u> embrace the precautionary principle	Propose to accept	Accepted <u>ensure partnering</u> governments must <u>fully</u> embrace the precautionary principle
28	AM-90-1	Federation of Young European Greens	guaranteed rigorous environmental impact assessment processes	In line 90: guaranteed rigorous environmental impact assessment processes <u>that environmental impact of future projects is rigorously assessed, both in the EU and the collaborative country</u>	Propose to accept	Accepted guaranteed rigorous environmental impact assessment processes <u>that environmental impact of future projects is rigorously assessed, both in the EU and the partner country</u>
29	AM-91-1	Federation of Young European Greens	safeguarding biodiversity	In line 91: safeguarding biodiversity <u>biodiversity is protected as much as possible when exploitation is conducted</u>	Propose to accept	CAS accepted as amended <u>biodiversity is safeguarded as when exploitation is conducted</u>

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30	AM-92-1	Federation of Young European Greens	stopping projects that jeopardise the contamination of drinking water aquifers and/or access to drinking water in the regions	From line 92 to 93: stopping projects that jeopardise the contamination of drinking water aquifers and/or access to drinking water in the regions projects that jeopardise the contamination of drinking water are stopped	Propose to accept	Accepted ensuring that projects meet the criteria of the EU Water Framework.
31	AM-95-1	Federation of Young European Greens	regions.	Insert after line 95: all future collaboration for lithium exploration takes place only with full support from local residents in affected areas	Propose to discuss (accepted by Os Verdes)	Accepted all future collaboration for lithium exploitations takes place only with a procedural approach that includes close collaboration, participation and support from local residents in affected areas.

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32	AM-95-2	GroenLinks	respecting integrity, livelihoods and the cultural heritage of rural regions.	<p>From line 94 to 95:</p> <p>respecting integrity, livelihoods and the cultural heritage of rural regions: European support for value addition, such as battery production, in the mining region or country, provided lithium extraction can be carried out responsibly according to the above criteria.</p>	Propose to discuss (accepted by Os Verdes)	<p>Accepted</p> <p>European support to create added value, such as battery production, in the mining region or country, provided lithium extraction can be carried out responsibly according to the above criteria.</p>