

NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

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Message from the CEO

Sweden is currently about to get a new government. There is no shortage of issues to address. Two issues are more important than others.

At the top of our wish list for the new government are the permit processes. Today's system is still an obstacle to developing the mining and mineral industry. In recent weeks, I have had the privilege of visiting all our lime and cement producing members on Gotland and also LKAB's operations in Kiruna, and the frustration around unpredictable, bureaucratized and lengthy permit processes is palpable.

Effective and legally secure permit processes are absolutely central to Sweden's and the EU's future access to metals and minerals. I am happy to note that the issue is also high on the EU Commission's agenda. At [Ursula von der Leyen's State of the Union speech](#) on Wednesday, she underlined that Europe must secure access to socially important raw materials and reduce the Union's dependence on imports. She also announced the new European raw materials act, which we think is pleasing.

At the same time, I want to raise a finger of warning regarding the raw materials act. It is important that the act also includes raw materials that are not yet critical, but nevertheless extremely important and strategic for society and the green transition. [I develop the reasoning here.](#)

Therefore, Sweden, the EU's leading mining nation, now needs to show leadership and push for a wise raw material act that increases the opportunities for mining in the EU. Here, the new government has a unique chance with the upcoming presidency.

The other issue for our new government is the electricity supply. The way the situation looks now, this risks becoming a major obstacle to implementing the existing investment plans - which are all a central part of the green transition. Here, long-term security must be created regarding the industry's access to fossil-free, cost-effective and stable electricity.

Finally, I would like to announce that registration for SveMin's Autumn Summit is now open. I promise a full day of the latest from the mining and minerals industry, politics as well as scholarship awards and dinner. [Read more and register now.](#)

All the best,

Maria Sunér
CEO SveMin

Maria Sunér - new vice chair EIT Raw Materials

- It is an honor to be appointed vice-chairman of EIT RM, an organization that has the opportunity to play a decisive role in the development of the EU's raw material supply. I hope to be able to contribute to developing the work and contribute with a perspective on what is required for more primary extraction in the EU, says Maria Sunér, CEO Svemin

The goal of EIT RawMaterials is to secure a sustainable supply of raw materials for the EU by driving innovation, education and entrepreneurship in European industrial ecosystems. EIT RawMaterials provides a collaborative environment for breakthrough innovations by connecting companies with academia, research and investment. They also invest in future generations of innovators for the commodities industry through initiatives ranging from training school students to higher qualifications for industry professionals. EIT RawMaterials leads on behalf of the European Commission the European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA).

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The Green and Innovative North

- Svemin's Environmental Summit

On October 4-5, Svemin organizes an environmental conference in Kiruna. The environmental conference on the 4th, which is entirely in English, is called The Green and Innovative North. The list of speakers includes, among many others, Lotta Finstorp, Governor of Norrbotten, Jan Moström, CEO LKAB, Toon Smets, Policy Officer DG Environment and Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director Biodiversity, DG Environment. On Wednesday the 5th, optional study visits are on the schedule. Read more via the link.

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