

France: A Mining Renaissance — Policy, Science, and Project Delivery

TIME & LOCATION:

- *Room Number:* 202D
- *Time:* 8:30a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The room will open at 8:30am for coffee, tea and a small continental breakfast.

9:00a.m. - 9:15a.m.

Opening Remarks: “Critical Metals, EU Strategy and France’s Role”

An overview of the European Union’s Critical Raw Materials strategy and France’s emerging role as a reliable, responsible mining jurisdiction within Europe.

- Speaker: Nicolas Forissier - Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Government of France

9:20a.m. – 9:40a.m.

Strategic Address: “Why France? Why Now?”

A strategic perspective on France’s mining revival, recent regulatory reforms, and why the country is increasingly relevant for critical and strategic minerals investment.

- Speaker: Jean-François Gaillaud, Head of the mineral resources department, Ministry of Economy and Finances, Government of France

9:45a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

A Canadian Perspective: Lessons from a Global Mining Leader

Insights from Canada's mining ecosystem and how its regulatory, financing, and permitting experience can inform France's mining renaissance.

- Speaker: Jocelyn Douh ret, Director of Mining Policies Office at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests, Government of Qu bec

10:10a.m. – 10:35a.m.

From Mapping to Mining: Innovation and Sustainability in French Mineral Development

BRGM's role in modern mineral exploration, resource mapping, and sustainable development practices supporting the next generation of French mining projects.

- Speaker: Christophe Poinssot - Deputy Director General, BRGM

10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Refreshment & Networking Break

11:00a.m. – 11:25a.m.

Case Study: Advancing a Gold and Critical Metals Project in France – The Limousin Experience

A case study highlighting project advancement, permitting, community engagement, and investment realities on the ground in France.

- Speaker: Chris Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Aquitaine Metals

11:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Moderated All-Speaker Audience Q&A: France's Mining Renaissance in Practice

An open, moderated discussion with all speakers addressing audience questions on policy, permitting, financing, exploration, and project development in France.