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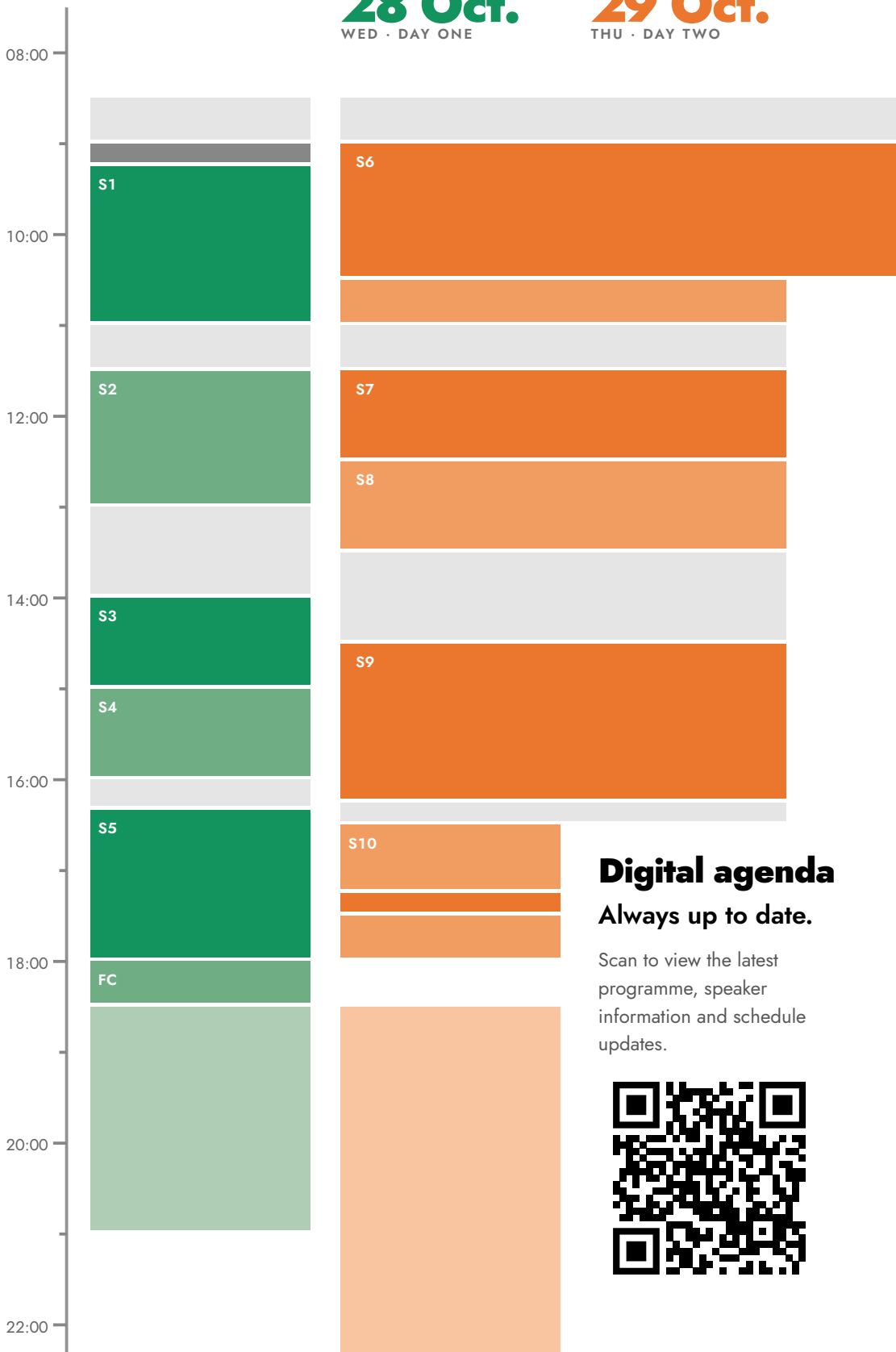

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome

Welcome to Trim, and to the tenth MINEX Europe Mining and Exploration Forum.

Since the Critical Raw Materials Act came into force in 2024, Europe has spent much of its time diagnosing its raw materials problem. The Act set the 2030 targets, and with the Commission's selection of 46 further projects this month, the EU now has 93 strategic projects inside the Union. Designation, however, is not delivery. Permits, finance, offtake and public legitimacy still decide whether a project is built, and no label on a list can change that. This Forum exists to examine what happens between designation and delivery, frankly and with evidence rather than slogans. Developers, investors, regulators, geoscientists, technologists and policymakers sit in the same room, and we ask them the questions that matter for the next five years.

Why are we meeting in Ireland?

Ireland currently holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union as the Critical Raw Materials Act moves from legislation to delivery. It also has strong mining credentials: Ireland ranks first worldwide for zinc discovered per square kilometre and second for lead, yet remains largely absent from Europe's mining map. It is an established mining jurisdiction - Tara Mines, one of Europe's largest zinc-lead operations, has been active since 1977. Geological Survey Ireland has completed an airborne geophysical survey of the entire country, making Ireland one of the few nations to have done so. Its regulatory framework is taking shape, the island is not water-stressed, and Irish engineering, exploration and environmental firms already operate across Europe, Africa, Australia and the Americas. We are grateful to our Irish hosts and partners for making this Forum possible.

My sincere thanks go to our Diamond Sponsors, Boliden and Dalradian Resources, whose commitment made this edition possible. Boliden has also generously offered to host a visit to Tara Mines, giving delegates a rare look at a working European mine. I thank SLR, ALS Global, Bara Consulting and ERM for their support, and Satarla for the pre-forum workshops. I also thank our partners: Geoscience Ireland, Geological Survey Ireland, the Irish Association for Economic Geology and many others. Above all, I thank our speakers and moderators, who give their time and their candour, and every delegate who has travelled to Trim.

I hope the next two days leave you with sharper questions and better connections. Welcome to MINEX Europe 2026.

Arthur Poliakov
Founder and Executive Chairman, MINEX Forum
Managing Director, Advantix Ltd. (MINEX Europe Forum organiser)

About MINEX Europe

INTRODUCTION

Forum was founded by Advantix Ltd. in 2005 to stimulate international cooperation in the field of sustainable development of mining and metallurgical production in Eurasian countries. Over the years, the MINEX Forum has become one of the most authoritative international events in Europe and Central Asia. The Forum's ecosystem brings together thousands of specialists from hundreds of companies and organisations around the world.

Europe needs critical raw materials. But it also needs trust, investment, processing capacity and projects that can move forward responsibly. MINEX Europe Forum 2026 is the meeting place for leaders shaping the next phase of Europe's mineral future.

KEY THEMES

01 Europe's Mining Future

02 Critical Raw Materials

03 Ireland's Mining Renaissance

04 Exploration & Discovery

05 Mining Project Development

06 Mining Investment & Finance

07 Energy Metals & Supply Chains

08 Social Licence to Operate

09 Sustainable Mining & Innovation

EVENT INFORMATION

EDITION	10th Mining and Exploration Forum
DATES	28–30 October 2026
VENUE	Knightsbrook Hotel Spa and Golf Resort, Trim, County Meath, Ireland
WEBSITE	2026.minexeurope.com

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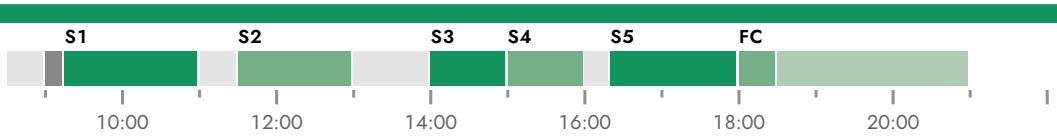
DAY ONE

Wednesday 28 October 2026

Sessions 1–5 · Fireside chat · Networking drinks

DAY AT A GLANCE



08:30–09:00 Registration & Welcome coffee
Barbican Suite 1 · Networking at the exhibition area · Sponsored by Bara Consulting

09:00–09:15 **Keynotes** Barbican Suite 2

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09:15–11:00
Barbican Suite 2

Beyond Legislation – Can Europe Rebuild Its Mining Industry?

MODERATOR **Kruthika Anastasia Bala**, Managing Director, Resources Now

Bernd Schäfer, CEO, Managing Director, EIT RawMaterials

Beyond Legislation – Can Europe Rebuild Its Mining Industry?

Åsa Edfelt, Chief of Staff, Boliden Mines

Attracting investment, building support

Patrick Anderson, CEO Dalradian

From Innovation to Impact: Building Engagement and Dialogue in relation to European Raw Materials Projects

Pól Ó Seasnáin, Council Member, European Federation of Geologists

The UK's approach to investing in critical minerals supply chains and strengthening international partnership.

Oliver Richards, Head, Critical Minerals and Mining (International), Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade

Do Friend-Shoring MoUs Actually Deliver? Europe and the World Compared

Han Ilhan, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Catalis Strategies

Panel discussion with presenters

GUEST PANELLIST **James Watson**, Director General, European Metals

11:00–11:30 Mid-morning coffee break
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02 Europe's critical raw materials supply chain: What Strategic Status Is Really Worth

11:30–13:00
Barbican Suite 2

MODERATOR **James Watson**, Director General, European Metals

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From Strategic Status to Commercial Reality: What Actually Changes When Europe Calls a Project Strategic?

Kruthika Anastasia Bala, Managing Director, Resources Now

Presentation of the Key Findings of European Court of Auditors Special Report 04/2026: Critical Raw Materials for the Energy Transition

Keit Pentus-Rosimannus, Member of the EU Court of Auditors. Remote

Mineral Information Mission and Critical Minerals Research at USGS

Sean Xun, Acting Chief, Global Minerals Analysis Section, USGS National Minerals Information Center

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Sokli – More than a Mine: Building Europe's Future Critical Raw Materials Ecosystem

Kasperi Karhapää, Business Development Lead, Sokli

Iberian Belt West: Poised to be a significant contributor to the EU's bid for Responsible Mining Development and Critical Metals Supply

Joaquín Merino, CEO, Emerita Resources Corp

A New Primary Tin Supply for Europe

Joe David, Managing Director, Elementos

13:00–14:00 Lunch
Rococo Restaurant · Networking at the exhibition area

03 Ireland's Mining Renaissance: Policy, Regulation and Strategic Opportunity

14:00–15:00
Barbican Suite 2

MODERATOR **Aiden Lavelle**, General Manager, Northmin Corporation

Ireland's Mineral Exploration and Mining Policy – a framework for modern resource development

Mairéad Fitzsimons, Principal Geologist, Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment's (DCEE)

Ireland; a Case Study on developing a supply chain for the minerals industry

Sean Finlay, Chair, Geoscience Ireland

Priming the Pump: How Geological survey Ireland is derisking mineral exploration

Koen Verbruggen, Director, Geological Survey Ireland (GSI)

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SESSION 03 — CONTINUED

Unlocking Value Through Research in the Raw Materials Value Chain

Sarah Gleeson, Director, iCRAG at University College Dublin

Planning and Permitting a Mine – an Irish Perspective

Hannah McGillycuddy, Senior Environmental Geologist, SLR Consulting

04 Data, Discovery and Research: Building Ireland's Next Generation of Mineral Projects

15:00–16:00
Barbican Suite 2

MODERATOR **Hannah McGillycuddy**, Senior Environmental Geologist, SLR Consulting

The Value of Tellus

Jim Hodgson, Senior Geologist, Geological Survey Ireland

Priming the Pump for Exploration

Eoin McGrath, Principal Geologist, Geological Survey Ireland

Transforming Tellus Programme Data into Discovery: A Platform to Support Mineral Exploration Across Ireland

Olivia Rhind, Senior Geologist, Business Development, ALS

Towards an All-Ireland Regional Mineral Prospectivity using CSET

Kevin Leahy, Associate Technical Partner, ERM

16:00–16:20 Afternoon coffee break

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05 Ireland's Advanced Mining Projects: From Discovery to Development

16:20–18:00
Barbican Suite 2

MODERATOR **Sean Finlay**, Chair, Geoscience Ireland

From Mineral Potential to Financeable Mines: Ireland's Role in Europe's Raw Materials Future

Paul Quirk, Co-Managing Partner, The Irish Minerals Fund

Mining the all-island opportunity

Ciaran McCreanor, Stakeholder Relations, Business Lead, Dalradian

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05 SESSION 05 — CONTINUED

The Tynagh Project — Tailings Recycling and Hardrock Polymetallic Exploration Updates
Aiden Lavelle, General Manager, Northmin Corporation

Mineral Exploration in Ireland — A Renewable Industry: The Minco Experience
John Clifford, Director — Exploration, Minco Exploration

A District-Scale Gold Opportunity in Ireland
Kevin McNulty, Senior Geologist, Conroy Gold and Natural Resources

Mining with Purpose: Rethinking Responsibility Across Ireland's Mining Sector
Aileen Doran, Sustainability & Raw Materials Consultant, Satarla

Beyond Membership: Supporting Ireland's Geoscience Professionals
Emer Blackwell, Treasurer, Institute of Geologists of Ireland

FIRESIDE CHAT
18:00–18:30
Barbican Suite 2

Unearthing Opportunity: Introducing the Irish Minerals Industry Group

MODERATOR **Sean Finlay**, Chair, Geoscience Ireland
PANEL **John McGrane**, Managing Director, Irish Minerals Industry Group
Aileen Doran, Sustainability & Raw Materials Consultant, Satarla

18:30–20:30 Networking drinks
Swifts Bar

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DAY TWO

Thursday 29 October 2026

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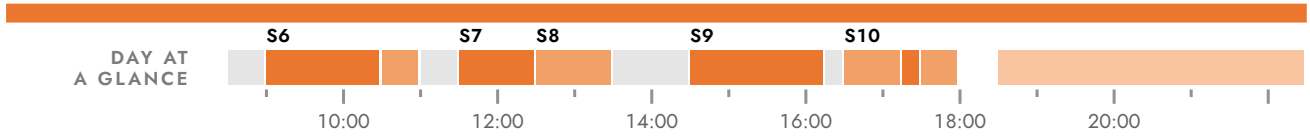

08:30–09:00 Welcome coffee

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09:00–10:30

Financing Europe's Next Generation of Mining Projects

MODERATOR **Han Ilhan**, Managing Director, Catalis Strategies

Challenges and solutions for mineral exploration in Europe

Vaughan Williams, Director & Principal Geologist, Aurum Exploration

New ways to finance a sovereign Critical Materials supply chain for the EU's deep tech industries

Dr. Joachim Kayser, Managing Partner/Co-Founder, Alliance Critical Materials

Public Finance Can Help Scale Responsible Critical Mineral Supply

David Riposo, Director, World Resources Institute

Bridging the Critical Minerals Finance Gap: Insights from the UK

Dr. Chenyan Lyu, Innovation Research Fellow, University of Exeter

From Discovery to Production: Why Mining Enterprises Struggle to Evolve as their Assets Mature

Sam Houston, CEO and Executive Team Advisor, Strategist Solutions

Protection of foreign investments in the mining sector

Scott Macpherson, Counsel, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader

PANEL
10:30–11:00

Ayuna Nechaeva, Head of Europe, Primary Markets, London Stock Exchange
Claudia Lakov, Vice President, Resources and Recycling, KfW IPEX-Bank
Paul Quirk, Co-Managing Partner, Lionhead/ Manager of the Irish Minerals Fund
Stefan Müller, CEO, DGWA

11:00–11:30 Mid-morning coffee break
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07 Europe's Energy Metals Opportunity: Mining, Processing, and Competitive Supply

11:30–12:30
Barbican Suite 2

MODERATOR **Martina Bassan**, Corporate Affairs Director, European Metals

Securing European lithium: assessing future demand, primary supply, trade and recycling

André Månberger, Associate Professor, Lund University

Lithium's role at the centre of the energy transition

Tom Drabble, Global Sustainability Manager, The International Lithium Association

Innovation as a key to unlock new sources of Lithium: the case of the Beauvoir deposit in France

Antoine Gouze, Director Geology, Mine and Metallurgy, Imerys

Cornwall mining sector and its opportunities

Ola Zawalna, Managing Director. Cornwall Mining and Geo-Resources Alliance

08 Why Legitimacy Is the Real Constraint

12:30–13:30
Barbican Suite 2

MODERATOR **Paul Gordon**, Practice Manager (Geology), Mining Advisory, SLR Consulting

Mining regulation, permitting and investment conditions and social licence to operate

Michelle Bennett, General Manager, Boliden Tara Mines

Europe's Green Transition at Risk: How ESG Lite Capital and Offshore Impacts Are Reshaping the CRM Landscape

Karen Dingley, Regional Director (ESG), Hatch

Mining in a Connected World – Lessons from Global Mining Communities on Trust, Participation and Project Success

Beth Candy, Technical Director, SLR Consulting

What effect is the EU Taxonomy "Do No Significant Harm" process having on mine permitting and environmental impact assessment in the European union?

Alexa Romano, Environmental and Social Consultant. Hatch Ltd

13:30–14:30 Lunch
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09 Designing Projects Europe Can Actually Permit: Innovation, Low-Impact Mining and Project Readiness

14:30–16:15
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MODERATOR **Chris Stockey**, Climate Change and Nature Lead, Satarla

Going Back for Seconds: Reprocessing Europe's Mining Legacy

Paul Gordon, Practice Manager (Geology), Mining Advisory, SLR Consulting

Mining with a lighter footprint

Oonagh McKenna, Sustainability Officer, Dalradian

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Innovation in European Mining Projects

Andrew Bamber, Bara Consulting (UK)

Operationalising Mine Decarbonisation

Ottomar Brussee, Program Manager Climate Impact, Boliden

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What Ever Happened to Geology? Part Two!

Allan Armitage, Technical Manager, SGS Geological Services

From Offshore Wind to Critical Minerals: Practical Engineering Solutions for the Energy Transition

Laurie Thornton, Co-Founder and Director, MintMech Specialist Engineers

Comparison of Erosive Wear on Composite and Metallic Propellers in Slurry

Marc Tusenko, R&D Engineer, PTM

16:15–16:30 Afternoon coffee break
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10 Mine to Market 4.0: The AI-Driven Supply Chain

16:30–17:15
Barbican Suite 2

MODERATOR **Tony Hand**, Consultant, TH Consulting and Training

AI in Mining: Opportunities and Challenges

Fernando Acosta, Director of Economics and Environment, International Copper Study Group

Anchoring AI in Mining Operations

Stefan Ebert, CEO & Co-Founder, Digital Mine

Diorama – digital transformation training for raw materials

Manuel Regueiro y González-Barros, Researcher, CSIC

CLOSING SESSION

17:20–18:00

Barbican Suite 2

MINEX Europe 2026 takeaways

Forum moderators will provide a high-level overview of their respective sessions, distilling the key discussion points, participant suggestions, and core feedback.

MODERATOR **Han Ilhan**, Managing Director, Catalis Strategies

18:30–22:30 Gala Dinner (by invitation)
Gulliver suite

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