

we are wondering about the presentation of our position concerning the European Critical Raw Materials Act. We have already highlighted the importance of ESG-standards in our first comment from November 2022, which you can check on the official EU-“Have our say”-website (source: [Feedback from: Verband der Automobilindustrie e.V. \(VDA\) \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/feedback-from-verband-der-automobilindustrie-e.v))

At page 4 the VDA emphasized:

“Promoting existing ESG-standards for mining and refining

The automotive industry is leading by example when it comes to making supply chains more sustainable, robust and transparent. In various initiatives and projects, the automotive industry are committed to greater transparency, respect for human rights and the sustainable extraction of raw materials. Therefore, the ECRMA should support:

- the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA) as the recommended industry standard for mining,
- the Responsible Mineral Initiative (RMI) as the recommended industry standard for processing companies and
- the Responsible Supply Chain Initiative (RSCI) as industry standard to monitor the supply chain on social compliance and sustainability parameters.”

By the way: RSCI is an assessment tool tailored to the needs of the automotive industry. The initiative was founded by companies and organisations of the automotive industry under the lead of the VDA to join forces and to address social and environmental sustainability in the supply chain. For further information please go to the website: [RSCI - Responsible Supply Chain Initiative e.V. | VDA](https://www.rsci-initiative.com/)