

CONTEXT

The rise in demand for electric vehicles has **driven an increase in the sourcing of critical raw materials such as lithium, copper, and cobalt**. The rising tendency has highlighted the **urgency to address environmental and social conditions involved in the upstream parts of the supply chain**.

To enhance the security and sustainability of sourcing those materials and to support local populations working in and around extractive industries, **additional measures alongside regulations and guidelines are needed**.

The [Extractives for Sustainability \(Efs\) project](#) was set up to **present answers to the challenges the extractives industry faces**, empowering local actors through a practical on-the-ground approach.

The Efs project focuses on cobalt and copper sourcing from DRC and manganese-nickel mining in South Africa. The project seeks to create **an alliance of stakeholders**, centred around the local collaborative action from Large Scale Mining Operators (LSM) and their suppliers at the core: downstream companies, the European Commission, national and regional governmental actors, LSM headquarters, local/international development actors, and international and local representatives of civil society.

Throughout the project, CSR Europe organised **2 stakeholder dialogues and 4 workshops** to strengthen collaboration between actors at a local level. The Fédération des Entreprises, Chambre des Mines in DRC and the Minerals Council in South Africa were the lead partners in this project. The automotive companies, united in Drive Sustainability, and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for Metals, Minings and Minerals (through the Responsible Critical Minerals Initiative) were supporting partners.

This project consisting of research, interviews, stakeholder dialogues and workshops informed a **Blueprint** focusing on identifying key elements for establishing and running a local sustainability network further into the future. This is a bespoke methodology to overcome the lack of collaboration between mining operators and their suppliers at the local level.

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Webinar will **bring together local partners** of the project, members of Drive Sustainability, mining industry representatives and actors from the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) with the primary objective of understanding how local sustainability networks around mining operations can support overcoming some of the challenges related to raw materials sourcing.

Participants will be able to exchange and discuss lessons learned during the Efs project and explore the way forward of the sustainability networks.

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TIME (CET)	SESSION	SPEAKERS
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome and Introduction	Stefan Crets, <i>Executive Director, CSR Europe</i>
09:40 – 09:50	Opening Keynote	GIZ
09:50 – 10:05	The Blueprint on “Mining Local Sustainability Networks”	Stefan Crets, <i>Executive Director, CSR Europe</i>
10:05 – 10:25	Expert panel debate with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEC + one of their members • Minerals Council + one of their members 	Moderated by Luciana Rendace, <i>Senior Project Manager, CSR Europe</i>
10:25 – 10:50	Initial reactions from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMM • Cobalt Institute • Drive Sustainability 	
10:50 – 11:00	Closing Keynote: Global Gateway approach and critical raw materials with the European Commission	Cecile Billaux, DG INTPA, European Commission