

## EuroGeoSurveys and ETP SMR Session at PDAC 2026 Successfully Showcases Europe's Raw Materials Potential **Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention, Toronto | 1 March 2026**

[EuroGeoSurveys](#) (EGS) and the [European Technology Platform for Sustainable Mineral Resources](#) (ETP SMR) successfully hosted a high-level session at PDAC 2026 titled “Unlocking Europe’s Mineral Raw Materials Potential: New Data, New Projects, New Opportunities.”

The session welcomed over 130 participants. Attendance extended to explorers, investors, industry representatives, and policymakers, as well as Geological Survey organisations, with almost half of the participants joining from outside Europe. The event reinforced Europe's visibility as an attractive destination within the global exploration ecosystem at the world's leading mineral exploration and mining convention.



### **Promoting Europe's pre-competitive geoscience advantage**

A central objective of the session was to promote the value of Geological Survey organisations' pre-competitive geoscience data side-by-side with two key drivers of investor confidence: access to finance and proof that successful exploration and development projects are actively progressing across Europe.

Through national showcases for France, Germany, Ireland, and Spain, speakers demonstrated how publicly funded geological survey data underpins exploration success, reduces investment risk, and supports the long-term development of a competitive and sustainable European mining sector. The session clearly illustrated that geological survey work can be an engine for project generation and development.

### **Demonstrating projects in action**

Presentations highlighted concrete examples of exploration and development initiatives underway in Europe, including links between pre-competitive geological data and project advancement. Examples included development of a high-grade gold project with associated critical minerals (primarily antimony mineralisation) in the Limousin Mining District in France and exploration for large-scale Kupferschiefer-style copper in the Zechstein Basin in Germany. These case studies provide tangible evidence that Europe has strong and under-recognised mineral potential that is being translated into real-world investment and operational activity.

By combining scientific expertise with project reality and financial perspectives from each country, the session delivered a strong, cohesive message: Europe's raw materials sector is active, evolving, and investment ready.

Susanne Gylesjö, Project Manager Internationalisation, Swedish Metals and Minerals Programme at Svemin and President of ETP SMR, said: *“The advancing projects presented by companies such as Anglo American and CMA Mining demonstrate that the sometimes-heard narrative that Europe is not prospective is simply untrue. Europe has real potential for a new era of exploration and discovery.”*

### **Strengthening the strategic narrative**

An important added value of the event was the visibility it provided to the role of Geological Survey organisations and their collaboration through EGS. The session reinforced the strategic importance of coordinated geological data, information, and expertise at European level, supporting the broader policy objective of implementing the Critical Raw Materials Act.

By spotlighting the impact of survey work and cross-border cooperation, the event further strengthened the case for sustained investment in a geological knowledge infrastructure, encompassed within the vision of a Geological Service for Europe as a cornerstone for Europe's raw materials resilience.

Julie Hollis, Secretary General of EGS, said: *“Geological Survey work in Europe has perhaps never been more important. High-quality geophysics, geochemistry, geological mapping delivered by the Surveys will drive the next phase of exploration and mining in Europe. And a coordinated approach, delivered through a collaborative Geological Service for Europe, will accelerate the process.”*

### **Looking ahead**

Building on the success of the Raw Materials Week 2025 side event, which received dedicated international media coverage, the PDAC 2026 session further elevated Europe's profile on the global stage. The strong engagement and positive feedback confirmed that the objectives of promoting data, demonstrating project success, and engaging investors were effectively achieved.

EGS and ETP SMR remain committed to advancing collaboration between Geological Surveys, industry, and policymakers to ensure that Europe's mineral raw materials potential continues to translate into sustainable economic development.

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The full event agenda is available [here](#).

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