## The Critical Raw Materials Act: Gallium

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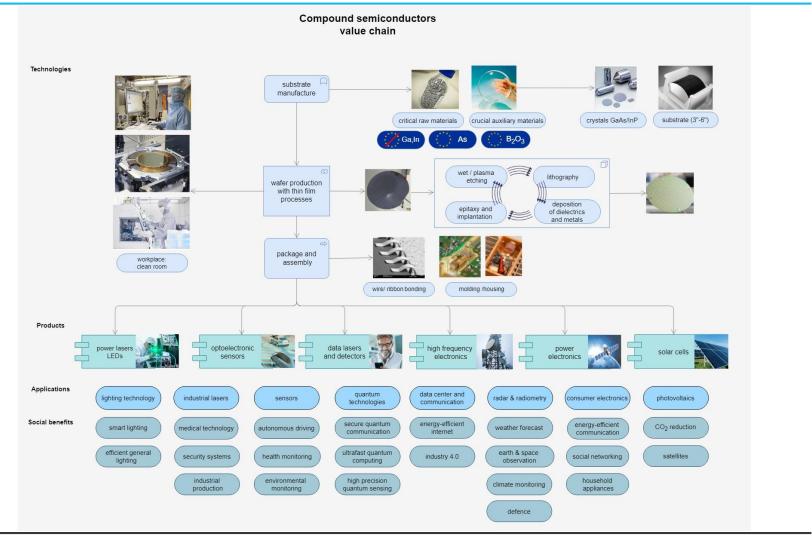
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#### Introduction of IMAT e.V.





#### **GaAs enables high Technology**





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#### **GaAs enables future Technologies**

#### Quantum computing

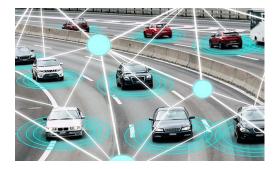
#### Autonomous driving



#### Augmented reality



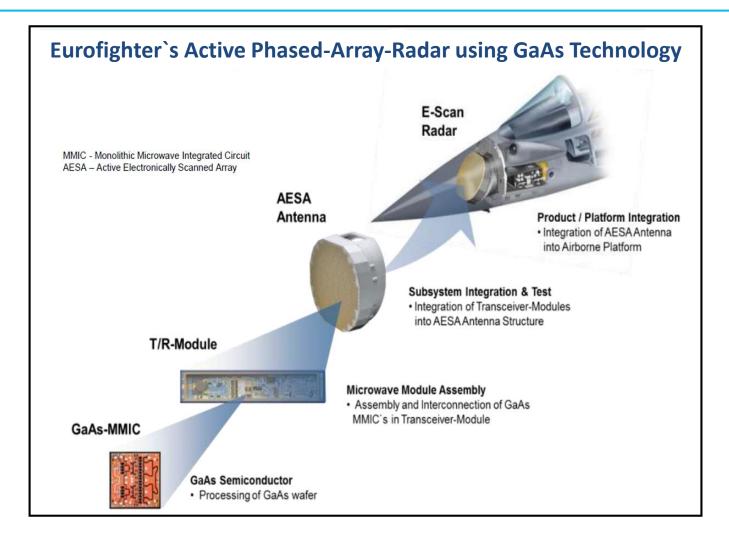








#### **GaAs enables Defense Technologies**





#### **GaN – Opto-Electronics / Power Electronics**

#### GaN RF Power Electronics



EW(Electronic Warfare)/IED(Improvised Explosive Device) jammers

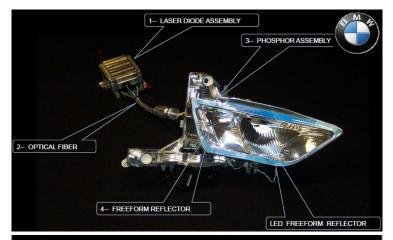


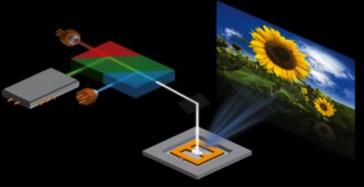


**Electronic countermeasures** 



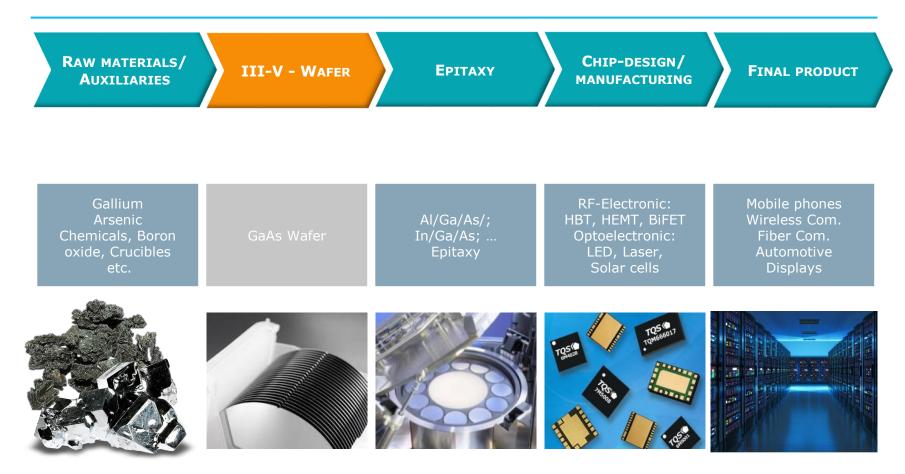
#### GaN blue/green LASER





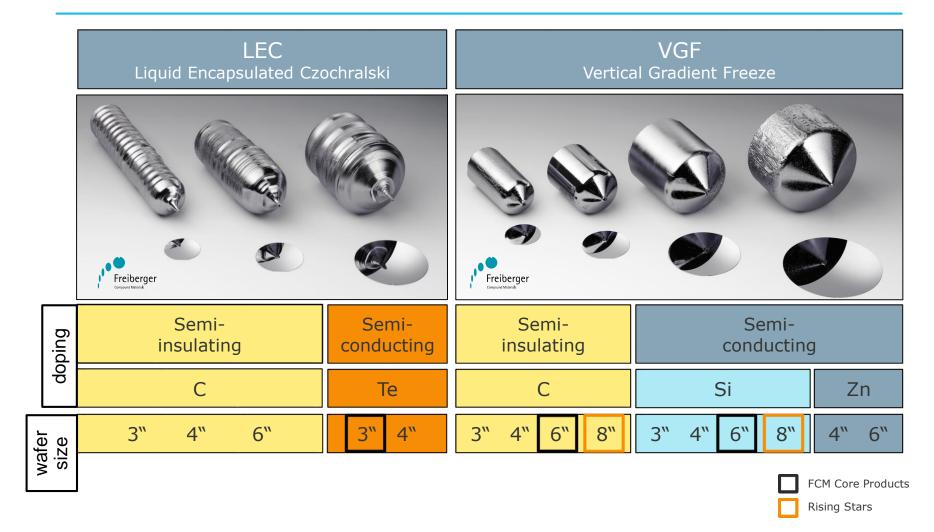


#### **GaAs Supply Chain**



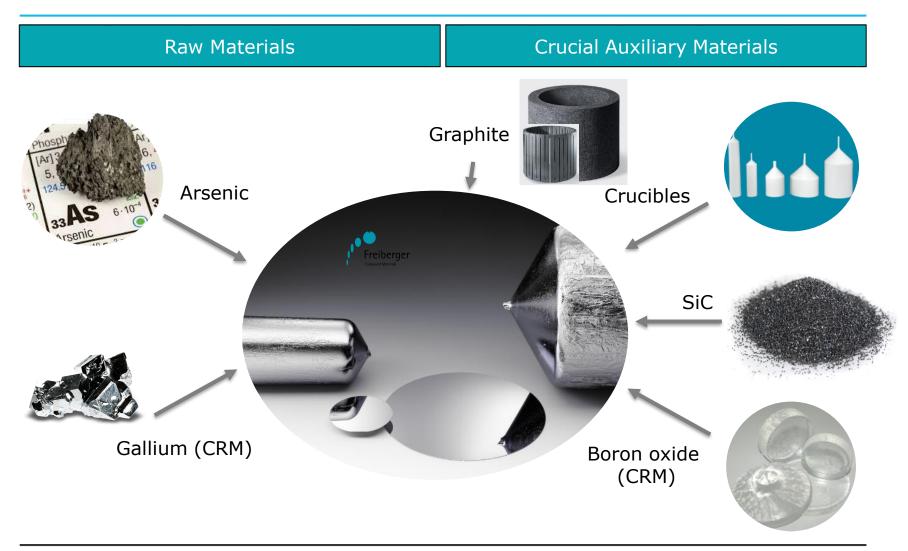


#### **GaAs Wafer Products**



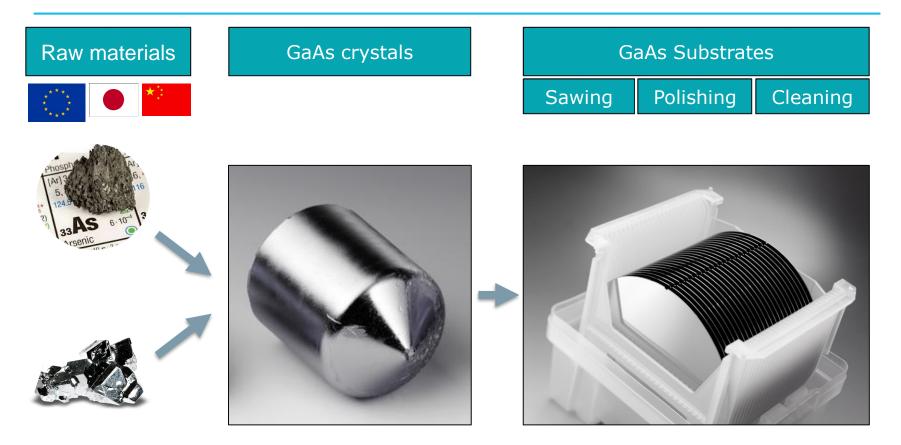


#### **Critical Supply of GaAs-Production**





#### **Raw Material Supply – Resilience**





German activity has been closed 2015 Gallium supply from China only -> 100% dependent



### GaAs Supply Chain – RF Wireless Communication (global)



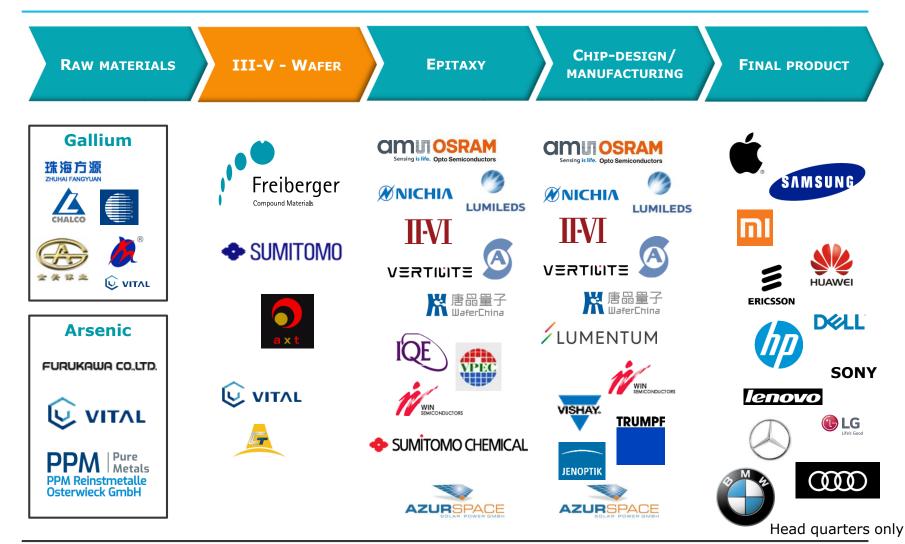


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### GaAs Supply Chain – Opto-Electronic (global)



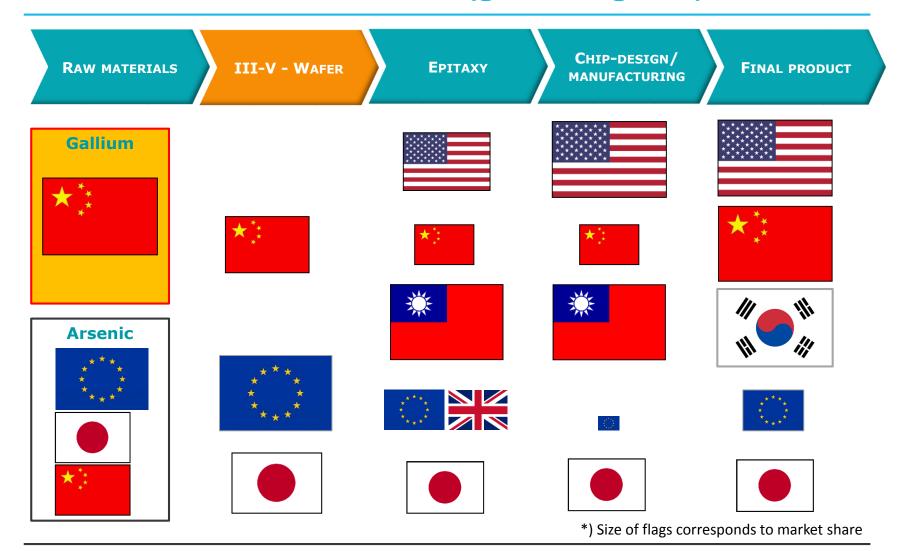
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### GaAs Supply Chain for Wireless Communication (global regions)



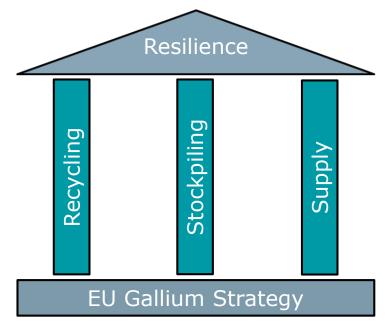




### CRM ACT – Gallium – 3 Pillar Strategy

#### EU Recycling:

- Increase/stabilize efficiency and cost
- Decreases dependency on virgin Gallium
- Reduces ecological footprint
- CAPEX: 15 m€
- o R&D funding: 5 m€



#### EU Stockpiling: (100 t, 2-3 year)

- Stabilize market
- Reduces price speculation
- Bridge short term shortages in case of international crisis
- Bank guarantee for loan of 30 m€
- Interest rates



EU Supply:

Increase EU

autonomyHighly efficient

footprint

the ecological

○ CAPEX: 15 m€

Stabilize resilient

supply long term

technology reduces

o R&D funding: 10 m€

### CRM Act –Gallium – 3 Pillar Strategy Proposal

#### Financial figures and timetable

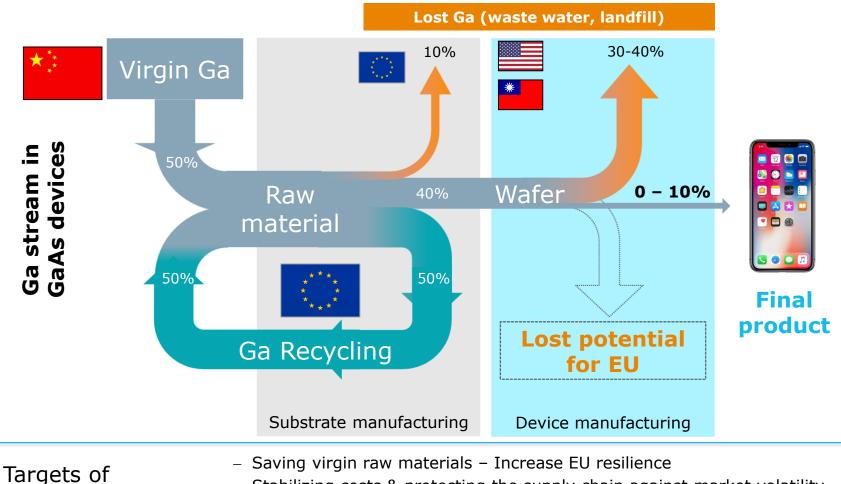
	Capex	R&D Funding	Bank guarantees	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
EU Recycling	15 m€	5 m€		Build-up facilities	R&D / Pilot	Ramp-up			
EU Stockpiling (100t)			30 m€ interest	Set-up	Filling stock	Filling stock	Filling stock		
EU Supply	15 m€	10 m€		Permissions	Build-up facilities	R&D	R&D / Pilot	Ramp-up	
Total	30 m€	15 m€	30 m€						
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Investment grants Funding of depreciation				Acceleration of permission processes					

Funding of R&D projects (for non SMEs too)

Bank guarantees Funding of interests Support via CRM-Act



#### Gallium Recycling – 50% (current status)



#### Stabilizing costs & protecting the supply chain against market volatility

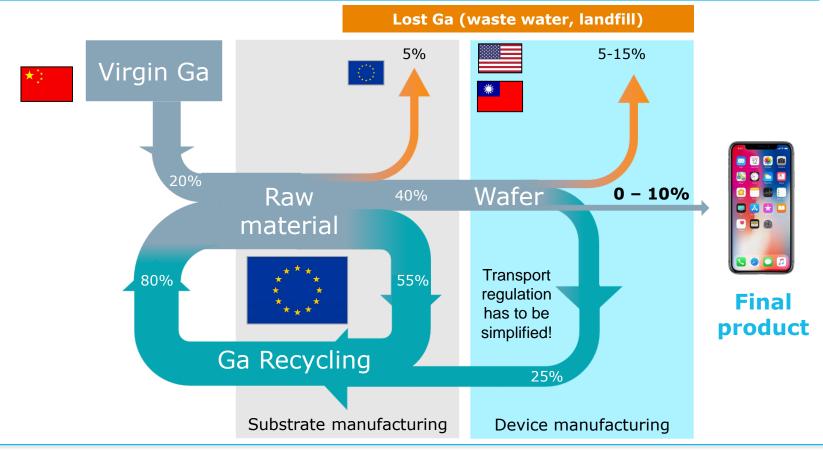
Ga Recycling:

EU to promote recovery/recycling of gallium





#### Gallium Recycling – 50% ->80% (2026)



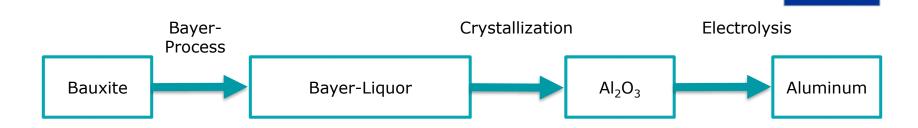
### Transport regulations:

- GaAs back grinding sludge has to be declared as hazardous waste
- Transport/shipping permission, Export/Import notification are very difficult
- Definition as recyclable raw material would be helpful



#### **Virgin Gallium production**

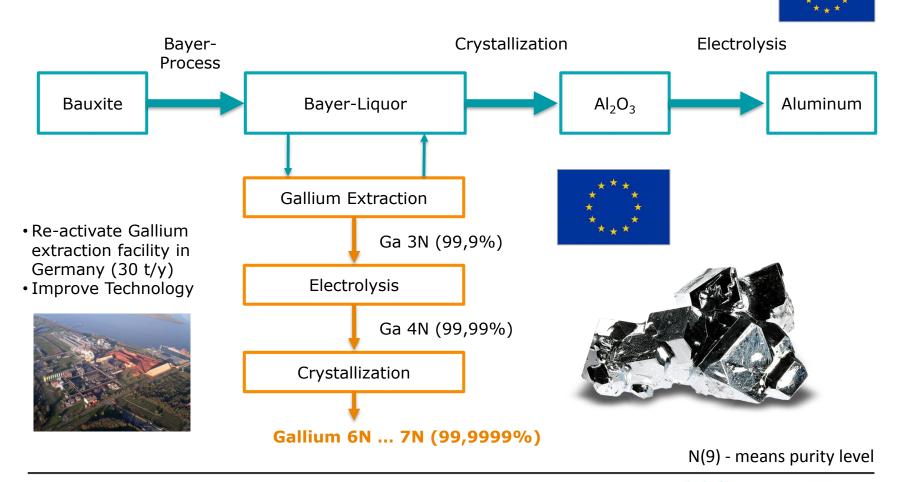
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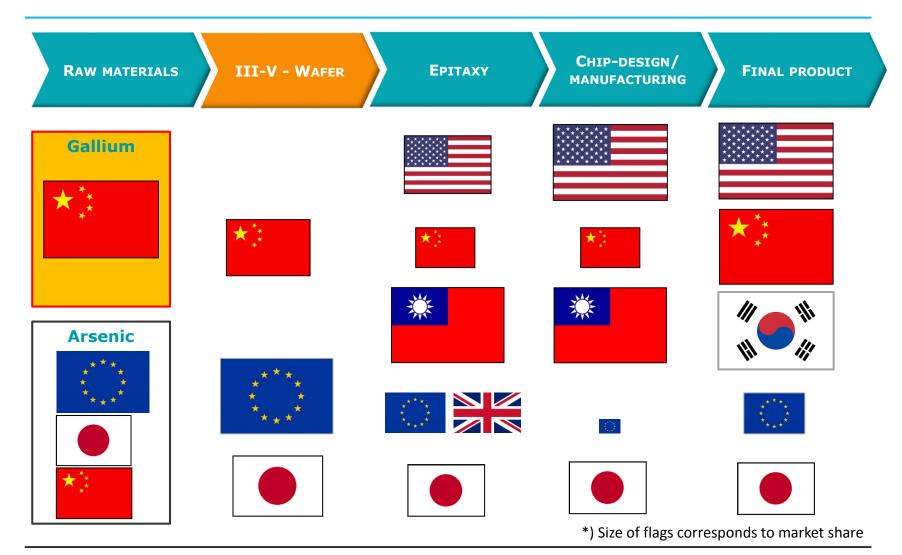
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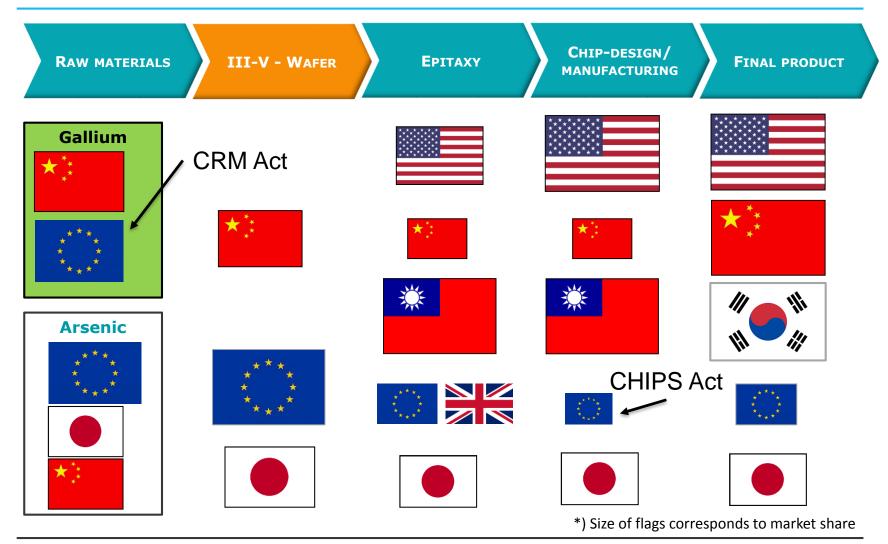
### GaAs global Supply Chain for Wireless Communication (Current Status)



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### GaAs global Supply Chain for Wireless Communication (Target 2027)





#### Summary – take away

- Gallium is a strategic raw material enabling many essential product applications, crucial in the further Digitalization, Clean Energy and Green Deal goals
- Virgin Gallium Supply is 100% dependent from China today, even if the supply volume is small (below 50 t per year)
- The 3 pillar strategy:
  - 1. EU Recycling (50% -> 80%)
  - 2. EU Stockpiling (100 t)
  - 3. EU Supply (30 t/year)

has the potential to sustain EU's autonomy for Ga supply by 2027

• The needed financial effort to support the 3 pillar strategy can be estimated to 50 m€ in total (2023-2027)



EU Gallium supply should be secured by the EU CRM-Act

through inclusion in the new strategic list of raw materials.



#### **Questions?**

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