European security and independence

The state of security and independence of the European Union (EU) at the time of publication of *The future of European competitiveness* in 2024.

Major world producers of three critical raw materials

Lithium

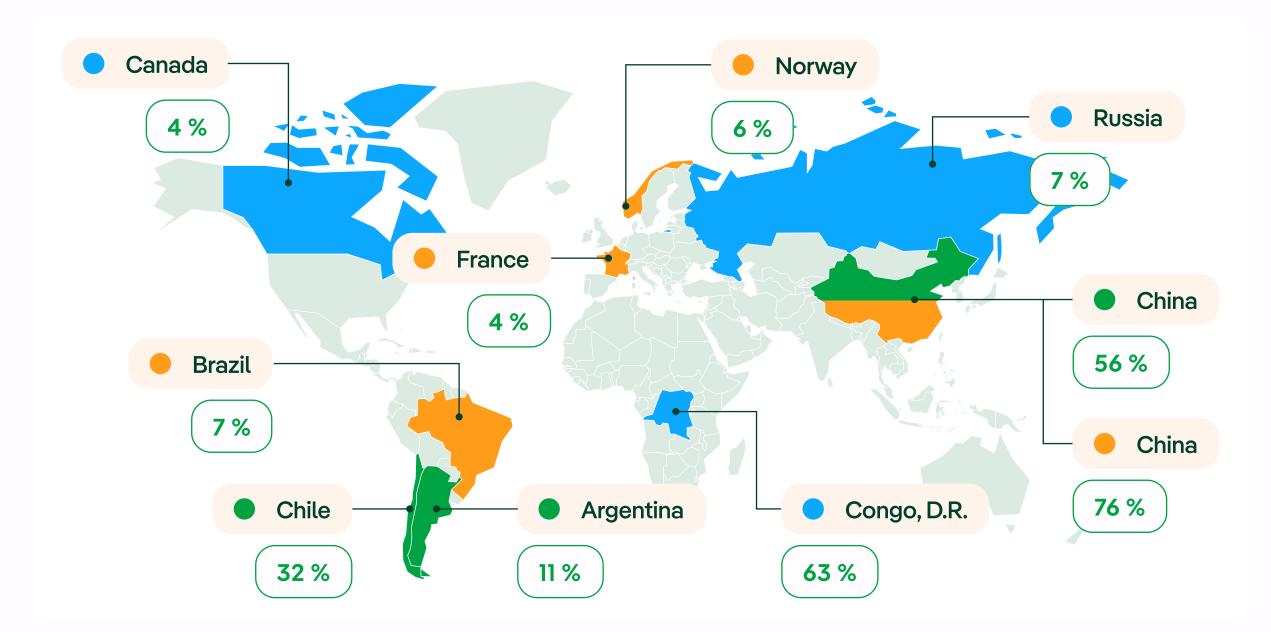
One of the main materials used in battery manufacturing and in steel and aluminium metallurgy.

Silicon

Used to manufacture semiconductors, electronic parts and photovoltaic panels.

Cobalt

Used in the production of batteries, catalysts, magnets and super alloys. Mining is done in three countries.



Latest data (2023). Source: European Commission.