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### Local Solutions for Global Challenges: CEMR Leaders' Summit to Tackle Resource Management in Oslo

**Dates:** 23 and 24 June 2025

**Venue:** Radisson Blue Scandinavia Hotel (Holbergs Gate 30, 0166, Oslo, Norway)

- The Summit will spotlight the role of local governments in managing water and critical raw materials (CRMs), amid geopolitical and environmental pressures.
- It will call for policies that involve local governments in extraction, recycling, and regeneration efforts, to ensure resilient and democratic value chains.

On 23–24 June, more than 100 participants, including mayors, ministers, EU officials and international experts will gather in Oslo for the CEMR Leaders' Summit 2025, hosted by the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS). With the theme **"Local Solutions for Equitable and Sustainable Resource Management"**, the Summit will place local governments at the heart of global debates on managing natural resources—particularly water and critical raw materials (CRMs)—in a fair and future-proof way. As Europe races to secure access to CRMs vital for clean energy and digital technologies, the Summit will question whether current EU efforts—such as the Critical Raw Materials Act—adequately involve local authorities, who face the real-world consequences of extraction and public backlash.

A high-level session featuring **Naaja Nathanielsen, Greenland's Minister for Business, Trade, Minerals, Justice and Gender Equality**, will spotlight Greenland's approach to mining—navigating geopolitical demands while safeguarding communities and ecosystems.

*"There is no green transition without raw materials, but there will be no public support without local engagement,"* said **Gunn Marit Helgesen, President of CEMR** and host of the Summit. *"From planning and permitting to recycling and regeneration, local governments are not just stakeholders—they are enablers of resilient and democratic value chains."*

Participants will explore how local governments can drive the circular economy, reduce mining needs, extend material life, and create sustainable local jobs.

Insights from the session will feed into a CEMR policy paper to inform future EU legislation and funding, ensuring local voices help shape Europe's raw materials strategy.

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