

“WILL THE RENEWABLE ENERGY REVOLUTION  
TRIGGER DEEP-SEA MINING?  
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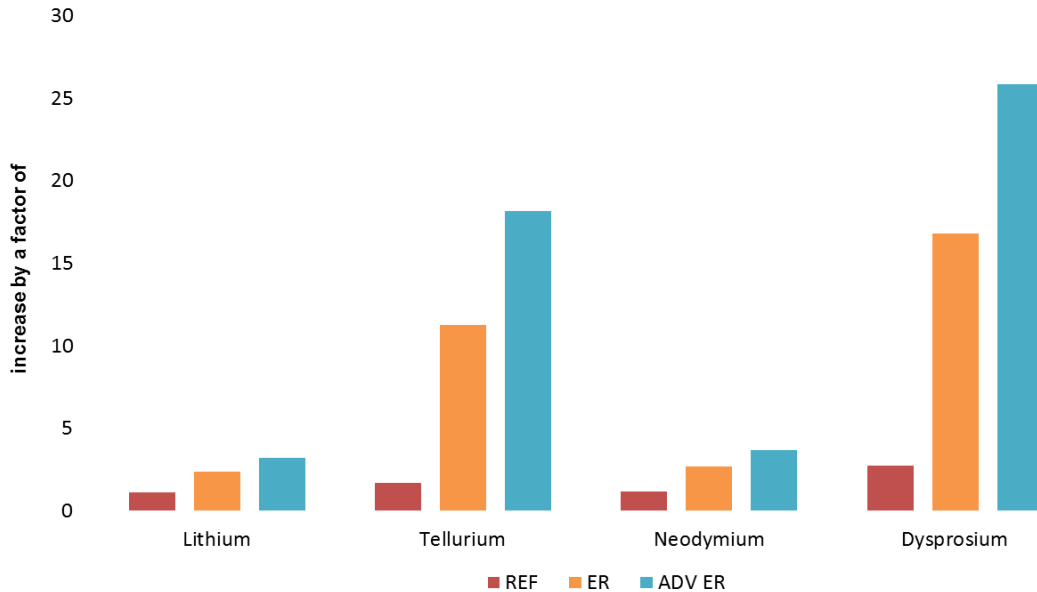
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# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

1. Given future demand for raw materials: will deep sea mining be essential?
2. How does deep sea mining fit in the EU's aspiration for a circular zero waste economy based on renewables?
3. Can demand for raw materials be managed through the circular economy – i.e. recycling, redesign, repair, reducing planned obsolescence, use of substitute materials.
4. What are the options for future EU policy initiatives?

# 1. GIVEN FUTURE DEMAND FOR RAW MATERIALS: WILL DEEP SEA MINING BE ESSENTIAL?

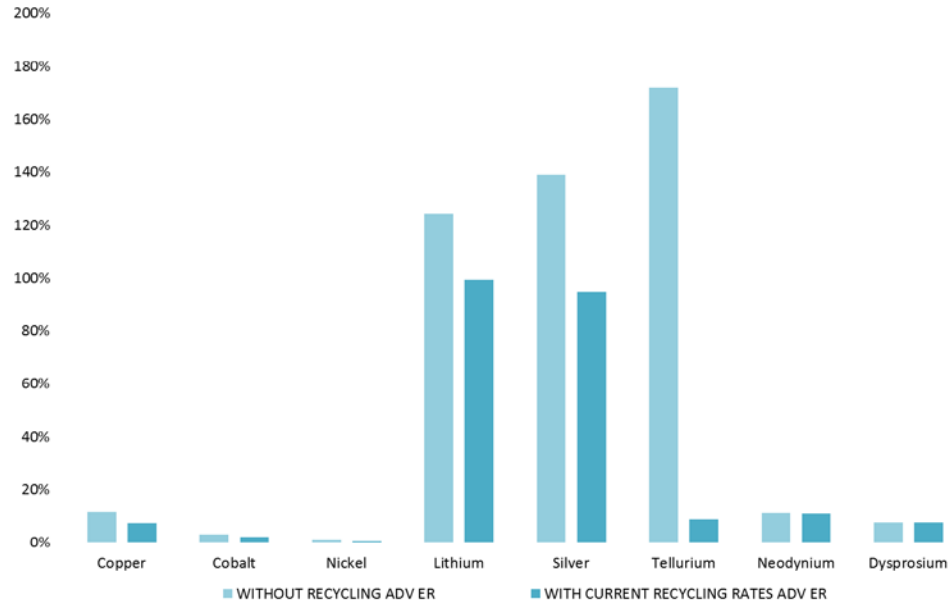
- Deep sea mining is not required for a full renewable energy future
- Required production/mining increase will put pressure on market prices



Projected annual demand in 2030 relative to current production volumes (in 2014)

## 2. HOW DOES DEEP SEA MINING FIT IN THE EU'S ASPIRATION FOR A CIRCULAR ZERO WASTE ECONOMY BASED ON RENEWABLES?

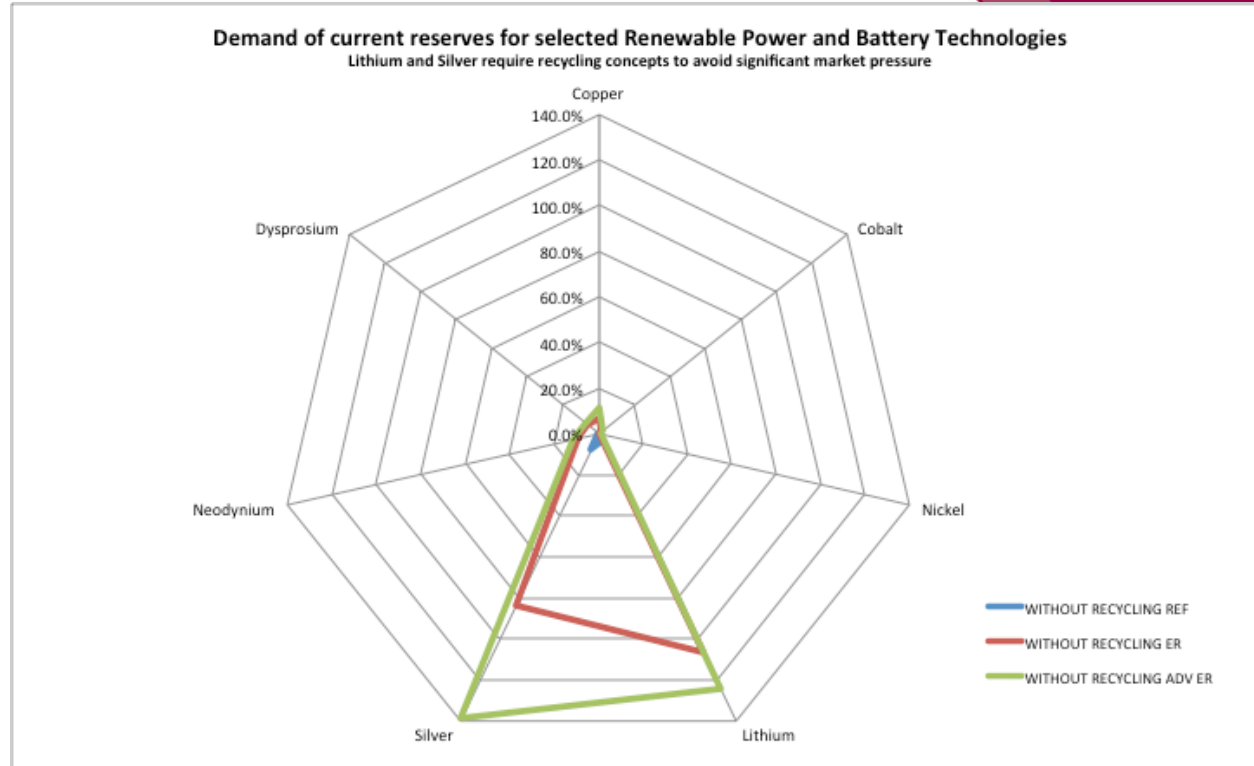
- Recycling of materials from renewable energy technologies is possible and essential to safe resources
- Deep Sea Mining is not required for the renewable industry



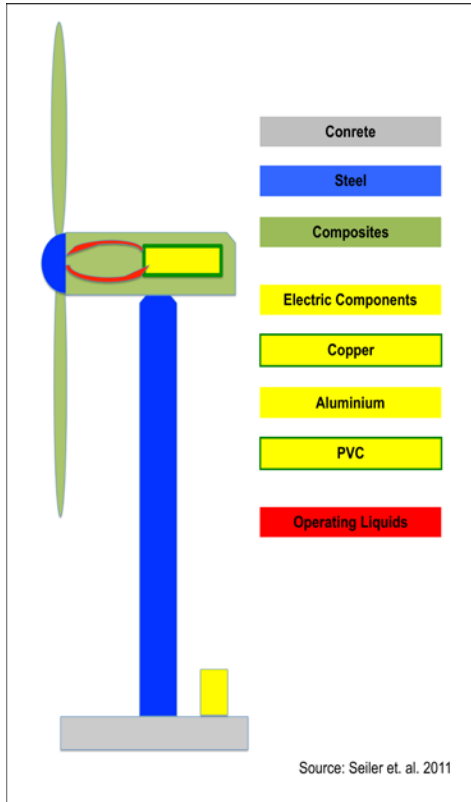
**Cumulative resources required relative to current reserves, with and without recycling under the advanced scenario**

### 3. CAN DEMAND FOR RAW MATERIALS BE MANAGED THROUGH THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Recycling of raw materials is essential for renewables and – especially – storage technologies
- Recycling concepts required
- Product design is key
- Establish policies and regulations in the early market phase



## 4. WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR FUTURE EU POLICY INITIATIVES?



- Recycling requirements for RE equipment e.g. solar pv electronic waste regulation
- Research and development funding for recycling concepts
- Build up infrastructure to collect materials parallel to market expansion
- Support innovative resource management e.g. steel and copper buy back in wind turbines

## Thank you

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