

Press release

SEFE and Kazakh Invest to expand Europe's access to critical minerals

- **Joint investment platform for critical minerals and metallurgy ventures**
- **Supporting resilient critical mineral supply chains for Germany and Europe**
- **Contributing to local processing, value addition and industrial development in Kazakhstan**

[Berlin, Germany; 1 October 2026] – SEFE Securing Energy for Europe and Kazakh Invest National Company JSC, Kazakhstan's national investment promotion agency, signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Berlin on the sidelines of the German-Kazakh Economic Forum. Together, the parties aim to establish a joint platform for investments in critical minerals and metallurgy initiatives in Kazakhstan. The country possesses one of the world's largest and most diversified mineral resource bases, including many of the raw materials classified as strategic by the European Union.

The initiative comes at a time when Germany and Kazakhstan are deepening cooperation around energy security, industrial competitiveness and critical mineral supply chains. It builds on the EU-Kazakhstan strategic partnership on raw materials, batteries and renewable hydrogen, which was established in 2022 to promote secure and sustainable supply chains and deepen economic and industrial integration in these strategic sectors. During recent high-level government discussions, both countries reaffirmed the importance of economic diversification, long-term partnerships and investment-led cooperation to secure strategic resources essential for the energy transition and advanced industrial sectors.

This cooperation builds on a long-standing and trusted relationship between SEFE and Kazakhstan, including an investment in the SAFC afforestation project in the Almaty region. The joint investment platform represents a meaningful step in SEFE's strategic transformation into a broader commodities and infrastructure partner enabling European energy and industrial security.

Dr Egbert Laege, SEFE CEO, said: "Europe's industrial future depends on secure, diversified and sustainable supply chains, both in terms of energy and critical minerals. We play an important role in delivering reliable energy to Europe, and we are now bringing that same commitment and expertise to raw material supply chains. Drawing on our decades of experience in international resource management and Kazakhstan's diversified mineral resource base, we aim to make a significant contribution to Europe's industrial competitiveness and economic growth."

Sultangali Kinzhakulov, Chairman of the Management Board of Kazakh Invest, said:
"Kazakhstan is committed to developing a competitive and sustainable mining and metallurgical sector with a strong focus on deep processing within the country. By combining Kazakhstan's resource potential with SEFE's international expertise and market access, we aim to bring forward projects that create added value, jobs and technology transfer in Kazakhstan, while strengthening reliable supply chains with our European partners. Kazakh Invest will provide full support to investors at every stage of project implementation."

About SEFE

SEFE is an international energy company anchored in Europe, delivering energy solutions that ensure reliable and affordable supply. Our activities span the entire energy value chain – from origination and trading to sales, transport and storage. With decades of trading expertise and a growing LNG portfolio, SEFE is one of Europe's leading suppliers to industrial customers, providing more than 200 TWh of gas and power each year. We supply over 50,000 clients, from small businesses to municipalities and multinational organisations. By investing in clean energies, we support our customers on their decarbonisation journey and contribute to the energy transition. SEFE employs over 2,000 people worldwide and is owned by the Federal Government of Germany.

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About Kazakh Invest

Kazakh Invest is the national investment promotion agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The company promotes foreign investment into priority sectors of Kazakhstan's economy and provides comprehensive support to investors throughout the investment lifecycle. Operating as a "one-stop shop", Kazakh Invest assists investors from initial project development through implementation, including coordination with government authorities, access to investment incentives, identification of local partners and investment sites, and support in addressing issues arising during project implementation. Kazakh Invest operates under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and works with investors across the country through its network of regional representatives.

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