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Commodity	**Baryte ($BaSO_4$)**	**Data source**
Significance for the EU (2023)	*Critical, not strategic*	
Uses of the commodity	*Main uses:* *Weighting agent in drilling muds (60 %), fillers (30 %)* *Minor uses:* *Chemicals (9 %), special concrete, glass, bricks, tiles and other ceramics, and electronics and capacitors.* *Future uses:* *Demand remains strongly linked to oil and gas exploration and exploitation, where expected to decrease in long term. Increasing demand in the construction, electronics, and the automotive industries.*	Latunussa et al. (2020), USGS (2023)
Resources and potential in Nordic countries	*Finland:* *Baryte has earlier been produced from the Pyhäsalmi Cu-Zn mine. The surrounding area also has potential for baryte in VMS deposits.* *Greenland:* *Known resources: 480,000 t baryte. The 'Zebra Klint', Bredehorn, has overall resources are probably in the order of several million tons.* *Iceland:* *Possible potential for deposits.* *Norway:* *Baryte is common in Pb-Zn VMS (Mofjellet) and Ag vein deposits (Bamble, Kongsberg) and the iron-rich parts of the Fen carbonatite. Former test mining at hydrothermal Heskestad deposit in southernmost Norway.* *Sweden:* *Several deposits are known to contain baryte. The largest of these is the giant Aitik Cu-Au deposit. The others are small.*	Lauri et al. (2018), Eilu et al. (2022), Rosa et al. (2023)
Anthropogenic resources and potential in Nordic countries	*Tailings of the Pyhäsalmi and Aitik mines*	Lauri et al. (2018)
Main deposit types in Nordic countries	*Massive sulphide deposits, Ag and Pb-Zn vein deposits*	
Main global deposit types	*VMS, SEDEX, vein, evaporite, and residual deposits*	Warren (2016), USGS (2023)
Global production (2022)	*7.9 Mt baryte*	USGS (2023)
Nordic production (2021)	*None*	
Main producing countries (2022)	*India 38.6 %, China 28.2 %, Morocco 19.3 %, Kazakhstan 7.4 %, Mexico 4.8 %. The US*	Idoine et al. (2022), USGS (2023)

	production is not known for 2022, but was estimated to 4.8 % in 2020.	
Technological challenges in production	*Vein deposit mining often too expensive in industrial scale, due to small size and complex geometry, but supports ASM mining*	USGS (2023)
Recycling	Present: *End-of-life recycling <1 %. Mostly lost is use.* Future: *End-of-Life products*	BRGM et al. (2017), USGS (2023)

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