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Commodity	**Tellurium (Te)**	**Data source**
Significance for the EU (2023)	*Not Critical nor Strategic*	
Uses of the commodity	Main uses: *Thin-film (Cd-Te) solar cells, thermoelectric devices, and photoreceptors. Alloying additive to steel, copper, and lead alloys.* Minor uses: *Colouring agent in glass and ceramics. Used in chemical industry as vulcanizing agent and catalyst.* Future uses: *Semiconductor industry.*	USGS (2023)
Resources and potential in Nordic countries	Sweden: *Nya Kankberg mine: 1,003 t Te in reserves and resources.* *Several gold and base metal deposits in the Fennoscandian Shield contain tellurium that can be recovered from anode slime. Tellurium is present in several massive sulphide deposits in the Caledonides but knowledge on concentrations and distribution is not satisfactory.*	Boliden (2023)
Anthropogenic resources and potential in Nordic countries	*Anode slime from electrolytic copper refining. Dust and gases from smelting of sulphide ores.*	
Main deposit types in Nordic countries	*Te-bearing massive sulphide deposits, some Au-Cu deposits with Te.*	
Main global deposit types	*Massive sulphide, gold, porphyry copper deposits.*	Goldfarb et al. (2017), John & Taylor (2017), Kelley & Spry (2017), Monecke et al. (2017)
Global production (2022)	*640 t (refinery production). Public data are assumed as partial only, trade opaque, and refinery production larger than what is published.*	SCRREEN2 (2023), USGS (2023)
Nordic production (2022)	*Sweden 62 t (mine production), 32 t (refinery production)*	Boliden (2023)
Main producing countries (2022)	*China 53.1 %, Russia 12.5 %, Japan 10.9 %, Canada and Uzbekistan 7.8 %, Sweden 6.3 % (refinery production)*	USGS (2023)
Technological challenges in production	*Low rate of recovery at smelters. Use of solvent extraction-electrowinning processes for copper, which does not recover tellurium, will limit future supply of tellurium.*	
Recycling	Present:	USGS (2023)

	Low recycling rate. A limited amount is recycled from scrapped selenium-tellurium photoreceptors employed in older photocopiers. Future: *End-of-Life products, especially solar cells.*

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