



# ESP-ECGS

European Strategic Partnership for the  
European Sustainable Advanced Carbon  
And Graphite Supply Chain

## PRESS RELEASE

### Carbon and Graphite Sector Announces New Partnership Initiative

**Madrid, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – The carbon and graphite sector is proud to announce a new initiative: the formation of a dedicated partnership **“European Strategic Partnership for the Sustainable Advanced Carbon and Graphite Supply Chain”** aiming at strengthening supply chains across Europe, which has taken an important step forward for sustainable development and industrial progress.

The partnership's core objectives are clear:

1. To address the expected shortage of carbon, synthetic graphite and natural graphite products and to develop and enlarge a sustainable European supply of carbon and graphite products by addressing investment, permitting, technology and recycling issues.
2. To secure a sustainable supply of at least 40% of natural and synthetic graphite supply to EU industries from EU sources.

Carbon and graphite products play an essential role for Green Energy, Industrial Manufacturing, eMobility, Communication Networks and many other sectors and value chains that are vital to modern life. **“These supply chains require a competitive and stable policy and legal framework to develop further and to reduce risky dependencies and unsustainable supplies and productions. We are welcoming the EU’s Critical Raw Materials, and the Net-Zero Industrial Act as a serious attempt to improve the investment and operating conditions for businesses in Europe.”** Highlighted Mr Juan Antonio Aranzabal, President of ECGA.

In the next few weeks, the partnership is expected to develop a full roadmap with an emphasis on:

- access to finance,
- the investment framework including the necessary infrastructure for these value chains,
- the sustainability of supply, production and use as well as high international environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards,
- the international trade and competitiveness situation, and
- the strengthening of capacities and skills development along the value chains.

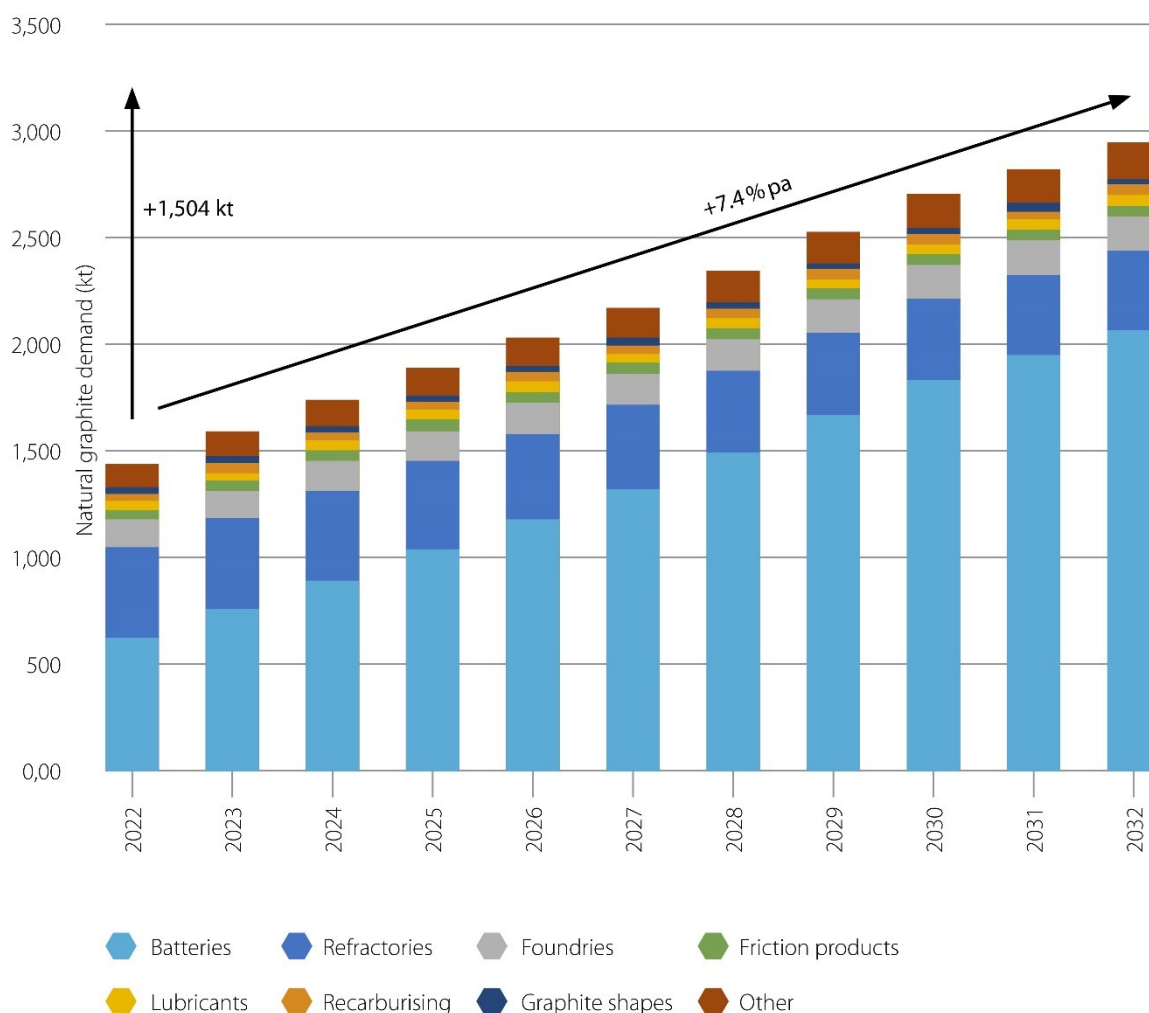
The importance of the carbon and graphite sector is undeniable. Serving as the backbone to industries ranging from base to advanced engineering sectors, and even consumer products, the sector's footprint is expansive. It has a significant impact on Europe's economy and social situation, which offers more than 40,000 directly or indirectly employed jobs as well as sector turnover exceeding EUR 3 billion last year.



Other stakeholders involved in the value chains are warmly invited to join the initiative. The vision of the partnership can be fully realized by synergies between industry players, researchers, entrepreneurs and end users.

As highlighted by the ECGA president, Mr Anton Aranzabal, we call upon all players to join this effort.

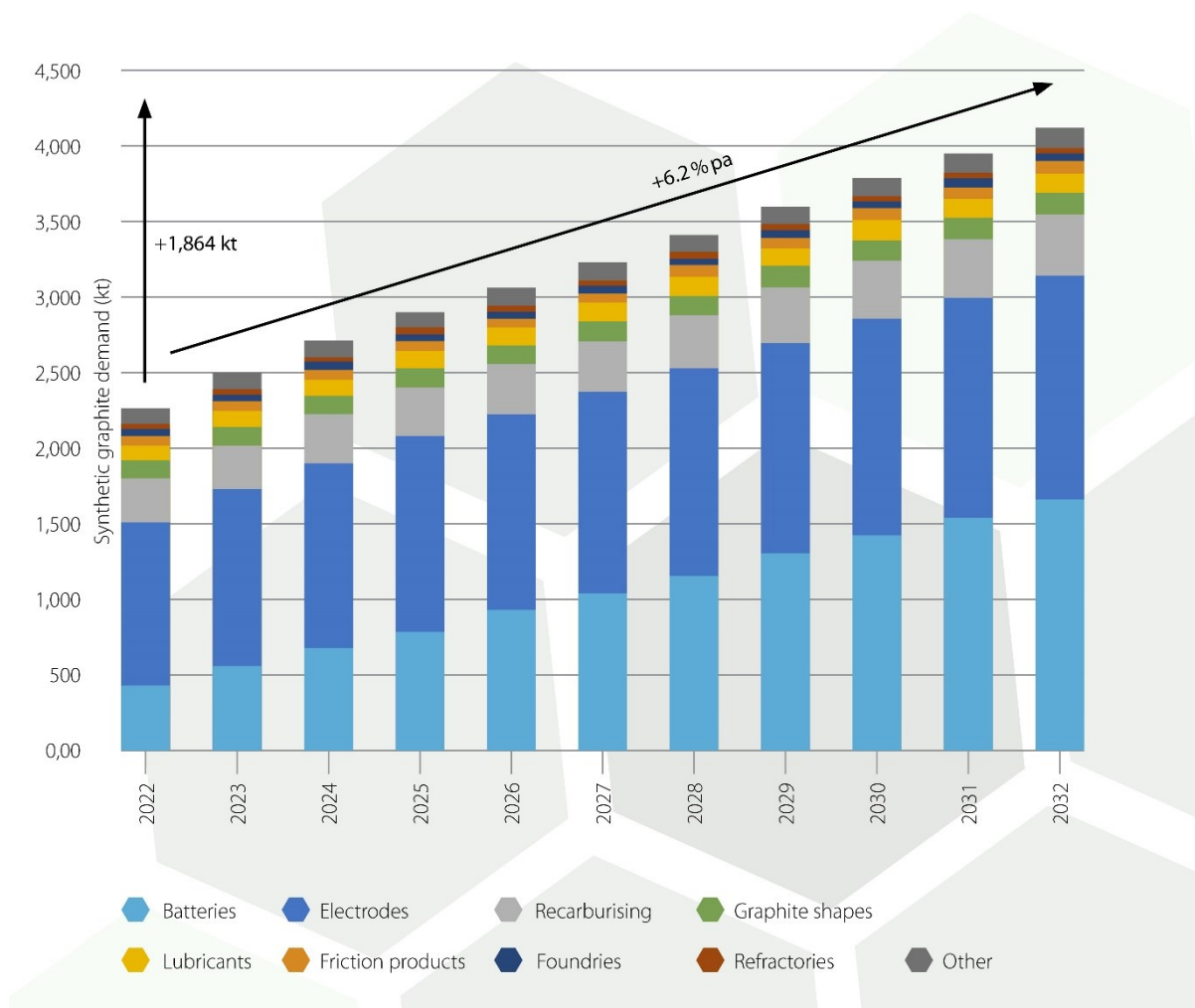
## Global demand of natural graphite





The biggest growth rate for both natural and synthetic graphite will come from battery applications for e-mobility and energy storage.

### Global demand of synthetic graphite



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