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Commodity	Fluorspar (natural CaF <sub>2</sub> )	Data source
Significance for the EU (2023)	<i>Critical, not strategic</i>	
Uses of the commodity	<p><u>Main uses:</u> <i>The three principal markets for fluorspar are: acid, metallurgical and ceramic, with their specific grades and quality parameters. The former two are commercially called “acidspar” (60 % of demand) and “metspar” (25 % of demand), respectively.</i></p> <p><u>Minor uses:</u> <i>All fluorine-bearing chemicals. Ceramics: The addition of 10–30 % of fluorspar in glass and ceramic products produces a white opaque and opalescent effect in glass and enamels. Elemental fluorine in organic synthesis, and is necessary in the production of uranium hexafluoride, the starting material for separation of uranium isotopes for making nuclear fuel.</i></p> <p><u>Future uses:</u> <i>Applications and uses of fluorspar will remain stable, except there is a major push to substitute fluorine used in many industries (especially in the air condition and refrigerator sector) for more environmentally friendly options. The future demand for fluorspar is assumed to grow.</i></p>	Fulton & Miller (2006), Latunussa et al. (2020), USGS (2022)
Resources and potential in Nordic countries	<p><u>Finland:</u> <i>No known resources nor resource potential.</i></p> <p><u>Greenland:</u> <i>At Kvanefjeld, there are large fluorine resources of villiaumite (CaF). The Ivittuut deposit has 250,000 t fluorspar. Several other fluorspar occurrences are known but their resources not assessed.</i></p> <p><u>Iceland:</u> <i>Possible potential for deposits.</i></p> <p><u>Norway:</u> <i>About 30 registered deposits of fluorspar, the largest being Lassedalen with reserves of 4 Mt ore at 24.6 % fluorite.</i></p> <p><u>Sweden:</u> <i>2.828 Mt. The Storuman deposit has 27.7 Mt at 10.21 % fluorite. The other known deposits are historic closed mines from which there are no resource estimates available.</i></p>	Tertiary Minerals (2012), GME (2018), Lauri et al. (2018), Rosa et al. (2023)
Anthropogenic resources and potential in Nordic countries	<i>None?</i>	
Main deposit types in Nordic countries	<i>Hydrothermal veins, MVT, alkaline intrusions</i>	
Main global deposit types	<i>Hydrothermal veins dominate production (related to MVT deposits, peralkaline and carbonatite</i>	Warren (2016)

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	<i>intrusions, non-magmatic(?) in large continental rifts). Phosphorites.</i>	
Global production (2022)	<i>8.3 Mt fluorspar</i>	USGS (2023)
Nordic production (2022)	<i>None</i>	
Main producing countries (2022)	<i>China 68.7 %, Mexico 11.7 %, South Africa 5.1 %, Mongolia 4.2 %, Vietnam 2.7 %, Spain 1.9 %</i>	USGS (2023)
Technological challenges in production	<i>Apparently, no major issues</i>	Latunussa et al. (2020)
Recycling	<i>Very little is recycled, as the dominant uses of the mineral are destructive. End-of-life recycling assumed at 1 %.</i>	Latunussa et al. (2020)

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