



French Republic

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Lithium Production

France plans to rival the lithium triangle in terms of lithium production, with a mine being scheduled to open in central France in 2027. The planned mine would produce enough lithium-ion batteries for 700'000 vehicles per year for at least 25 years. Such a production would place France as a second Lithium producer in the world, behind Australia and in front of Chile.

French Chilean trade

Chile is the third most important trading partner in Latin America for France, following Brazil and Mexico. France has recently shown interest in associating with Chile for their lithium mining projects, with French companies like Eramet increasing their capital for their Chilean subsidiaries significantly.

Argentina and Bolivia

French companies are also very interested in Argentinian lithium, with a French company recently entering the Argentinian Lithium production alongside a Chinese one, aiming to produce enough Lithium for 600'000 vehicles annually. France also is aiming to suggest a deal to Argentina which would entail France purchasing Argentina's lithium in counterpart of debt relief.

Read more

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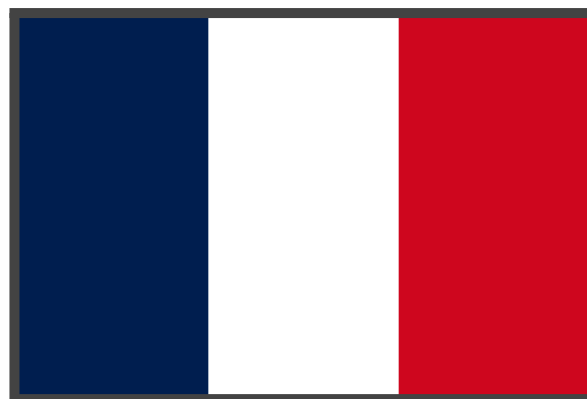
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Myanmar

France has had a long-lasting trade relationship with Myanmar, dating back to the 18th century, where the French East India Company attempted at extending the French economic influence in the region. Recently, following the Rohingya genocide and the military coup in Myanmar, the diplomatic relations between France and Myanmar have deteriorated significantly.

DRC

France and the Democratic Republic of the Congo have seen a significant shift in the trade balance, with imports from the DRC decreasing while exports to the DRC increased. Despite exporting more to the DRC, France, especially its president, have been quite disliked by the DRC's population as the French president made several questionable comments towards the DRC in recent years. However, France has recently called on the M23 movement and on Rwanda to retreat their troops from the DRC's soil following a bilateral meeting between Presidents Macron and Tshisekedi.

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