LEAD MATTERS TO EUROPE:

UNDERSTANDING LEAD'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EU'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS

ENERGY & RENEWABLES



Photovoltaic cells

Nuclear reactor coolant

Radiation shielding for nuclear installations

Counterweights, e.g. for wind turbines

GRID TECHNOLOGY



High-voltage cable sheathing

Undersea interconnector cable sheathing

DEFENCE & AEROSPACE



Small-calibre ammunitions

Marine ballast

Dry-film lubricants and seals

Artillery de-coppering

Solders

Alloys

Aircraft canopy fracture cord

SAFETY



Radiation shielding, including for medical diagnostics, treatment, radiopharmaceutical uses, security, NDT, atomic research

Earthquake protection, vibration reduction

Acid resistance and chemical protection

Acoustic barriers and soundproofing

Vibration reduction

Specialist gas detectors

CULTURAL APPLICATIONS



Stained glass windows

Musical instruments

Sculptures & artworks

Sports equipment (golf clubs, diving weights)

INDUSTRIAL USES



Alloys for precision engineering components, e.g. bearings

Anodes for electro-metal operations

Solder, e.g. in specialist electronics

Dry-film lubricants and seals for high-speed rotating equipment

Ballast, weights and counterweights

Joint sealant wool

Moulds for precision casting

MATERIAL PRODUCTION & METALS RECYCLING



Cost-effective production of a range of metals including the critical raw materials copper, tin and platinum

Carrier metal used in recycling of other metals from complex waste streams

Byproducts of zinc and silver manufacture

Precursor (chemical intermediate) for the manufacture of other lead-based substances

RESEARCH & INNOVATION



Laboratory reagent for research and quality testing

Precious metal assay

Radiation shielding for e.g. atomic and high-energy laser research

Low-background lead for detector shields

ARCHITECTURE



Architectural lead sheet

Flashing and waterproofing

Heritage and historical building uses

HEALTH & MEDICAL



Radiation shielding for X-rays and CT scanners

Oxygen sensors for ventilators and respirators

Isotope pots for nuclear medicine

FLIP TO SEE LEAD BATTERY APPLICATIONS

