

# Raw Materials Week

18-22 November 2019



## Raw Materials meeting societal needs

21 November 2019

Le Plaza Hotel (Boulevard Adolphe Max 118-126, 1000 Bruxelles)

The event will bring together Raw Materials Sector related EU projects and initiatives, regional authorities, industry representatives and other stakeholders under a 4-fold purpose:

1. Highlight the current challenges and needs of the European raw materials sector and multiple value chain challenges.
2. Create awareness and emphasis on the importance of minerals in the regional and local economies. Develop training and become attractive sector for skilled workforce, social issues and industry competitiveness
3. Highlight the cooperation between European mining and metallurgy regions, governments, industry and local communities in order to increase the competitiveness of European mineral producers but also to support the just transition to a low-carbon economy without increasing inequalities
4. Based on the discussions, a report summarising the presented case studies with recommendations for future work to secure sustained and sustainable production of Mineral Raw Materials within Europe will be released.

The event is co-organised by the European Commission, and the Horizon 2020 project MIREU – Mining and Metallurgy Regions of EU, European Minerals Day and EUMICON - European Mineral Resources Confederation.

**08.00-09.30 Registration and welcome coffee**

**09.30-09.50 Joint welcome and opening remarks**

Mr **Gwenole Cozigou**, Director, Industrial Transformation and Advanced Value Chains, DG GROW, EC

Mr **Giovanni de Santi**, Director, Directorate for Sustainable Resources, Joint Research Centre (JRC), EC

**09.50-11.00 Session I: Sustainable supply of European industry needs with raw materials from European Sources** – Chaired by Mr **Roman Stiftner**, Secretary General of the EUMICON

*Session I aims at reflecting the implications of local raw material's production in Europe from a systemic perspective. Securing long-term access to Europe's own geological deposits will be a decisive factor in the future resilience of the industry for several reasons. It will alleviate the continent's relative security of supplies and thus relax the political and market situation for many raw materials. It will allow value chains to develop which ensures that strategically important industries will remain in Europe. Furthermore, local sourcing allows that social and environmental aspects of production will be fulfilled by European norms and regulations. This will make supply chains more transparent and local raw materials more sustainable in terms of socio-environmental standards and impact. In the future this will be crucial because just as in the food industry the trend may soon be that consumers more and more demand sustainable raw*

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*materials to be in their high-tech products made in Europe. The industry should be ready to fulfil this demand.*

Ms **Susanne Feiel**, Head of Resources Innovation Center (RIC Leoben) at Montanuniversitaet Leoben - European mineral raw materials production in the light of the Sustainable Development Goals

Ms **Ulrika Wedberg**, Head of Sustainable Businesses of Sandvik - Responsibly produced raw materials from European sources for high tech products made in Europe

Mr **Stefan Stoev**, Co-Founder & CEO of MINEX and Investor in Sustainable Mining and Green Efficiency Technologies - Building raw material value chains in Europe

Mr **Sven Renner**, Program Manager, EGPS Trust Fund at the World Bank - Reflections on future metal demand and possible strategic responses

Interactive Session – Q&A

**11.00-11.30**    **Networking coffee break**

**11.30-13.00**    **Session II: Strengthening the European competence and creating public awareness on the role of raw materials sector** – Chaired by Ms **Catherine Delfaux**, CEO Provençale S.A, President of IMA-Europe; CCA-Europe

*During this session, we will illustrate the importance of awareness on the added value and enabling roles of raw material in our daily lives. The session will highlight exciting projects from different corners of Europe and will link them with the following themes:*

- *The integration and importance of minerals in the regional and local economies,*
- *The minerals contribution to the circular economy and SDG's,*
- *The importance of raw materials for the re-industrialisation agenda*
- *Present successful initiatives to create awareness on the role of raw materials*

*Testimonies from companies, local politicians and researchers how to create awareness on the European raw materials. Company initiatives and projects from:*

Prof. **Gregory Mahy**, Professor at the Biodiversity and Landscape Unit Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech, University of Liege - Biodiversity for business ecosystem: promoting biodiversity management in mining industry based on human values

Mr **Boris Heller**, Head of Product & Project Development of Erdgas Südwest - Regionality and decentralization

Mr **Athanasios Kefalas**, Chairman and CEO of IMERYS Greece - Contributing to the balanced development of Milos Island

Ms **Beata Staszko**, Chief Executive Officer of the Polish Copper Employers Association - Strengthening the European competence and creating public awareness on the role of raw materials

Interactive Session – Q&A

**13.00-14.00**    **Buffet networking lunch**

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**14.00-15.30** **Session III: Raw materials as driving force for economic growth and regional competitiveness in times of global changes** – Chaired by Ms Åsa Borssén, Program Coordinator and Host at HIGHGRADE Media

*The third session will focus on the potential to create new business opportunities and economic growth in the regions and linking these with the EU's Strategy and sustainability standards on Raw Materials, regional and national economic development programmes and Smart Specialisation Strategies. The session will also highlight the cooperation between European mining and metallurgy regions, governments, industry and local communities in order to increase the competitiveness of European mineral producers and to support the just transition to a low-carbon economy without increasing inequalities. Also the connection of the regional mineral policies, spatial planning and social acceptance are considered.*

Mr **Mika Riipi**, County Governor of the Regional Council of Lapland

Mr **Michel Bonnemaïson**, Manager E-mines and Variscan mines

Ms **Kim-Marie Jackson**, Director of North Coast Consulting Ltd

Ms **Zuzanna Łacny**, Research assistant, AGH University of Science and Technology

Prof. **Joao Castro-Gomes**, Professor and leader of Centre of Materials and Building Technologies Research Unit, Universidade da Beira Interior

Interactive Session – Q&A

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**15.30-16.00** **Networking coffee break with posters**

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**16.00-17.30** **Session IV: Closing and take away messages** - Chaired by Prof. **W. Eberhard Falck**, Vice-president, INTRAW International Raw Materials Observatory, Brussels

*This session will be opened by Mr. Falck, summarizing the highlights from previous sessions and analysing how the topics interlink between each other and how they create enabling conditions for the regions, industry and the well-being of society. Questions to be addressed by the panellists include:*

- *State of affairs: where do we stand regarding securing sustained and sustainable mining within Europe?*
- *Region twinning on share best practices on mining cooperation: what do we need to go there?*
- *What are the key enablers for strengthening mining industry in Europe?*
- *What can investors do to empower & assist Governments in developing mining?*
- *What guiding principles could be developed for harmonized EU mining policy and guidance?*
- *What kind of policies and measures do you consider appropriate to strengthen communication between all stakeholders in order to gain social acceptance?*
- *Why should mining companies care about the SDGs, social acceptance and awareness?*
- *What kind of economic benefits or measures could be promoted to ensure sustainable mining closure?*
- *What are the main obstacles of sustainable raw materials production in your country?*

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- *Is the creation of new jobs still an effective argument for European communities when it comes to new mining operations?*

Mr **Dominic Roberts**, Chief Operating Officer of Mineco

Mr **Mark Rachovides**, President of EUROMINES

Ms **Kaisa Turunen**, Research Scientist, Geological Survey of Finland (GTK), Scientific coordinator of MIREU

Prof. **Maria Taxiarchou**, Professor at Laboratory of Mining Engineering and Environmental Mining, National Technical University of Athens

Interactive Session – Q&A

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**17.30**

**Closing remarks** by Mr **Peter Handley**, Head of Unit, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials, DG GROW, EC

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