

Raw Materials Week

18-22 November 2019



Raw Materials meeting societal needs

Thursday 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.

08.00-09.00 **Registration**

09.00-09.30 **Networking coffee**

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

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

Mr **Giovanni de Santi**, Director, Sustainable Resources, DG JRC

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 Leoben

Ms **Ulrika Wedberg**, Head of Sustainable Businesses of Sandvik

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Northvolt Ab. (tbc)

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**, President of IMA-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:

- 1) *The integration and importance of minerals in the regional and local economies,*
- 2) *The minerals contribution to the circular economy and SDG's,*
- 3) *The importance of raw materials for the re-industrialisation agenda*
- 4) *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**, University of Liege

Mr **Boris Hellea** on behalf of the Industrieverband Steine und Erden Baden-Württemberg e.V projects

Mr **Athanasios Kefalas**, IMERYS Ltd

Ms **Beata Staszko**, Polish Copper Employers Association

Interactive Session – Q&A

13.00-14.00 **Buffet networking lunch**

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-

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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 Lapland

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

Ms **Kim-Marie Jackson**, North Coast Consulting and Cornwall Mining Alliance

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

Prof. **Joao Castro-Gomes**, Universidade da Beira Interior

Interactive Session – Q&A

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

16.00-17.30 **Session IV: Closing and take away messages** - Chaired by Mr **Eberhard Falck**, Independent Expert - WE Falck Scientific Advisory and Expert Services

This session will be opened by the chair Eberhard Falck by summarizing the highlights from previous sessions. One note taker per topic above on how they interlink between each other and they create enabling conditions and for the region, industry and the well-being of society.

- *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?*
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Mr **Dominic Roberts**, Operations Director of Mineco

Mr **Mark Rachovides**, EUROMINES

Ms **Kaisa Turunen**, Scientific coordinator of MIREU, GTK

Prof. **Katerina Adam**, National Technical University of Athens

Ms **Corinna Zielrold**, Policy Advisor at industriAll Europe.

Interactive Session – Q&A

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