

EU Mining Regional Innovation Ecosystems to Support the Green Transition and Secure Mineral Raw Materials Supply to the EU

EU Raw Material Week 2023- Satellite event

OECD and Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnership on Mining - (S3P mining industry)

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14th November 2023



9.30-12.30 (CET)



Marivaux Hotel, Brussels

9.30-9.40 - Welcome and Introduction to the collaboration of the European mining regions

Andres Sanabria, Coordinator OECD mining regions and cities initiative

Mika Riipi, County Governor, Lapland, Finland, and Leader of the S3P Mining Industry

9.40-10.00 - Keynotes: The Role of the Regions in Accelerating the Green Transition

Wolfgang Munch, Deputy head of Unit, European Commission - DG REGIO

10.00-11.00 - Round Table – How can inter-regional collaboration strengthen the regional mining ecosystems to improve EU mineral raw materials supply?

- Collaboration to strengthen the regional innovation ecosystems.
- Partnering to Improve industrial and processing capacities.
- Towards well-functioning regional ecosystems, labour markets and business-academy collaboration.

Moderator: Ilari Havukainen, Director of Brussels Office of the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities

Marta Peres, Executive Manager, Cluster Portugal Mineral Resources

Maria Taxiarchou, Head of EIT Raw Material Greek Hub

John Kostet, Deputy Head of Unit, Business and Society Department of Regional Development Region Norrbotten, Sweden

Guiding questions:

- What is the current status of mining development in your region, including recent policies aimed at improving supply, and main remaining challenges?
- Which actions can enhance inter-regional collaboration for a more sustainable mineral supply (e.g., labor markets, common deposits, or business-academy collaboration)?
- What policies are needed at the EU level to strengthen this collaboration? Can the EU Raw Materials Act play a role?

Reflections: Santiago Cuesta-López, General Manager ISMC-ICAMCyL, Welcoming to the MINE.THE.GAP final event, Dr., Dr.H.C.

Q&A

11.10 – 12.10 Debate – How can inter-regional collaboration mobilise investments and improve links with EU policies?

- Linking regional mining ecosystems with international funding and EU policies
- Linking downstream and upstream in mining across different regions

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Jesus Portillo, General Director of Mines, Government of Andalusia

Riikka Aaltonen, Head of Lapland MiningHub, Regional Council of Lapland



Maciej Bialek, Senior Expert, Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Poland (tbc)

Guiding questions:

- What is the current status of mining development in your region, including recent policies to improve supply and the main remaining challenges?
- How can regions attract companies and funding for more sustainable mining projects?
- How can regional collaboration improve added- value and promote downstream processes in mining?
- What is your view on the EU Raw Materials Act or other EU policies for promoting investment and value-added in mining?

Reflections: Vincent Duchêne, Senior expert Idea Consult and in Smart Specialisation Community of Practice of European Commission

Q&A

12.10-12.20 - Closing and invitation to join in the mining regions and cities collaboration

Mika Riipi, County Governor, Lapland, Finland, and Leader of the S3P Mining Industry

