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ONLINE WORKSHOP

FUNDING TOMORROW'S RAW MATERIALS SECTOR

How can administrative bodies make use of the public incentives from the EU?

25 – 26 May 2020 | 10:00 - 13:00 CEST

DAY ONE: Smart funding for regions

DAY TWO: Stimulate mining for benefits of regions

WHAT IS MIREU?

MIREU is a H2020 EU project with the aim of establishing a network of mining and metallurgy regions across Europe. Its main objectives are to identify ways of ensuring the sustained and sustainable supply of mineral raw materials to the EU and to promote investment, innovation and growth in the sector. In this context, given the importance of regional R&I investments and ESIF, MIREU with its mining and metallurgy regions across Europe aims to improve investment conditions for sustainable supply of raw materials in the EU by creating synergies and providing recommendations to its regions.

25 MAY - MIREU RESULTS ON SMART FUNDING

10:00 - 13:00 CEST

WHAT IS SMART FUNDING?

The European Commission funding programmes provide substantial financial means at the Member State level as well as at the regional level. Making use of these resources depends on specific policy making and/or focal points in the regional development Smart Specialisation agenda in order to maintain and foster value chains in the raw materials sector and circular economy. Aside from the thematic focus, regions can also generate incentives by smart collaboration with partner regions and by concerted actions in research and development.

Day 1 introduces a number of strategies and provides best practises to strategically develop your mining and metallurgy sector as the first step to stimulate a Region's industrial economy.

26 MAY – UNLOCKING EUROPE'S MINERAL WEALTH: THE INVESTOR'S VIEW

10:00 - 12:30 CEST

WHAT MAKES INVESTORS GO TO EUROPE?

Is it more than the social indicators and infrastructure?

Are investors welcome in the Regions; is there a fast track to financing?

How to attract investors?

What is a better way than to find out the answers directly from the said investors?

Day 2 invites the investors of raw materials sector to share their point of view. What are the challenges they face when investing in Europe? Does the current policy framework foster the raw materials value chain? Finally, can the gap between public funding framework and starting business be closed?