

Online workshop: Funding tomorrow's raw materials sector

How can administration make use of the public incentives from the EU?

25 – 26 May 2020 | 10:00 – 13:00 CEST

The workshop will be held in **English** and hosted on **GoToWebinar**

DAY 1, 25 May – Smart Funding for Regions

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 practices to strategically develop your mining and metallurgy sector as the first step to stimulate a region's industrial economy.

Each presentation is 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes of Q&A.

- 10:00** **Registration & Welcome**
Moderators – Meng-Chun Lee, GKZ and Rute Martins, FCT NOVA
- 10:20** **Introduction of the day**
Organizer – Wolfgang Reimer, GKZ
- 10:30** **How are EU mining and metallurgy regions funded in the future?**
Speaker – Rute Martins, FCT NOVA (Portugal)
- 11:00** **Needs and chances for a regional strategic approach to keep the raw materials a priority in the Brussels agenda**
Speaker – Kristiina Jokelainen, SmartNorth on behalf of RCL (Lapland, Finland)
- 11:30** **EU regional platforms and international funding activities with a focus on industrial hubs as drivers in the mining and metallurgy sector**
Speaker – Santiago Cuesta-López, ICAMCyL (Castilla y Leon, Spain)
- 12:00** **Smart funding of Regions by policy making – Best practices from REMIX**
Speaker – Reetta Laakkonen, REMIX project, RCL (Lapland, Finland)
- 12:30** **Summing up the day**
- 12:50** **Final remarks & farewell**

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DAY 2, 26 May – Stimulate Mining for the Benefit of Regions

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 better way than to find out the answers directly from the Investors.

Day 2 invites the Investors of the 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 the public funding framework and the starting of a business be closed?

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Speaker – Chris Broadbent, Wardell Armstrong International (London, UK)
- 11:00** **What makes investors look at mineral extraction in Europe? – Experiences of EU investors unlocking the EU mineral wealth**
Speaker – Jeremy Wrathall, Cornish Lithium (Cornwall, UK)
- 11:30** **SME type mine developers and industry aid – enterprises inter pares?**
Speaker – Marco Roscher, Saxore Bergbau GmbH (Freiberg, Germany)
- 12:00** **Panel discussion: Incentives and industry agenda maintaining RM as a priority issue – a vision or reality?**
Panelists –
- Chris Broadbent, Wardell Armstrong International (UK)
 - Mika Riipi, County Governor of Lapland (Finland)
 - Marco Roscher, Saxore Bergbau GmbH (Germany)
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