

## Online workshop: Funding tomorrow's raw materials sector

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

### DAY 1, 25 May – Smart Funding for Regions – Speakers CV

#### **Rute Martins, FCT NOVA (Portugal)**

Rute Martins is a researcher at the NOVA University in Lisbon, where she collaborates in the MIREU project, which is analysing the EU budget distribution for research and development investments in mining and metallurgy across regions. She has 13 years of professional experience leading R&D and knowledge transfer projects in the fields of land use planning, sustainability management, strategic environmental assessment and environmental impact assessment by national and European management entities. Rute holds a PhD in Environmental Engineering, where she focused on valuing resources taking in account stakeholder engagement and sustainable transitions, and also holds a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture, with a thesis on integration and rehabilitation of abandoned quarries.

#### **Kristiina Jokelainen, SmartNorth**

Ms Kristiina Jokelainen is founder of the SmartNorth expert company and is currently fully employed in the company. She worked in the Regional Council of Lapland until 29.2.2020 leading the international cooperation and implementation of the Regional Smart Specialisation Strategy approach called Arctic Smartness. The focus was on the strengthening regional clusters approach and development of the EU level partnerships mainly thematic partnerships in the relation in important industrial sectors for the Lapland such as refining the natural resources.

#### **Santiago Cuesta-López, ICAMCyL**

Santiago Cuesta-López is the Director of the International Center for Advanced Materials and Raw Materials of Castilla y Leon (ICAMCyL). He is also the founder, Director and cluster manager of the National Industrial Cluster for raw materials and associated value chains - ISMC Iberian Sustainable Mining cluster. S. Cuesta promotes international activity in raw materials within the Industrial modernisations platforms S3P in Advanced Materials for Batteries, and Mining and associated value chains. Presently Santiago directs for ICAMCyL 10 international and EU-H2020 projects. In the last 3 years he has achieved 15 H2020 projects, coordinating 4 of them at EU level, including a FET-OPEN project and attracting more than 5 M euros in research.

#### **Reetta Laakkonen, Regional Council of Lapland**

Reetta has been with the Regional council since January 2017 when the Interreg Europe project Smart and Green Mining Regions of EU (REMIX) started. In the project Reetta has worked as the coordinator and communication manager. The REMIX project is working to improve the performance of development policies and programmes in the participating regions so that they are more effective in directing the funding to enhance the sustainable mining & related industries.

