

MIREU FINAL EVENT WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE COMMER – ERRIN RAW MATERIAL TASK FORCE

Don't miss our final event that we will organise on **Tuesday 20th April 2021 from 12:00 to 16:00 CET**.

MIREU covers 17 major mining and metallurgy regions of the European Union, from Finland to Spain, from Romania to Ireland. The project covers the challenges shared by many mining and metallurgy regions, questions on social license to operate, skills requirements and investment conditions, framework conditions either conducive or hampering the development of the mining and metallurgical industry.

At the MIREU final event, we will proudly share with you all the essential points we learned during the project. You will have a unique chance to hear real-life examples of the benefits of the new form of collaboration both in Europe and globally. This new cooperation is the CoMMER - the Council of Mining and Metallurgy European Regions. Utilising the existing regional network of MIREU partner ERRIN - European Regions Research and Innovation Network, the CoMMER will form part of an ERRIN Task Force on Raw Materials, which will support the longevity of the initiative. This permanent interregional network and raw materials-focused task force welcome new members to join.

What can you expect from the event?

- Insights on the regional cooperation and how it supports the mining and metallurgy sector
- Networking with the mining and metallurgy regions
- A conference with e.g. representatives of the European Union, regional authorities, research centres, universities, mining and exploration companies, NGOs, etc.
- Practical showcases of the interregional cooperation and its benefits in the EU and internationally

AGENDA (all times are in Brussels time)

12.00-12.05	Opening and practicalities , facilitated by Jukka Teräs, Norrum
12.05-12.15	Welcome speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalin Perianu, Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA), Unit HaDEA B3 - Industry • Saku Vuori, Deputy Director of GTK Geological Survey of Finland
Session 1: MIREU – Mining and Metallurgical Regions of EU: Main findings and lessons learned During this session, we will present the MIREU core findings and learnings, highlighting how they contribute to the CoMMER and how they can benefit all mining and metallurgy regions in Europe. At the end of the session, we will have a moderated discussion on the main observations and lessons learned for the future.	
12.15-13.15	Five-minute pitch talks by MIREU WP leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking Regions, Meng-Chun Lee, Geokompetenzzentrum Freiberg e.V., Germany • Framework conditions for mineral raw materials exploitation – good practices and problems to be solved, Anna Ostrega, AGH – University of Science and Technology, Kraków, Poland



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social License to Operate, Pamela Lesser, University of Lapland, Finland • Regional synergies for economic growth, Santiago Cuesta Lopez, Fundacion ICAMCYL, Spain • Research investments & structural funds, Alexandra Ribeiro, NOVA.ID FCT, Portugal • MIREU knowledge portal on mining and metallurgy in EU regions, Guillaume Bertrand, Bureau de Reserches Geologiques et Minieres, France <p>Moderated discussion on the main observations and lessons learned for the future</p>
13.15-13.20	Conclusions: Five main messages , facilitated by Jukka Teräs, Norrum
<p>Session 2: CoMMER - The Council of Mining and Metallurgy European Regions - ERRIN Raw Material Task Force: Setting the scene</p> <p>Session 2 will be dedicated to the CoMMER, the main output of the MIREU project: a permanent meeting point for all regional stakeholders with interest in mining, metallurgy, raw materials and sustainability (political and administrative bodies, research organisations, clusters, universities, development agencies, mining companies, SMEs, non-governmental organisations). The ideas behind CoMMER will be presented, and the role of the regional ecosystems in the development of responsible and sustainable mining in the EU green and digital transition will be discussed.</p>	
13.20-13.25	Opening and aim of the session , facilitated by Jukka Teräs, Norrum
13.25-13.45	<p>The role of regional ecosystems in the development of responsible and sustainable mining in the EU green and digital transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Máté Tas, Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO • Maria Nyberg, Energy Intensive Industries – Raw Materials, DG GROW
13.45-14.15	<p>The CoMMER, ERRIN Raw Material Task Force: What is it all about and how will it operate?</p> <p>Ryan Titley, Director of Projects, ERRIN</p> <p>Moderated discussion</p>
14.15-14.20	Conclusions: Five main benefits for regions , facilitated by Jukka Teräs, Norrum
14.20-14.40	Online coffee break
<p>Session 3: Putting regions in the centre:</p> <p>How regions and regional stakeholders can benefit from the CoMMER/ERRIN Raw Material Task Force</p> <p>The third session will be interactive through two different breakout rooms with slightly different themes. The themes will follow the differences between MIREU regions but also the European Union Raw Materials focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining and metallurgy regions in the transition towards a circular economy and how battery minerals can enable the European Green Deal • Bridging the knowledge gap in mining and metallurgical industries – supporting regional growth <p>In the beginning of each session, real-life examples of the benefits and possibilities of the collaboration in Europe and globally will be shortly presented. These cases will facilitate the broader discussions on regional,</p>	



<p>interregional and international cooperation: How regions and regional stakeholders can benefit from the CoMMER/ERRIN Raw Material Task Force; what should its activities focus on; with whom to collaborate, etc.? At the end of the breakout session, five main findings will be presented and the future of CoMMER discussed.</p>							
14.40-14.45	Opening and approach of the session , facilitated by Jukka Teräs, Norrum						
14.45-14.55	Why regions matter and why it is important to develop interregional collaboration: Case cobalt , Mika Riipi, Lapland County Governor						
14.55-15.45	Parallel breakout sessions						
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16.15	Closing remarks						