



Dear Colleague,

The SUMEX team would like to officially invite you to our upcoming virtual Workshop: ***Sustainability outside the box: lessons from natural resource projects, architecture and E-learning*** which will be held via Zoom **29 September 2021**. Beyond knowledge exchange and networking, the aim of the webinar is to challenge the current thinking around sustainability of the extractives industry by looking at good practices through three different non-extractive lenses. Ultimately these good practices will be considered for the digital SUMEX toolkit.

The main objective of the SUMEX project (Sustainable Management in the Extractive Industries; for further information please visit <https://www.sumexproject.eu/>) is to create a sustainability framework for the European extractives industry. This definition shall then be applied **across the entire extractive value chain to analyse both EU level and Member State policies as well as company practices** along five focus areas:

- socio-economic and environmental impact assessments
- land use planning
- health and safety
- reporting official statistics
- permitting processes & policy coherence and integration

Our goal with SUMEX is to build an **open access toolkit** on **extractive industry good practices** to help practitioners and decision-makers truly make the transition towards a sustainable extractive sector.

The summary agenda below provides a brief overview of the sessions while the more detailed agenda is attached to this invitation.

**Wednesday, 29 September**

Session 1: 10.00-11.30 CET

Session 2: 13.00-14:30 CET

Session 1: Contemplating 'territory' – lessons from natural resource and architecture projects

*Discussion Topic: How can looking at the concept of territory help companies gain social acceptance when they enter a new 'territory'? What have companies learned from the REGINA project? Have authorities moved forward in reconciling and possibly aligning land use, participation and the permitting system addressed in BuSK? How can the more holistic view of the Malagueira project inform the future of planning and permitting extractives projects?*

Session 2: E-learning

*Discussion Topic: How do you build and maintain a community of practitioners? What motivates people to participate in E-learning activities? How do you distil the information needed? What do you see as the gaps in E-learning that SUMEX could or should fulfil?*

There will be a short presentation round of three projects in each session followed by a discussion with the moderator, presenters and audience and concluding with a wrap up of key findings and future challenges by a respondent. To enhance the discussion, there will be a graphical illustrator who initially has pre-drawn the three projects in each session and then will proceed to draw throughout the entire session. As the aim of the clustering workshop is for projects to come together and learn from one another, the invitees consist primarily of those involved in relevant projects. There will, however, be future SUMEX workshops where participation from the general public is greatly encouraged. Please also note that the event will be recorded for internal use only. We consider your participation as agreement to the recording.

Please do not hesitate to contact Pamela Lesser ([Pamela.Lesser@ulapland.fi](mailto:Pamela.Lesser@ulapland.fi)) or Katri-Maaria Kyllönen ([Katri.Kyllonen@ulapland.fi](mailto:Katri.Kyllonen@ulapland.fi)) with any questions or concerns.

We very much appreciate your participation and look forward to meeting you!

Please register for the Workshop in (<https://forms.office.com/r/3Q6cNBSLvX>) by **22 September 2021**.

The link for the event will be sent on **27 September 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

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