

Network of Mining and Metallurgy European Regions

Joining our Resources and Giving the Regions a Voice in Brussels

WP2/WP8 – Webinar MIREU Online Closure Conference, 3rd of December, 14-17 CET

14:00 – 14:20 WELCOME and KEY NOTE

Wolfgang Reimer and Meng-Chun Lee, GKZ Freiberg

The European Union – a community of regions in transition with an outlook into the future

- Historical development of the raw materials sector and industry in mining and metallurgy regions in Europe
- The EU paradigm shift in the raw materials sector – from service economy to reindustrialization
- From banning coal mining and the disappearance of smelters to the European Raw Materials Alliance: the renaissance of supply security
- Funding the raw materials sector – fueling smart specialization and reindustrialization in the European Regions in times of GREEN DEAL, New Circular Economy Action Plan, COVID19 recovery plan, and the EU New Industry Strategy

14:20 -15:00 FIRST SESSION → Discover the Regions by research and industry clusters

Introduction into the Session and Moderation: Wolfgang Reimer, GKZ Freiberg

1. Cross-European multi-stakeholder fact-finding missions (Maramures, AMEMM, Daniela Bazarea)
2. Staff exchange and exchange programmes for young careers (Junta de Andalucía, Manuel Vazquez Mora)
3. Add-on clusters, e.g. S3P/clusters, interregional collaboration, networking regions by clusters (Castilla y Leon, ICAMCYL, Santiago Questa Lopez)

Discussion + 10 mins break

15:00-16:00 SECOND SESSION

From Made in China 2025 to Covid19 - Challenges from the outside world and Europe's new supply scheme

→ Take benefit for the Regions: Opportunities for Regions to become driving forces in networking and overcome the international challenges

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- Research: Bundling forces to overcome CRM shortages – the GREENPEG project feeding the energy transition. (Norway, University of Oslo, Carla Pueyo Lloret)
- Policy Making: Smart and green mining by adjustment of policy making - best practices from the REMIX project (North Karelia, Joensuu, Ilkka Nykanen)
- Joint programming – the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda on Circular Economy – CICERONE (IVL Swedish Environmental Institute, Alexandra Wu)

Discussion + 10 mins break

16:00 – 17:00 THIRD SESSION

Institutionalisation of Networking: The Council of Mining and Metallurgy European Regions (CoMMER)

→ Empowering the Regions giving the Regions a voice in Brussels

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- Introduction into the European Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN) and Council of Metallurgy and Mining European Regions (CoMMER) concept note (ERRIN, Ryan Titley)

Intro into CoMMER workplan - statements from the Regions

- Smart specialization platform for industrial modernization (Finnish Lapland – Arctic Cluster, Smart North, Kristiina Jokelainen)
- Making the most of mining and metallurgy heritage in Cornwall: business, education, tourism and creative industries (University of Exeter - Frances Wall and Rowan Halkes)
- Promotion & maintaining metallurgy as key enabler in a Circular Economy (TU Bergakademie Freiberg/SMS Group, Markus Reuter)

Resume and Close of webinar by Meng-Chun Lee and Wolfgang Reimer, GKZ Freiberg

The discussion uses Mentimeter*¹ <https://www.mentimeter.com/> as an interactive tool.