

Raw Materials Week

12-16 November 2018



How to reconcile the needs of the extractive industries with the protection of ecosystems and biodiversity

15 November 2018

Le Plaza Hotel (Boulevard Adolphe Max 118-126, 1000 Bruxelles)

The overall goal of the conference is to discuss how to reconcile sourcing and extraction of raw materials with the protection of ecosystems and biodiversity. The first part will be dedicated to the implementation of the measure of the Commission's Action Plan on Nature, People and Economy to complement the Commission guidance on 'Nature 2000 and non-energy extractive industries' with good practises examples. The second part will focus on knowledge in the international context. Its main objective is to identify gaps of the international framework and to discuss feasible solutions.

08.00-09.00 **Registration**

09.00-09.30 **Networking coffee**

09:30-9:40 **Welcome and introduction**

09.40-11.20 **Session I: Update of the Commission guidance on Natura2000 and non-energy raw materials – state of play**

Session I aims at presenting work progress in implementing the measure of the Commission's Action Plan on Nature, People and Economy on complementing the Commission guidance on 'Nature 2000 and non-energy extractive industries' with good practices focusing on land rehabilitation and restoration.

Presentation by the consultants: working method, topics/operations reviewed, key findings

Presentation case I

Presentation case II

Presentation case III

11.20-11.50 **Coffee break**

11.50-13.00 **Session II: Continuation of Session I**

Session II is continuation of Session I. It will also offer an opportunity for the audience to comment on the progress, to discuss gaps and ways to overcome them.

Presentation case IV

Interactive discussion

13.00-14.00 **Buffet networking lunch**

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14.00-15.30 Session III: Reconciling sourcing and extraction of raw materials with the protection of ecosystems and biodiversity – international approach (existing best practises)

The objective of Session III is to present international examples on approaching biodiversity/ecosystems protection and raw materials governance, sourcing and extraction.

Global policy on biodiversity/ecosystems protection in large-scale mining: (Rio Tinto tbc)

Biodiversity/ecosystems protection and Artisanal and Small-scale mining (Ms Laura Barreto, PhD, Director, MERG - Materials Efficiency Research Group International Specialist in Mining and Sustainable Development Strategies, Policy and Law)

Biodiversity/ecosystems protection and due diligence along value chains (NN)

Biodiversity enrichment in process of reclamation and revitalisation of post-mining areas through proper land use planning and sustainable tourism concept - case study from Poland (Prof. Anna Ostrega, AGH – University of Science and Technology, Kraków)

Protecting biodiversity/ecosystems in investment decisions: Responsible Investor (NN TBC)

Q&A

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.30 Session IV: Reconciling sourcing and extraction of raw materials with the protection of ecosystems and biodiversity – knowledge gaps in the international framework

The objective of Session IV is to present the latest analysis regarding protection of ecosystems/biodiversity in the context of responsible and sustainable governance, sourcing and extraction of raw materials. The session will illustrate key knowledge gaps and present possible solutions in this regard.

Data transparency, traceability and verifiability on environmental issues along global value chains

Recommendations of H2020 Project STRADE on environmental issues (NN)

Environmental criticality of raw materials and related due diligence schemes (Mr Jan Kosmol, German Environment Agency)

Perspective of environmental NGO (Mr Peter Koenig, Conservations International, International Resource Panel (NN)

Q&A

17.30-17.40 Closing remarks