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RAW4RES NEWSLETTER

A NEWSLETTER ON THE PROGRESS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES OF THE RAW4RES PROJECT

ENHANCING RESPONSIBLE MINING POLICIES AND RAW MATERIALS RESILIENCE IN EU REGIONS

Lithium, palladium, cobalt, and aluminium are CRMs and metals essential to the EU industry and they possess a central role in the transition towards a low carbon economy, contributing to various sectors like electric vehicle manufacturing, solar panels, and wind turbines. However, the EU depends on imports from countries with low governance standards, such as Congo, China, and Russia, which could jeopardize the Green Deal's objectives and could leave territorial value chains vulnerable to economic volatility and geopolitical risks.

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RAW4RES Partners will:

- Assess and forecast raw materials vulnerabilities in participating regions' value chains, and develop mitigation measures.
- Promote mining green sustainability through responsible policies, principles, and practices.
- Fostering processes of open discussion, and consensus-building and assisting in conflict resolution between local communities, civil society, businesses, and stakeholders.
- Promote circular economy, to maximise resource efficiency, minimise waste, and tap into regions' unvalorised recycling potential.



RAW4RES KICK-OFF MEETING

The kick-off meeting of the RAW4RES project was hosted by the Region of Central Greece (Lead Partner) on 6th and 7th of July 2023 in Chalkida, with the participation of all project partners. During the meeting, the consortium discussed various topics related to project implementation focusing on the activities of the 1st semester, including thematic, financial, and management aspects. The partners presented upcoming activities and had the opportunity to engage in detailed discussions and exchange ideas.

RAW4RES partners renewed their appointment for 20th - 24th November 2023 in Metz, France.



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

A1.1: Exchange of experience on contention points between growth strategies vis-à-vis environmental protection policies

The purpose of this activity is to identify mismatches in territorial regulations between policies, measures, or strategies promoting the growth of raw materials (RM) and environmental regulations, which could lead in conflicts involving civil society actors.

After the input from the project partners, our Slovenian partner, BSC, will comparatively analyse the evidence collected to identify common mismatches that could jeopardise future investments, and to provide recommendations on how to reinforce environmental protection provisions in relevant growth policies.

A2.1: Regional Stakeholder Meetings

The RAW4RES project considers biannual meetings with stakeholders as a vital and essential component. These meetings are organized by each project partner within their respective regions. The primary purpose of these meetings is to provide a platform for constructive discussions and the sharing of ideas for the purpose of stakeholder policy learning as well as dissemination and impact multiplication. The meetings foster effective communication and collaboration between project partners and stakeholders at the regional level.

Our French Partner, MATERIALIA, is currently developing comprehensive guidelines for the stakeholder meetings. These guidelines aim to support and assist project partners by offering detailed instructions, practical tools, and essential thematic background information for conducting successful meetings. MATERIALIA seeks to ensure that the meetings are organized efficiently and effectively, fostering meaningful exchanges of ideas between stakeholders and project partners.

The 1st Stakeholder Meeting will be organized towards the end of 1st semester and the beginning of the 2nd in all countries of the project partnership.



Who is a Stakeholder?

- **Public authorities** responsible for mining, industrial resilience, circular economy and environmental protection
Regional development agencies
- **Businesses** active and associated with the raw materials extraction, processing and recycling value chains
- **Professional associations** with raw materials relevance
- **Environmental** civil society organisations and NGOs
- **Universities** researching sustainable and responsible mining technologies
- **Local actors** active in economic activities conflicting with mining



UPCOMING STUDY VISIT IN FRANCE and 2nd STEERING MEETING

MATERIALIA will host a 2-day **study visit** in **Metz, France** to exchange experiences on how businesses in the raw materials value chain can:

- a) enhance sustainability, traceability, and transparency through relevant certifications,
- b) achieve compliance with green investment criteria, focusing on EU Taxonomy requirements.

2nd Steering Meeting, where project development will be discussed, will take place after the study visit.

All RAW4RES partners will participate.

*Exact date & agenda to be announced.



THE PARTNERSHIP



Region of Central Greece
(Lead Partner) (EL)



Municipality of Frederikshavn **(DK)**



BSC, Business Support Centre,
Kranj, Ltd **(SI)**



Bucharest - Ilfov Regional
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