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A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH
TO RAW MATERIALS

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AGENDA

Clusters meet Regions East and North Finland - A sustainable approach to raw materials

25 to 27 April 2023

Hotel Levi Panorama, in the Center Levi Summit, Kittilä, Lapland, Finland

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19:00-21:00 Welcome to the Clusters meet Regions East and North Finland – reception, Hotel Levi Panorama

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8:30 – 8:45 Welcome to East and North Finland Regions in the Industrial Transition, by the host **Päivi Ekdahl**, Development Director, Regional Council of Lapland

8:45 – 9:00 Key-note-speech – Importance of the raw materials for the economy in East and North Finland, **Elsi Katainen**, Member of the European Parliament

Session I: East and North Finland in industrial transition - Shaping the future together. The session showcases cooperation among clusters of East and North Finland and the world-class solutions created by them.

Facilitator: **Antonio Novo**, President of the European Cluster Alliance

9:00 – 9:40 **Round Table I:** Modern digital solutions and high technology

Caroline Amiot, Project Manager, Photonics Finland,

<https://www.photonics.fi/>

Satu Väinämö, Director, PrintoCent, <https://www.printocent.net/>

9:40 – 10:00 **Coffee break**

10:00 – 10:45 **Round Table II:** Industrial Circular Economy in East and North Finland – The role of clusters in developing the regional industrial ecosystems.

- **Arctic Industry and Circular Economy, Tuomas Pussila**, Director of Circular Economy Centre, <https://www.digipolis.fi/en/circulareconomycentre>
- **BioValley Finland, Johanna Hylkiälä**, Executive Director, Kokkola Industrial Park, <https://biolaakso.fi/en/about-biovalley/>
- Savonlinna's Technology Park Noheva, <https://noheva.fi/en/frontpage/> (tbc)

10:45 – 11:30 **Round Table III: Water solution to the world** – Clusters collaboration to develop Arctic Water Excellence collaboration in East and North Finland.

- **Eero Antikainen**, Cluster coordinator, Kuopio Water Cluster
<https://kuopiowatercluster.com/>
- **Panu Jouhkimo**, Cluster Manager, Blue Economy Mikkeli
<https://ecosairila.fi/en/blue-economy-mikkeli-en/>
- Kainuu University of Applied Sciences, *(tbc)*

11:30 – 12:00 **Reflections: Arianna Dellaca'**, Project Adviser, EISMEA
Concluding remarks: Antonio Novo, President of the European Cluster Alliance

12:00 – 13:00 **Networking Lunch**

Session II: Responsible Mineral Raw Material Production in Europe – The Importance of the Regional Ecosystems and Clusters

Facilitator: **Jukka Teräs**, CEO Norrum Oy

13:00 – 13:20 **Key-note speech – on Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age setting the ground for the European Responsible Mineral Raw Material Production, Jakub Boratynski**, Director Networks & Governance, DG GROW, European Commission

13:20 – 14:20 **Roundtable dialogue with questions – putting the Green Deal Industrial Plan into practice in the regional context:**

- **Jakub Boratynski**, Director Networks & Governance, DG GROW, European Commission
- **Sari Tasa**, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finland
- **Luís Martins**, President of the Board, Cluster Portugal Mineral Resources
- Cluster representative Bulgaria/Slovakia *(tbc)*

14:30 – 14:45 **Concluding remarks, Jukka Teräs**, CEO Norrum Oy

14:45 – 17:00 **Match-making - Circular Economy and Digitalisation enabling resource-efficient exploration and refining of raw materials** - Clusters and SMEs meeting the leading companies in the mining industry, followed by match-making event.

See additional information for more details

15:00- 17:00 **The policymakers' round-table** –regional and interregional collaboration to strengthen sustainable mining – With the lead of the S3P mining industry and global value chains

Session III: Taste from East and North Finland

18.00-21.00 **Cocktails and finger food & BioCluster Finland Green Transition Gala**

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Session IV: The European Commission supports the responsible use of raw materials. It will be essential to synergise regional, national and European policymaking, financing and implementation to overcome internal and external barriers in transforming the EU towards a climate-neutral economy.

Facilitator: **Benoit ESMANNE**, Policy Officer - Clusters and Industrial Forum at European Commission

9:00- 9:40

European cases on:

How can the regions be inspired to develop regional innovation ecosystem(s) linked up with extended value chains and EU strategic policy initiatives?

How to create a more integrated approach to connecting upstream and downstream, making use of new socioeconomic challenges and opportunities?

Inspiration talks:

- **Santiago Cuesta López**, Executive Director, Iberian Sustainable Mining Cluster (ISMC)
- **Ilkka Nykänen**, Development manager, Business Joensuu - Outokumpu Mining Hub - intelligent waste rock and tailings management

9:40 -10:10

Reflections and questions

10:10-11:10

Debate - To synergise regional, national and European policymaking to support responsible raw-material utilisation in Europe – recommendations.

- European Commission representatives, names *(tbc)*
- Management authorises Finland and Spain, names *(tbc)*
- **Santiago Cuesta López**, Executive Director, ISCM Cluster
- **Ilkka Nykänen**, Development manager, Business Joensuu - Outokumpu Mining Hub

11:10 – 11:30

Conclusions and closing of the Clusters meet Regions East and North Finland

- **Päivi Ekdahl**, Development Director, Regional Council of Lapland and **Jakub Boratynski**, Director Networks & Governance, DG GROW, European Commission

11:30-13:00

Buffet lunch

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11.30–17.30 Site visit – Kittilä Gold mine <https://agnicoeagle.fi/>

Prioritised 50 participants – focus on mining sector professionals – MINE.THE-GAP and S3P mining industry and global value chain partners.

- Departure from the Hotel Levi Panorama at **11.40** sharp
- Lunch in the mine cafeteria
- Circular economy, digitalisation, regional & national collaboration and sustainability

TBC: Regional case on Mining and Tourism industry –collaboration <https://www.lapland.fi/business/mining-and-tourism-support-each-other-in-kittila/>