



INVITATION

We have a great pleasure to invite you to the Raw Materials University Days jointly organised with the European Commission and University of Lapland on 2nd and 3rd of November in Rovaniemi.

Raw materials are the backbone for the modern society and economy. The increasingly critical availability of primary and secondary raw materials has already an influence on present and future technological developments. We believe that university education is a cornerstone for future scientists and engineers, which will develop the potential of raw materials in Europe.

European regions are of vital importance to the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials, as the key players in raw materials policy and also best placed to address raw materials challenges. Thus, their voice in European raw materials policy should be strengthened and the RMUDs can largely contribute to this.

During the event we will discuss the relevance of raw materials in Finland with regard to knowledge, innovation and employment in Europe. This will allow increasing the public awareness and stressing the importance of raw materials in everyone's life. After the first seminar day there will be dinner served including special delicacies from Lapland.

The RMUD initiative is part of a communication campaign in the framework of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on Raw Materials. Despite the fact that Europe has many universities with a long tradition and excellent programmes in the raw materials sector, the need for knowledgeable and skilled professionals is still highly in demand. Therefore, the European Commission would like to promote skills and employment in raw materials to boost sectorial competitiveness and sustainable growth while showing the huge potential of European raw materials.

For any further questions, do not hesitate to contact Mr Michal Spiechowicz from European Commission (michal.spiechowicz.ec.europa.eu), Mrs Kristiina Jokelainen (kristiina.jokelainen@ulapland.fi) or Mr Ilari Havukainen (ilari.havukainen@lapinliitto.fi). Herewith you will find attached to this letter a draft agenda of the event.

We look forward to welcome you at the event in Rovaniemi on 2-3 November.

Please register no later 23rd October 2015.

Registration link: <https://fi.surveymonkey.com/r/9KRBVKX>

Website: www.ulapland.fi/RMUD



Purpose of

The Raw Materials University Days

“Enhancing the development of the mining regions”

University of Lapland — *Multidimensional Tourism Institute*

Rovaniemi, Finland

“Raw Materials University Day – Enhancing the development of the mining regions” – conference is bringing universities, regional stakeholders, mining industry and SMEs to same network to support sustainable mining and regional development.

Objectives of the forum

- To bring together regional, university and mining industry representatives
- To support the implementation of the sustainable mining in the regions
- To share experiences on good collaboration between the regions, universities, mining industry and other stakeholders
- To discuss the practices which strengthen the synergic approaches I
- To initiate collaboration actions

Topics of the forum

- Good mining diplomacy at the regional level
- Social licensing
- Regional S3 and mining
- Synergies in funding

Target groups

- Regional authorities involved in the implementation of smart specialisation strategies
- Researchers, developers and students from the universities
- Regional development agencies
- Mining industry and related service providers

