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# CLUSTERS MEET REGIONS

A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO RAW MATERIALS

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## AGENDA

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

25th - 27th April 2023,

Hotel Levi Panorama, Kittilä, Lapland, Finland

#### 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

#### April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

**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.

**8:30 – 8:45** Welcome to East and North Finland Regions in the Industrial Transition

**8:45 – 9:00** Key-note-speech – Importance of the raw materials for the economy in East and North Finland

**9:00 – 9:40** **Round Table I:** Modern Digital solutions and high technology - Showcase from clusters Photonics Finland and PrintoCent

**9:40 – 10:00** Coffee break

**10:00 – 10:45** **Round Table II: Industrial Circular Economy in East and North Finland** – The role of the clusters in developing the regional industrial ecosystems - BioValley Finland, Arctic Industry and Circular Economy and Noheva

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

**11:30 – 12:00** Questions and conclusions

**12:00 – 13:45** Buffet – lunch

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

**13:00 – 13:30**      **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, DG Grow

**13:30 – 14:30**      **Roundtable dialogue – putting the Green Deal Industrial Plan into practice in the regional context:**

- European Commission
- European Clusters
- Industrial value chain, Finland

**14:30 – 14:45**      **Conclusions** – main takeaways

**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 matchmaking (see instructions)

(Coffee and tea are available)

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

## Session III: Taste from East and North Finland

**18:00-20:00**      Cocktails and finger food – location TBC, Includes BioCluster Finland Green Transition Gala

**April 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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

### **European cases on the development of the**

- 9:00- 9:40**
- 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?
  - 3 EU cases on success and practical challenges (1 Finland and + other EU cases)

**9:40 -10:10**      **Facilitated discussion**

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

**10:10-11:10**

- European Commission representatives
- East and North Finland management authorises the representative
- Finland national TBC
- ECA/ECCP

**The conclusion and closing of the Clusters meet Regions East and North Finland**

**11:10 – 11:30**

- East and North Finland and ECCP

**11:30-13:00**

**Buffet lunch**

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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

Prioritised 50 participants – focus on mining sector professionals

- Departure from the Hotel Levi Panorama at 11.40 o'clock
- Lunch in the mine cafeteria
- Circular economy, digitalisation, regional & national collaboration – sustainability
- Lapland mining ecosystem introduction

TBC: Regional case on Mining and Tourism industry –collaboration

<https://www.lapland.fi/business/mining-and-tourism-support-each-other-in-kittila/>