

# Symposium on the Availability of raw materials from secondary sources - a key aspect of circular economy

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## 1 Background

Securing the future supply of energy and minerals is fundamental for both regional and global economic development and prosperity. In contrast to the traditional mining sector, the stakeholders in the urban mining, recycling and recovery sector lack reliable information on the material quantities expected to be available in the near future. This impedes the identification of recycling and recovery opportunities and creates risks for investment decisions concerning secondary raw material processing facilities. In addition, it hinders national resource planners from integrating primary and secondary sources into a comprehensive raw material system that can be used for accounting, scenario development, and policymaking.

To overcome the barriers, reliable and transparent estimates on the availability of secondary raw materials are needed. Therefore, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) - Expert Group on Resource Classification (EGRC) and the pan-European Expert Network “Mining the European Anthroposphere” (COST Action MINEA) are developing a new standard for classifying raw materials from secondary sources, such as mine tailings, buildings, infrastructure, consumer goods, and all sources from the material life cycle stages, including production, use and end-of-life.

Applying this new standard enables consistency and transparency in communicating retrievable material quantities. This allows government authorities, policy makers, investors and decision makers in the materials and waste management sectors to make a reasoned and balanced judgment on the potential of material sourcing projects and strategies. From an operational point of view, it supports project portfolio management, national material management, policy setting and capital allocation.

## 2 Goal and scope

The symposium reflects on the future availability of secondary raw materials and the need for a unifying global standard – the United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC), to manage anthropogenic resources in a circular economy, with special reference to valorizing wastes for the recovery of Critical Raw Materials.

The symposium aims to

- (1) develop a global agenda of priority actions and strategies on the future availability of secondary raw materials to accelerate progress towards circular economy,
- (2) facilitate greater collaboration across disciplines, sectors, initiatives and countries through the implementation of the UNFC for all types of Anthropogenic Resources (in the morning) and with a focus on Critical Raw Materials (in the afternoon),
- (3) share the pan-European research coordination results of COST Action MINEA and provide inputs for the development and application of the UNFC to anthropogenic resources, and
- (4) discuss the possibility of establishing a platform for identifying challenges in the supply of Critical Raw Materials and developing case studies based on UNFC methodology.

## 3 Target audience

- Policy makers
- Industrial representatives from the recycling sector
- Statistical bodies on European and national level
- National authorities
- Representatives from European Research Centers
- Experts in the field of resource management, resource markets and recovery technologies.
- Experts from emerging economies in eastern Europe

## 4 Committee

Committee Members (alphabetical order):

- Ass. Prof. Dr. Johann FELLNER [Technische Universität Wien, Head of the Christian Doppler Laboratory on Anthropogenic Resources, Austria]
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- Ms. Alessandra HOOL [ESM Foundation, Switzerland]
- Dr. Ulrich KRAL [Technische Universität Wien, Chair of MINEA and Chair EGRC Working Group on Anthropogenic Resources, Austria]
- Ass. Prof. Dr. Joakim KROOK [Linköping University, Leader MINEA WG on the resource potential of waste in landfills, Sweden]
- Dr. Jakob LEDERER [Technische Universität Wien, Leader MINEA Working Group on Resource potential of solid residues from waste incineration, Austria]
- Dr. Mohamed OSMANI [Loughborough University, Leader MINEA Working Group on material recovery from construction and demolition waste, United Kingdom]
- Dr. Estathios PETEVES [EC Joint Research Center]
- Mr. Mark SIMONI [Norwegian Geological Survey, MINEA MC and WG Member, Norway]
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## 5 Draft Programme

### 5.1 Thematic Workshop on Classifying anthropogenic resources

Chair: David McDonald  
Co-Chairs: Ulrich Kral and Roland Gauß  
Room: XXVII, Building D, Palais des Nations

N°	Time	Duration	Topic	Presenter / Facilitator	Organisation
	09:00	5'	Welcome words	David McDonald	Chair of the UNECE Expert Group on Resource Classification (EGRC)
<b>Keynote talks</b>					
1	09:05	20'	Why we need a standardized internationally accepted resource classification system for primary and secondary resources: Opportunities and challenges	Friedrich-W. Wellmer	Former President of the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources in Hannover
	09:25	20'	Quantifying and characterizing in-use stocks of non-fuel mineral commodities (tbc)	Nedal T. Nassar	Chief of the Materials Flow Analysis Section at the National Minerals Information Center, USGS
	09:55	10'	Question and answers		
<b>Anthropogenic Resource Classification</b>					
2	10:05	10'	Why and how to classify resources from secondary sources	Ulrich Kral	Chair of UNECE EGRC Anthropogenic Resource Working Group and Chair of MINEA
	10:15	10'	Challenges for anthropogenic resource classification on national level (tbc)	Daniel Müller (tbc)	Norwegian University of Science and Technology, MINEA WG Member
<b>Secondary raw materials challenges and case studies</b>					
3	10:25	10'	The UNFC potential for managing metal recovery from mine tailings (tbc)	Bruno Lemiére and Patrick D'Huges	The French Geological Survey, MINEA WG Member
	10:35	10'	Challenges for extraction of critical technology elements and radionuclides from phosphogypsum tailings (tbc)	Michael Haschke (tbc)	DMT (tbc)
	10:45	10'	Gypsum souring: forthcoming challenges and recommendations	Christine Marlet	Eurogypsum, MINEA WG Member

	10:55	10'	A methodology for the viability of secondary raw materials' recovery and circularity in the construction sector.	Mohamed Osmani	Loughborough University, MINEA WG Leader on the resource potential of construction & demolition waste
	11:05	10-25'	<i>Break</i>		
	11:30	10'	Evaluating the secondary resource potential of Chromium rich slags from stainless steel production	Andrea Winterstetter	VITO, MINEA WG Member
	11:40	10'	Challenges for producing glass from secondary sources (tbc)		Glasforum or FERVER (tbc)
	11:50	10'	How to evaluate landfill mining? On the challenges of assessing feasibility and performance.	Joakim Krook	Linköping University, MINEA WG Leader on the resource potential of waste in landfills
	12:00	30'	Breakout session on barriers to establish clean, functional and profitable material cycles	Mohamed Osmani	Loughborough University
	12:30	20'	<i>Break</i>		
<b>Tools and Skills</b>					
4	12:50	10'	The European Commission's Raw Material Information System (RMIS) – the importance of resource classification	Constantin Ciupagea	EC Joint Research Center in Ispra
	13:00	10'	European Minerals Yearbook as a reporting platform for anthropogenic resource classification (tbc)	Slavko Solar (tbc)	EuroGeoServices
	13:10	10'	UNFC Evaluator Qualifications and Competent Person Requirements (tbc)	Soraya Heuss-Aßbichler	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, MINEA WG Leader on classification and reporting of material resources/reserves
<b>The next steps forward</b>					
5	13:20	30'	Target discussion on priority actions for implementing UNFC on company, sectors and government level.	Sigurd Heiberg	Petronavit a.s, MINEA WG Member
6	13:50	10'	Wrap up and closing	Roland Gauß	EIT Raw Materials
	14:00	1h	<i>Lunch Break</i>		

## 5.2 Special Workshop on Waste Valorization and Critical Raw Materials

The special workshop will discuss the implementation of the UNFC for management of secondary resources, especially critical raw materials, for facilitating the sustainable management of raw materials with a focus on reducing and valorising (industrial) waste. The workshop will lay the modalities for an active implementation of the UNFC methodology into industrial application by taking first steps towards projects on applying UNFC for waste valorization and secondary raw materials recovery in general, and in particular the management of Critical Raw Materials needed for sustainable development.

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Co-Chairs: Alessandra Hool  
Room: XVIII, Building D, Palais des Nations

Opening and Keynote talks					
1	15:00	10'	Opening Speech	Bas de Leeuw	Managing Director, World Resources Forum
	15:10	10'	Introduction to UNFC Anthropogenic Specifications and summary of the morning session	Ulrich Kral	Chair of UNECE EGRC WG anthropogenic resources and Chair of MINEA
	15:20	20'	Raw materials for sustainable development: Opportunities and challenges (tbc)	Karen Hanghøj	CEO, EIT RawMaterials (tbc)
Recovery of Critical Raw Materials: Opportunities and Challenges					
2	15:40	20'	EU Policy and Strategy on secure supply of mineral resources	Rodrigo Chanes	DG GROW
	16:00	20'	System of Ecological and Economic Accounting (SEEA)		EUROSTAT/ UN Statistics (tbc)
	16:20	20'	Critical metals recovery from vehicle electronics	Patrick Wäger	EMPA, ESM Foundation, MINEA WG Member
	16:40	20'	Resource classification in REE recovery from coal ash / Challenges for anthropogenic resource classification on project level (tbc)	tbc USDOE /Julian Hilton	US DOE/ Aleff Group
	17:00	20'	Recent developments in Canada towards waste reduction		Canada Mining Innovation Council (CMIC) (tbc)
	17:20	10'	Question and answers		
The next steps forward					
3	17:30	30'	Targeted discussion on challenges, identification of possible collaborations towards case study projects	Roland Gauß Alessandra Hool	

				Ulrich Kral Harikrishnan Tulsidas	
	17:50	10'	Closing remarks	David McDonald	Chair of UNECE Expert Group on Resource Classification
	18:00		End		

## 6 Online registration

Follow the link and register:

[https://uncdb.unece.org/logon.faces;jsessionid=7CC2F31C3B5B52605D10F6F63BE5D23D?meeting\\_name=UNECE%20Resource%20Management%20Week%20-%20UNFC%20for%20Sustainable%20Development,%2023-27%20April%202018&meeting\\_date=23/04/2018&meeting\\_city=Geneva&meeting\\_country=Switzerland](https://uncdb.unece.org/logon.faces;jsessionid=7CC2F31C3B5B52605D10F6F63BE5D23D?meeting_name=UNECE%20Resource%20Management%20Week%20-%20UNFC%20for%20Sustainable%20Development,%2023-27%20April%202018&meeting_date=23/04/2018&meeting_city=Geneva&meeting_country=Switzerland)

## 7 Practical information

Information for delegates: [https://www.unog.ch/80256EE60057CB67/\(httpPages\)/A4E85C5987169D36C1256F1100342CBE?OpenDocument](https://www.unog.ch/80256EE60057CB67/(httpPages)/A4E85C5987169D36C1256F1100342CBE?OpenDocument)

Information on hotels and furnished accommodation by CAGI: <http://www.cagi.ch/en/housing/temporary-accommodation-short-stay.php>

## 8 References

COST Action “Mining the European Anthroposphere: <http://www.minea-network.eu/>

EIT Raw Materials: <https://eitrawmaterials.eu/>

ESM Foundation: <https://www.esmfoundation.org/>

UNECE Expert Group on Resource Classification: <https://www.unece.org/energy/se/egrc.html>