

Raw Materials Week

14-18 November 2022



5th Event on the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System: “Accelerating Implementation of UNFC in Europe”

Co-organized by UNECE and EuroGeoSurveys

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Le Plaza Hotel Brussels – Theatre room
Bld Adolphe Max 118-126, 1000 Brussels

09:30-09:45 Welcome and introductory remarks	
	Peter HANDLEY , Head of Unit, Energy Intensive-Industries and Raw Materials, DG GROW, European Commission
	Dario LIGUTI , Director Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
	Ralph WATZEL , President of the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources Germany and President of EuroGeoSurveys
09:45-10:45 Unified Information on Reserves and Resources in Support of National and European Raw Materials Policies	
Moderator: Slavko SOLAR , Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE and Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM) Secretariat	
	Eric BUISSON , Policy Officer at the Mineral Resources Department, Ministry of the Ecological Transition, France
	Kimmo TIILIKAINEN , Director of Geological Survey of Finland - Unified Information on Reserves and Resources in Support of National and European Raw Materials Policies
	Julie HOLLIS , EuroGeoSurveys - The key role of the Geological Service for Europe in linking geoscience and policy through practical implementation of UNFC
	Massimo Gasparon , European Raw Materials Alliance, EIT Raw Materials – Use of UNFC for ERMA projects
	Charlotte GRIFFITHS , UNECE – EU Project on UNFC and UNRMS: Guidance to support the application of UNFC in Europe
10:35 – 10:45	Q&A
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:30/13:00 Concrete UNFC Implementation Actions and Outlook in European Union	
Moderator: Julie HOLLIS , Secretary General, EuroGeoSurveys	

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11:15-12:20/12:40	Erika INGVALD, Geological Survey of Sweden et al. UNFC – Case studies of EU resources
	Pedro DELGADO ARENAS, Geological Survey of Spain (CN IGME-CSIC) - Spanish national reporting according to UNFC
	Gerardo HERRERA, Robert TOMAS, Energy Intensive Industries - Raw Materials, DG GROW, European Commission - EU CRM Database
	Vitor CORREIA, International Raw Materials Observatory, Belgium – The Competency Framework for UNFC and UNRMS in a Changing World
	Soraya HEUSS-AßBICHLER, Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich - Future Availability of Secondary Raw Materials (FutuRaM): Development of an assessment system in alignment with the UNFC.
	Meta DOBNIKAR, Geological Survey of Slovenia – Network of Practitioners Europe and forthcoming International Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management (Geological Service for Europe - GSEU)
12:20 – 12:30 /12:40 -13:00	Q&A (10-20 minutes)
12:30 / 13:00	Lunch

Summary

Extraction, trade and consumption of raw materials have increased exponentially. Growing demand from emerging, developing and traditional industrial economies requires a transformation of industry and society to sustainable production and consumption patterns.

The climate emergency and other geopolitical challenges call for unprecedented international cooperation on an immediate low-carbon energy transition to reduce negative environmental and societal impacts. To support the change, raw materials stakeholders must focus on collaborative efforts for secure supply chains with strong partnerships in sustainable sourcing of materials in Europe and abroad.

Resilient supply chains require real-time, relevant, and comparable raw materials information. The United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) is a well-proven resource classification and reporting system for raw materials, amongst other applications. UNFC provides unified socially, environmentally and economically referenced information necessary for improved policy and decision-making.

Europe has made rapid progress in sustainable resource management by harmonizing data using UNFC. This event, co-organized by UNECE, DG GROW and EuroGeoSurveys, will provide an overview of the current progress and opportunities to accelerate the implementation of UNFC in Europe. The adoption of UNFC is expected to expand the use of the United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS) principles and tools to align with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.