

I. General Information



Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) finalised, expert feedback on business plan 2016 received

The negotiations on the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) have been finalised. The FPA is the most important legal document for a KIC as it defines the legal frame of the interaction between a KIC and the EIT for the next funding period (2016-2022). It also serves as the legal basis for the annual Specific Grant Agreements (SGAs), which provide the legal ground for the yearly EIT grants based on business plans. For the business plan 2016 reviews from the EIT and external experts of the EIT have been received. The notification on the final amount of EIT funding is expected for the 8 December 2015. For the FPA the next steps will be that the EIT RawMaterials GmbH will sign the FPA on behalf of the KIC partnership. The partners of EIT RawMaterials are expected to accede to the agreement by sending in the filled out Annex 3 120 days (previously 90) after the FPA has been signed by the EIT.

EDITORIAL



Jan-Eric Sundgren, Board EIT RawMaterials

Dear colleagues

We will in a month time coming to the end of the startup year of EIT RawMaterials. Much has been accomplished in terms of setting up a well-functioning organisation that can deliver in line with our vision and strategies. I am proud to have since March been part of this. We have recruited a management team that is almost complete headed by the CEO Ernst Lutz. I hope that we have the team complete before the end of the year with the new Chief Communication and Marketing Officer (CCMO) coming onboard.

On 25 September 2015 we held our second General Assembly in the start-up year 2015. Over 80 participants from more than 60 partners took part in this event. The main resolutions that were taken included adopting 50 partner organisations as members of EIT RawMaterials e.V., the adoption of the Membership Order of the e.V. and the approval of our IP Committee. Since then we have also finalised, after intensive negotiations, the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) with the EIT. Most importantly, the joint and severe liability of partners in the original suggestion by EIT has been reduced to technical (and not financial) liability and to the level of an activity (and not to the KIC as a whole). In addition, an important cost eligibility criteria on large-scale infrastructure was introduced into the model Specific Grant Agreement based on our intervention.

We have not only dealt with administrative issues but our KIC has also been active in many events focusing on raw materials during the year. On 9-10 December 2015 the Annual Conference of the European Innovation Partnership on raw materials is taking place in Brussels. Our KIC will host the morning session on day 1 of the conference where partners and members of the strategic management team will give an overview of business opportunities in working with the KIC. The session will also give the floor to three start-ups that will present their success stories. The KIC will take actively part in the main event of the EIP on raw materials as our CFO Andreas Benkitsch will present the latest thoughts on establishing a European Minerals Investment Platform, which is currently being evaluated with DG GROW, the host of the event.

We have also had two calls in the start-up year and we have been working intensively to ensure that we have fully transparent processes and review processes that ensures that we fund activities of the highest quality. In this newsletter there is also information and deadlines on the calls in the upcoming first operational year of our KIC, 2016.

I think we all have reasons to be proud of what has been done and it is my firm believe that we have a structure were we now in 2016 can start to focus on content and deliver many activities/projects with a high value added in accordance with our business plan. Finally I would like to thank all of you that have worked intensively to set up the KIC with our six CLCs and wish you when we now are approaching the end of the year a relaxing and well deserved holiday and a happy new

year.

Past event

General Assembly, 25 September 2015, Adlershof Conference Center, Berlin

Upcoming events

1. 9-10 Dec. 2015: Annual Conference of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials, Brussels
2. 24 Feb. 2016: Business Idea Pitch Event / Raw Materials Brokerage Event targeting start-ups, SMEs and industry in the raw materials sector, Stockholm
3. 25-26 Feb. 2016: Information and Brokerage Event for the Calls 2016, Adlershof Conference Center, Berlin

KIC Core staff recruited

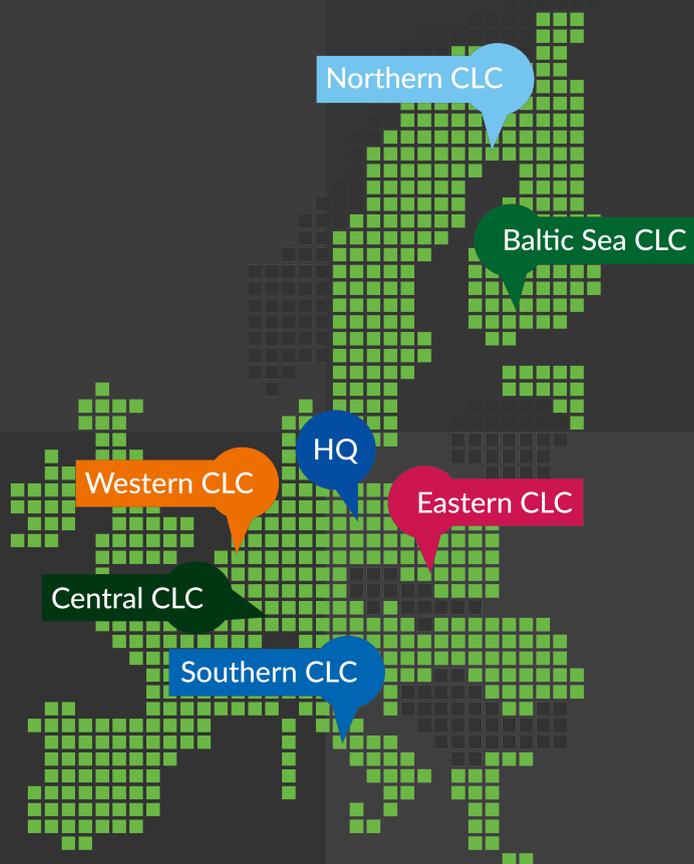
At the HQ Andreas Benkitsch has been appointed Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Andreas Klossek Chief Operating Officer (COO), Karen Hanghøj Chief Technology and Education Officer (CTEO) and Katja Bochnig Management Assistant.



KIC CLC managers

At the CLCs Maria Magdalena Holmgren has been appointed CLC Manager Northern, Pier Luigi Franceschini CLC Manager Southern, Krzysztof Kubacki CLC Manager Eastern, Olli Salmi CLC Manager Baltic Sea, Didier Zimmermann CLC Manager Central and Karel Van Acker Interim CLC Manager Western.

II. Introduction to Co-Location Centres



Northern CLC, Luleå: Offers excellence in primary resources and a dynamic eco-system in raw materials

The Northern CLC is established in Luleå, Sweden, by partners from Denmark, Ireland and Sweden with resources and expertise covering the whole value-chain of raw materials and a dynamic eco-system.

The Northern CLC countries are all top positioned at the Global Innovation Index with resilient eco-systems, effective national innovation policies for development and strong entrepreneurial cultures. The Northern CLC innovation eco-system provides excellence in primary resources:

- Exploration, mining, mineral processing and metallurgy;
- Equipment, tooling and machinery for mining, mineral and metal producing industry;
- Implementation of ICT-solutions for RM sector (process automation, optimisation, Internet of Things);
- Advanced practices related to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Green Mining.

Baltic Sea CLC, Espoo: Finnish-Swedish-Estonian excellence in raw materials business and education

The Baltic Sea CLC operates in Finland, Sweden and Estonia, with its offices in

Espoo, Finland. The ecosystem around the CLC excels especially in design and manufacturing of tools, machinery and equipment as well as in metals processing and modelling. In 2016, the Baltic Sea CLC will focus on infrastructure networking and development especially in metallurgical and mineral processing test infrastructure, substitution of critical raw materials in extreme conditions, applications and catalysts, as well as modelling tools for material efficiency and circular economy. All in all, partners of the Baltic Sea CLC will be involved in almost 40 Network of Infrastructure and Learning and Education projects starting in 2016.



Western CLC, Leuven: A hub for circular economy and recycling

The Western CLC gathers 23 partners in industry, research institutes and universities from Belgium, the Netherlands, UK and part of Germany as well as one partner from Portugal. The Western CLC ecosystem provides excellence in circular economy, recycling of complex End-of-Life products and urban mining, the recovery of valuable raw materials from industrial residues and landfill mining. Also substitutes (lightweight, composites), deep exploration and mining (incl. sea floor) and mineral processing are strengths of our partnership. The office of the CLC is located in Leuven, Belgium, on the science&technology campus of KU Leuven, the 2nd most innovative university of Europe as to Reuters.

Eastern CLC, Wroclaw: Outreach to East and South-East Europe

The Eastern Co-Location Centre is located in Poland on Campus Pracze at Wroclaw Research Centre EIT+ facilities, in close distance to KGHM Knowledge Labs, research laboratories and business service centre. Over 28 Core and Associate Partners contribute Eastern CLC Network, with additional 40+ Task and Eastern and South Eastern European (ESEE) and Support Partners.

This gives the Eastern CLC the widest reach within the EIT RawMaterials network in terms of numbers of partners and geography. Eastern CLC providing efficient cooperation stimulus for the three main CLC geographies – Austria, Germany, and Poland – as well as the broader ESEE regions with shared activities centres.



Central CLC, Metz: A hub for innovation, business creation and education on raw materials

Located in Metz, East of France and very close to Germany, Luxemburg, and Belgium, the Central CLC includes the entire French territory and mostly South and West Germany. With 12 members from the 3 sides of the knowledge triangle, involved in business (ArcelorMittal, Arkema, Eramet, Heraeus, Suez Environnement), research and development (CEA, Fraunhofer, BRGM), and higher education (Université de Bordeaux, Université de Lorraine, INPG and TU Darmstadt). This hub will foster innovation, business creation and higher education in the raw materials (RM) sector, all along the value chain, with a main focus on processing, substitution and recycling of RM to make this industrial sector more sustainable and prepared to face the future challenges.

Southern CLC, Rome: Spanning the whole knowledge triangle

The headquarter of the Southern CLC is located at ENEA, the largest Research Centre of ENEA (90 hectares, 190 buildings for offices, laboratories, meeting

facilities and services infrastructure, 1185 employees).

The CLC partnership consists of Italian, Spanish and Associate Partners, plus one Hungarian associate; the CLC also has task and support partners. Their interests span the whole knowledge triangle. The CLC focuses on: primary resources (geophysics and exploration, rock mechanics, treatment of mineral resources and waste), recycling (metals and minerals processing, refining and recycling; industrial waste; collection and processing of end-of-life products), substitution (materials and nanomaterials design, bio-based substitution, biopolymers, elastomers, composites and natural rubber).



In the next issue: e.g. detailed introduction of the 6 CLCs.

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