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## PRESS RELEASE

# Eramet launches the Responsible Mining Innovation Challenge 2021 in partnership with EIT RawMaterials

Following the successful edition of last year, Eramet is launching the 2021 edition of its Open Innovation Challenge on a theme which is crucial for the future of its activities: Responsible Mining.

Consumers, like our customers, are increasingly demanding low-carbon and responsible supply chains. Eramet is particularly well positioned to meet this demand: CSR is at the centre of our strategic model and positions Eramet as a committed and contributive corporate citizen.

Applicable to a wide area ranging from environmentally friendly exploration, water management, safety and monitoring at mining sites, mine rehabilitation and biodiversity to traceability of raw materials, this challenge illustrates the ambition of Eramet to make innovation a major contributor to responsible mining.

Start-ups and SMEs are invited to apply to the **Eramet Responsible Mining Challenge 2021** from **June 15 to September 15, 2021**. The winning team will be awarded a collaboration contract with Eramet (up to €50k), with potential extension to a long-term collaboration.

This new edition of Eramet's Open Innovation challenge is building on six years of successful collaboration with EIT RawMaterials which aims to provide efficient, competitive and responsible technology solutions for a sustainable supply of mineral resources for the European market. It also illustrates the Group's ambition to grow its network of partners and include more innovative start-ups and SMEs.

*"Eramet takes a 360° CSR approach integrating environment, climate, human rights, ethics and traceability of our products. Emerging technologies play a major role in advancing the mining industry, reducing the environmental impact of mining operations, as well as improving efficiency and reducing costs."* said Marion Lenoir, Head of Open Innovation Department at Eramet.

Innovators are invited to find out more about the challenge and to apply here: <https://open-innovation.eitrawmaterials.eu/opportunities/eramet-challenge>



## ABOUT ERAMET

Eramet, a global mining and metallurgical group, is a key player in the extraction and valorisation of metals (manganese, nickel, mineral sands) and the elaboration and processing of alloys with a high added value (high-speed steels, high-performance steels, superalloys, aluminium and titanium alloys).

The Group supports the energy transition by developing activities with high growth potential activities, including lithium and recycling.

Eramet positions itself as the privileged partner of its customers in sectors that include carbon and stainless steel, aerospace, pigments, energy, and new battery generations.

Building on its operating excellence, the quality of its investments and the expertise of its employees, the Group leverages an industrial, managerial and societal model that is virtuous and value accretive. As a contributive corporate citizen, Eramet strives for a sustainable and responsible industry.

Eramet employs more than 13,000 people in 20 countries, with turnover of more than €3.5 billion in 2020.

For further information, go to [www.eramet.com](http://www.eramet.com)

## ABOUT EIT RAWMATERIALS

Minerals, metals and advanced materials are key enablers to achieve the objectives of the European Green Deal. Today, only a fraction of the most relevant raw materials is produced in Europe. This can be changed through a circular economy approach, through innovation in recycling, substitution, processing, mining, and exploration. It is the objective of EIT RawMaterials to secure a sustainable raw materials supply by driving innovation, education, and entrepreneurship across European industrial ecosystems.

EIT RawMaterials provides a collaborative environment for disruptive and breakthrough innovations by connecting business with academia, research, and investment. It also invests in future generation of innovators for the raw materials sector through initiatives ranging from education of school students to higher qualifications for industry professionals.

The company is committed to supporting Europe's transition towards a circular, green, and digital economy whilst strengthening its global competitiveness and securing employment. On this foundation, EIT RawMaterials has been mandated by the European Commission to lead and manage the European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA).

EIT RawMaterials is an Innovation Community within the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

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