



## Project Activity



## Registration for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Innovation Network Workshop 2015 is now open!

The **CRM\_InnoNet** project has the pleasure to invite you to its 3<sup>rd</sup> Innovation Network Workshop, which will be held on 11 February 2015 at the [Diamant Conference & Business Centre](#) in Brussels. Following two very successful strategic workshops in [2013](#) and [2014](#), the 3<sup>rd</sup> Innovation Network Workshop will feature presentations from projects concerned with substitution and critical raw materials (CRMs) both at the European and national level.

The workshop is open to all stakeholders who are involved in any part of the value chain of CRMs and willing to network and exchange ideas and visions for enhancing the competitiveness of the EU R&D&I, industry and economy in the area of substitution of CRMs. Attendance is free of charge and travel support is available for SME (small and medium enterprise) attendees.

To register, click [here](#). For more information about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Innovation Network Workshop, the programme and speakers, visit the **CRM\_InnoNet** website on [www.criticalrawmaterials.eu/](http://www.criticalrawmaterials.eu/).

## Public consultation for the CRM\_InnoNet Substitution Roadmaps opens in January 2015!

**CRM\_InnoNet** has been working towards producing substitution roadmaps CRMs in 5 high priority application themes, which were identified during the course of the project as:

1. Batteries & Accumulators
2. High-value Alloys
3. Motors & Drives
4. Photonics
5. Printed Circuit Boards

As the roadmapping work is approaching its final stage, **CRM\_InnoNet** will shortly be launching a public consultation to give the stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the findings. Going forward, the roadmaps will form the basis for a set of policy recommendations to conclude the **CRM\_InnoNet** project. The roadmaps will be publicly available on the [CRM\\_InnoNet website](#).

The roadmap consultation will be launched in January 2015 and will be open for four weeks. Details on how to participate will be disseminated via the [CRM\\_InnoNet website](#) and by email.

## Upcoming Events

- **13 January 2015:** [EIP Raw Materials High Level Conference](#), Brussels
- **11 February 2015:** [3<sup>rd</sup> Innovation Network](#), Brussels
- **25-27 February 2015:** [Energy & Materials Research Conference](#), Madrid
- **25-27 March 2015:** [MEFORM 2015](#), Freiberg
- **11-15 May 2015:** [EMRS Spring Meeting](#), Lille

General enquiries and comments? Email [criticalrawmaterials@ktn-uk.org](mailto:criticalrawmaterials@ktn-uk.org) or find us on [Twitter@CRM\\_InnoNet](#)

## Value and Continuation of the Innovation Network – We need your feedback!

After two years of operation and striving towards an integrated community focused on innovation in CRM substitution, we seek your feedback on the value and continuation of the Innovation Network created by **CRM\_InnoNet**. Your opinion is of great value and will help determine the strategic direction of the Innovation Network in the future. To access the brief



survey, click [here](#) or visit [CRM\\_InnoNet](#). Please contact [Nader Akil](#) for further information.

## Close-up on DAPP

D'Appolonia S.p.A, originally established in 1956, is a consulting & engineering company located in 20 offices worldwide that joined RINA Group in 2011. D'Appolonia is a team of 700 engineers, consultants, designers, planners and specialists supporting public and private clients from concept to decommissioning, through consultancy, design, management, operation and maintenance. D'Appolonia also offers technical capabilities to cover all aspects related to environment, health and safety, geosciences and innovation.

**In CRM\_InnoNet**, D'Appolonia is leading the development of methodology and the prioritisation of sectors and technologies for substitution. D'Appolonia supports the analysis and development of the roadmaps, exploiting experience in industrial development. For more information about D'Appolonia's contribution to the project, please contact [Nicolò Olivieri](#).

## Calls of the Horizon 2020 on Societal Challenge 5 presented in Brussels

The [Executive Agency for SMEs \(EASME\)](#) presented the Calls of the Horizon 2020 for 2015 at an Information Day on 17 November, 2014, in Brussels. The focus of the day was on the Societal Challenge 5: Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials. The purpose was to present the calls under Work Programme 2015 to the potential applicants as well as to provide guidance on the preparation and submission of proposals. The six brokerage sessions planned in the afternoon gave the opportunity for networking. All presentations and a video recording with integrated slides can be found on the EASME website: [http://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/environment\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/environment_en.htm)

## Innovation in Raw Materials Policies, Technologies and Strategies

The availability of raw materials and their sustainable use is of increasing concern in Europe and globally and is a significant focus for research and innovation activity. [Cefic](#), together with [ERRIN](#) and the [East & North Finland EU Office](#), organised a seminar on 22 October at Norway House in Brussels to discuss and demonstrate how European Regions and the Chemical Industry can work together to address the challenges in this area. With around 30 million EU jobs depending on the availability of raw materials, there is a need to bring innovation and new ideas into the sector in terms of policy initiatives, such as the future [Raw Materials Knowledge Innovation Community \(KIC\)](#), the [European Innovation Platform \(EIP\) on Raw Materials](#), and the [SPIRE \(Sustainable Process Industries through Resource and Energy Efficiency\) PPP](#).

Cefic Executive Director for research and innovation, Gernot Klotz, and SPIRE PPP Executive Director, Loredana Ghinea, were there to present the industry perspective and the way forward. The seminar was followed by two brokerage sessions on H2020 Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials – Raw Materials Call, and on SPIRE 7 for 2015.

All presentations of the event will be soon made available on <http://www.errin.eu/>. For more information, please contact [Antonia Morales](#), Cefic innovation manager.



## Get involved!

Share your expertise and knowledge about substitution of critical raw materials with the Innovation Network of CRM\_InnoNet at [www.criticalrawmaterials.eu](http://www.criticalrawmaterials.eu).

