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SCRREEN project 1st Expert Group Meetings and Clustering Workshop of EU funded projects – Brussels-Belgium, 28-29 June 2017

On June 28th and 29th of 2017, the first SCRREEN clustering event was held in Brussels Progress Hotel back to back with the first two Expert Group meetings on the topics of Policy and Resources. In the context of SCRREEN, the aim of the clustering events is to bring together coordinators of critical raw materials (CRM) related projects to identify issues of common interest and define means to increase the value of the projects' respective outcomes.

For this first CLUSTERING event, emphasis was placed on projects dealing with resources (primary and secondary CRM). An analysis of ongoing projects allowed to identify a total of 16 EU financed projects dealing with resources. From this extensive list, 9 project coordinators joined the CLUSTERING event and shared information about their work and objectives. The projects represented in the event were the following: MSP-REFRAM, SMARTGROUND, MIN-GUIDE, MINFUTURE, FORAM, VERAM, MINEAPROSUM, EURARE, MINEA.

The information exchange highlighted the areas of synergy across projects for future discussion, and led to the drafting of a milestone communication agenda based on projects' respective developments.

Policy topic

On June 28th, the policy topic was covered. It was highlighted that SCRREEN will present its network and preliminary results at the EU Raw Materials Week (6 – 10 November 2017), to which all workshop participants are warmly invited.

Following the previous (2014) assessment of the criticality of raw materials, a new list will be published in the 2nd half of 2017. This will include some new abiotic and biotic materials, as well as individual assessments of materials that were previously grouped. An introduction was provided to the Report on CRM in the circular economy, to be issued in 2017.

The second part of the day, the session continued with a round table where two preparatory questions were addressed for the invited policy experts.

- 1) What prevents the creation of an enabling interrelated sectoral policy (economic, environmental, social) for CRM?
- 2) What actions already exist, if any, at national level in order to enhance the policy response to CRM? What actions are needed?

To finalize the session, interdisciplinary working groups of approximately 5-6 participants worked together to discuss the highest priority for several topics such as, goals that need to be focused on during the EG workshops on CRM Government & Policies; success factors that enable the integration of CRM into standards, policies, strategies and regulatory frameworks; best practices, learning experiences, and the first draft of policy recommendations.



Resources topic

Chaired by W. Eberhard Falck (MinPol), the focus on the second day was placed on the Resources Work Package. Gian Andrea Blengini (JRC Raw Materials Project Team) provided the main insights to the revision of the methodology to calculate raw materials' criticality. The methodology and full background report will be published in 2017 together with the list of CRMs.

Daniel de Oliveira (LNEG) moderated the interactive knowledge mapping on the assessment of expert's coverage with respect to CRM (2014 list) primary and secondary resources data. The moderated inventory resulted in various observations with respect to data issues and gaps.

The second day of the meetings ended with a moderated discussion on the following topic: *CRM data needs on primary and secondary resources – where and how can we improve our knowledge?*

Conclusions of the above-mentioned discussions will be explained in detail in the summary of the meetings that will be available on the SCRREEN website.

Interviews

During these meetings, the project coordinator Stéphane Bourg, as well as several experts, and work package/task leaders, were interviewed. The videos provide a clear explanation of the SCRREEN project, its objectives and impact. The videos are available here: <http://screen.eu/promotional-material/#videos>

To learn more about the SCRREEN project purpose and keep up with the latest updates, visit the dedicated website [here](#).





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