

Entrepreneurs' Forum

Why Do We Need Minerals?

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The event is held under the auspices of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

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09:00 - 12:30

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09.00 Welcome address

Maria Panayiotou, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment

09.15 Minerals for a modern life, Why do we need raw materials for Europe's resilience?

Antonis Antoniou Latouros, President Aggregates Europe

Alison Saxby, Industrial and Critical Minerals Expert, Project Blue

Mr Dionysios Gkoutis, General Manager, Hellenic Survey of Geology & Mineral Exploration and Energy, Greece

9.35 The European perspective

Kerstin Jorna, Director General of Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW), European Commission

10.00 The Cypriot perspective

Costas Costantinou, Permanent Secretary of the Directorate General for the Environment, Cyprus

10.25 Coffee break

10.45 Ask the experts: In conversation with the audience. How can we best manage raw materials, and which strategies help us mitigate risk and secure reliable supply?

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Alison Saxby, Industrial and Critical Minerals Expert, Project Blue

N.N., BirdLife Europe

Costas Costantinou, Permanent Secretary of the Directorate General for the Environment

Nektarios Michail, Chief Economists at Bank of Cyprus

Bernd Schäfer, CEO and Managing Director of EIT Raw Materials

Moderators: Dirk Fincke (Aggregates Europe) & Tristan Suffys (Eurogypsum)

12.00 The way ahead: What is needed to achieve Europe's resilience? Key takeaways from the leader of raw materials industries

Antonis Antoniou Latouros, President Aggregates Europe

Jan Moström, President and CEO LKAB and President Euromines

Christoph Dorn, Member of the Group Management Committee for the Knauf Region Central Europe and President of Eurogypsum

Kostas Yazitzoglou, President of the Greek Mining Enterprises Association

Moderator: Mark Rachovides (President emeritus Euromines)

12.30 End of event