## EIS Successful SuperCluster Event on Mineral Raw Materials Brings Together 124 Industry Experts

Rovaniemi, Lapland — 30-31 October 2023 — <u>Exploration Information System (EIS)</u> is thrilled to announce the successful completion of the <u>EU SuperCluster Event</u> on current technological challenges and topics within the Raw Materials sector. The event attracted a record-breaking attendance of 124 industry experts, researchers, and professionals from around the world. The event, held on the 30-31 October 2023, served as an invaluable platform for exchanging knowledge and ideas in the critical field of raw materials exploration. It was by far the biggest clustering event of the European Union funded projects in the field of mineral raw materials.

The SuperCluster Event, hosted at Santa's Hotel Santa Claus in Rovaniemi, featured an array of engaging presentations, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, providing attendees with an in-depth understanding of the latest developments and challenges in the exploration of raw materials. Invited speakers, industry leaders, and experts in the field shared their insights on cutting-edge technologies, sustainable practices, and global trends that are reshaping the raw materials industry.

Highlights of the event included:

- Oral presentations: Distinguished speakers from leading organizations in the raw materials sector shared their insights on the future of exploration, sustainability, and innovation in five separate sessions. Thanks to <u>Nick Cook</u> from the <u>University of</u> <u>Queensland</u>, Australia who made an online appearance and initiated the idea of this event with EIS project coordinator, <u>GTK</u>.
- Panel Discussions: In-depth panel discussions after each oral session allowed participants to engage in meaningful conversations on topics such as innovative mineral exploration, earth observation in exploration and mining, environmental, social, and governance in exploration and mining, critical raw materials supply, and new frontiers for exploration.
- 3. **Poster Sessions:** Emerging researchers and scientists from 23 EU funded projects had the opportunity to present their findings through poster sessions, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange.
- 4. **Networking Opportunities:** The event provided ample networking opportunities, enabling attendees to establish valuable connections and partnerships within the industry.

"We are delighted with the overwhelming response to our SuperCluster Event on Raw Materials Exploration," **said professor** <u>Vesa Nykänen</u>, **project coordinator of EIS**. "The event served as a testament to the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing the challenges and opportunities in the raw materials sector. We are confident that the knowledge shared here will contribute to the sustainable development of this critical industry and to understanding of the importance of the EU-funded research for the society and industry."



The success of this SuperCluster Event would not have been possible without the contribution of multiple EU projects in Raw Materials and the hard work and dedication of EIS partners.

EIS is a Horizon Europe project, coordinated by <u>Geological Survey of Finland (GTK)</u>, and aims to develop new geomodels and novel, fast, and cost-effective spatial data analysis tools for mineral exploration.

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