

EUROPEAN GREEN WEEK 2025

Proposed Partner Event

Event partners:

- European Federation of Geologists (EFG): <https://eurogeologists.eu/>
- RemTech Expo: <https://remtechexpo.com/>
- Geological Survey of Belgium: <https://gsb.naturalsciences.be/>
- Geologica Belgica Luxemburga (GBLsp): <https://geologicabelgica.be/>
- Horizon Europe FIC-Fighters project: <https://fic-fighters.eu/>

Event format:

- ◆ Interactive roundtable discussion
- ◆ Target audience: EU institutional representatives, public authorities, industry experts



Date: 4 June 2025



Time: 10:30 - 12:00 CEST



Location: European Committee of the Regions (+ live streaming)



Title: " Urban Mining: Unlocking Secondary Resources for a Circular Economy"

Programme:

10:30 - 10:50 | Welcome & Opening Remarks

Moderator: Rudi Ruggeri - CNG

Welcome and high-level speeches:

- ***The role of geoscience in supporting urban mining and circular economy strategies at the local level***
David Govoni, President, European Federation of Geologists (EFG)
- ***How RemTech Expo fosters innovation and collaboration in sustainable resource management***
Silvia Paparella, General Manager, RemTech Expo
- ***The importance of local and regional authorities in promoting circular economy policies and urban mining initiatives***
Kata Tüttő, President, European Committee of the Regions (CoR) (tbc)
- ***EU policies and regulatory frameworks supporting urban mining and secondary raw materials***
Ion Codescu, Head of Unit, European Commission DG Environment (tbc)
- ***Legislative perspectives and future European Parliament initiatives on circular economy and critical raw materials***
Antonio Decaro, Member of the European Parliament, ENVI Committee (tbc)

10:50 - 11:50 | *Interactive Roundtable: "Urban mining: Challenges and Opportunities for Local Sustainability"*

Moderator: Rudi Ruggeri - CNG

Roundtable participants:

1. Christian Burlet, Geologist, Geological Survey of Belgium
2. Marco Falconi, RemTech Europe Scientific Coordinator and IMPEL Chair
3. Representative of European Committee of the Regions (CoR) (tbc)
4. Luca Proietti, General Director for Circular Economy and Remediation (ECB), Italian Ministry of the Environment
5. Nino Tarantino, Government Sub-Commissioner for Land Reclamation – Italy and member of the European IMPEL Network (tbc)
6. Guy Franceschi, Geologica Belgica Luxemburga
7. Luis Esquivias, Professor, University of Seville, FIC-Fighters project member

11:50 - 12:00 | *Closing Remarks & Call to Action*

Summary of discussion: Anita Stein, European Federation of Geologists (EFG)

Final declarations:

1. European Committee of the Regions (CoR)
2. European Federation of Geologists (EFG)
3. RemTech Expo

12:00 | *Event Closing*