

Preliminary Program: “Ethical Engineering of Prospering Futures (EPPF26): Strategies for Sustainable Raw Materials Development”

Venue: Schlossplatzquartier, Prüferstr. 4, 09599 Freiberg, Room: 1.302

Day 1: Tuesday, 08.09.2026

Time	Program
15:00–15:15	Welcome by the Organizers (Theresa Wand and Gari Walkowitz)
15:15–16:45	<u>Conference Session 1: Case Studies</u> (Chair: Sanja Frajtić) ▪ Anna Meyer & Emorfia Konstantinidi: Investigating Social License to Operate Processes and their Framing: The Case of Hellas Gold SA and the Dynamics of Saliency and Erasure ▪ Jovan Milićević: From resource opportunity to social conflict - Understanding the Jadar project ▪ Sanja Frajtić: Ethical Aspects of Stakeholder Engagement in the Cassandra Mining Project
16:45–17:15	Coffee Break
17:15–18:15	<u>Keynote 1: Michael Tost</u> Chair of Mining Engineering and Mineral, Economics, Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria ▪ <i>SLO in Mining: What is it, why is it needed, how does it work, where does it break?</i>
19:00	Conference Dinner at Terra Mineralia

Day 2: Wednesday, 09.09.2026

Time	Program
09:00–10:00	<u>Keynote 2: Kristina Sehlin MacNeil</u> Várdduo - Centre for Sámi Research, Umeå University, Sweden <i>Indigenous Perspectives on Corporate Social and Sustainability Responsibility: Rethinking Extractive Practices on Indigenous Lands</i>
10:00–10:30	Coffee Break
10:30–12:00	<u>Conference Session 2: Policy</u> (Chair: Gülsüm Varol Deniz) ▪ Franziska Oehm: Opening the Door to an Unjust Transition? The European Union’s Strategic Partnership Agreements on Raw Materials and the Lack of Inclusion of Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence in EU Trade Policy ▪ Martin Kofi Mensah: Building Trust in Resource-Dependent Communities: Lessons from Community-Based Mining Initiatives in Africa ▪ Gülsüm Varol Deniz: Multi-Level Social Acceptance in Primary Raw Materials and Its Impact on Future EU Supply
12:00–13:00	Lunch Break

13:00–14:00	Conference Session 3: Sustainability (online) (Chair: Gari Walkowitz) ▪ Gregory Poelzer: Supply disruptions: the case of Nickel supply chains ▪ Agnieszka Nowaczek: Social ESG Reporting Indicators Based on the Example of a Sand Mine
14:00–14:30	Coffee Break
14:30–16:00	Conference Session 4: Sustainability II (Chair: Maximilian Erdmann) ▪ Philipp Büttner: Old Burdens and New Burdens - Rethinking Tailings Management for Sustainable Resource Futures ▪ Fernando Bruna: The EU principles for sustainable raw materials in the Horizon Europe TiBeRIUM project (2026-2030) ▪ Maximilian Erdmann: Circular Responsibility Alliances: Rethinking Responsibility in the Transformation towards Circular Economy
16:00–16:30	Coffee Break
16:30–18:00	Open Symposium
21:00	Night Tour in Freiberg

Day 3: Thursday, 10.09.2026

Time	Program
08:30–09:30	<u>Keynote 3: Michael Paul</u> Managing Director, Technical Division, Wismut GmbH, Germany <i>Lessons Learned -Stakeholder Communication Throughout the Mining Life Cycle</i>
9:30–10:00	Coffee Break
10:00–11:00	Conference Session 5: Responsibility (Chair: Gari Walkowitz) ▪ Falk Ebersbach: Insights on Public Relations, Acceptance, and Social Compatibility from the Perspective of a Regulatory Authority ▪ Irene Christodoulou: The new RM “SLO PLUS HUB”
11:00–11:15	Farewell (Theresa Wand and Gari Walkowitz)
11:15–11:45	Coffee Break

All times are listed in CEST (Central European Summer Time). Participants in time zones with a time difference of several hours will have the option to watch a recording of the sessions. We are currently organizing short virtual Q&A sessions with some of the speakers at convenient times. We will keep you updated.

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