SINReM
International Master of Science in Sustainable and Innovative Natural Resource Management

Be bold. Be innovative. Take action...
You Want to Make a Difference …

... for yourself? ... for the environment? ... for the way we use the Earth’s resources? But you don’t know how …

- Are you someone who can see the bigger picture?
- Are you curious about exploring other countries and cultures?
- You enjoy working independently and studying in groups on case-studies and projects?
- Do you want to research and develop solutions for tomorrow’s problems? Can you apply these technical solutions creatively?
- Do you want to implement your own ideas? Maybe you want to work in a company that you’ve built yourself or with a group of close colleagues?

We have developed a programme in which you:

- Study together in an international group at three excellent universities across three European countries
- Research new technologies such as the recycling of Earth’s natural resources together with other young scientists, lecturers and industry representatives
- Will be part of a large community of 115 universities, research institutes and companies from 22 countries, who will work together to carefully and sustainably deal with critical raw materials
- Aim to start your own business or use your new skills in an established company in a variety of fields

Then you have found what you have been looking for.
... with your international group of students in three European countries at excellent universities

... together with scientists and experts from industry with extensive experience in the field

... with the aim of starting your own business, or to use your innovation skills in an existing company to recycle critical materials

Be part of a large community of 115 universities, research institutes and companies from 22 countries within the EIT Raw Materials

Work together with peers from a diverse background to carefully and sustainably deal with the Earth’s resources

Instigate a paradigm shift in the industry by developing a holistic view on raw materials processing
Our Aim is Entrepreneurial Spirit

SINReM will:

- Educate and train the next generation of professional ‘Resource Engineers’
- Focus on developing concepts and technology throughout the value chain of raw materials to increase sustainability

As a successful graduate you will have developed:

- A holistic view of the entire value chain and circular economy, with a deeper understanding of one specific topic, developing into T-shaped professionals
- Technical skills for optimising different parts of the processing chain; from exploration, to recycling and replacement
- A highly entrepreneurial mind-set with a strong focus on innovation
- An increased sense of initiative, self-empowerment and self-esteem
- Skills for creative problem solving
Joint Teaching Programme

Year 1: Foundation
- Holistic perspective on the value chain – circular economy
- Science and engineering aspects of raw material processing
- Basics of exploration and economics for entrepreneurs

Specialisation and MSc project
- Resource Recovery and Sustainable Materials
- Sustainable Processes
- Geo-resource Exploration

Graduates start their own company, work in industry or begin a PhD

Entrepreneurial Skills and Training in Industry
## Year 1: Holistic view on value & process chain

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<th>Problems and Innovations in the Process Chain of Rare Materials</th>
<th>Introduction to the Circular Economy, Economics and Management of Natural Resources</th>
<th>Georesource Exploration and Characterisation</th>
<th>Summer School Resources Chemistry (Chemical foundation of raw materials processing technology)</th>
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<td>One day theory, one day industrial application for each step along the process chain</td>
<td>(4 ECTS)</td>
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<td>September TU Bergakademie Freiberg</td>
<td>September–January Ghent University</td>
<td>January–June Uppsala University</td>
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## Year 2: Deep understanding of one subject area

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<th>Georesource Exploration and Assessment</th>
<th>Sustainable Processes</th>
<th>Sustainable Resource Recovery/Recycling and Sustainable Materials (substitution)</th>
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**T-shaped Professionals**

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**TU Bergakademie Freiberg**

**September–January**

**Ghent University**

**January–June**

**Uppsala University**

**June–July**

**TU Bergakademie Freiberg**
# Key Entrepreneurial Skills

## Year 1

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<th>Induction Week</th>
<th>Two-week Course on the Entire Value Chain</th>
<th>Core Module</th>
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<td>Guest lecture with case study where a supply chain challenge was turned into an economic opportunity</td>
<td>Meet the Founders interviews/talks with company founders (successful and unsuccessful) from the raw materials sector</td>
<td>Innovation Management, Entrepreneurship and IPR</td>
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<td>(Industry partner)</td>
<td>(Freiberg school of Entrepreneurship SAXEED)</td>
<td>Uppsala School of Entrepreneurship (10 ECTS)</td>
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### September
- Ghent University
- TU Bergakademie Freiberg
- Uppsala University
- January–June
- TU Bergakademie Freiberg

## Year 2

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<td>Small groups review literature of a research field with application potential (TRL &lt; 6) and develop a business plan (supported by Freiberg school of Entrepreneurship SAXEED) (5 ECTS)</td>
<td>Meet the Founders interviews/talks with company founders (successful and unsuccessful) from the raw materials sector (Freiberg school of Entrepreneurship SAXEED)</td>
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### Master Thesis
- Students get the possibility to do applied research in collaboration with industry.
- If they want to develop a start-up, they get support by the technology transfer departments and the EIT Raw Materials Community.

### Training in industry
- all partners (Coordinated by TU Bergakademie Freiberg)

### Literature Study and Business Plan
- October–January
- TU Bergakademie Freiberg (online)
- February–June
- all 3 Universities

### Summer School
- June–July
- TU Bergakademie Freiberg

### Literature Study and Business Plan
- January–June
- Uppsala University

### Literature Study and Business Plan
- February–June
- all 3 Universities

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About the SINReM Partners

Both Ghent University and Uppsala University are highly regarded in international rankings, respectively 90th and 98th in the Times University ranking (2014) and 62th and 60th in the Shanghai Academic Ranking (2016). TU Bergakademie Freiberg is the oldest mining university in the world with extensive expertise on natural resources. It has close ties with many industrial partners, and for many years has been one of the most successfully German universities regarding technology transfer into start ups.

Uppsala University supplies their expertise in the exploration of novel geo-resources, innovation management and entrepreneurial training in the raw materials sector. The TU Bergakademie Freiberg offers its proficiency in sustainable and environmentally-friendly extraction technologies, as well as raw material recovery processes. Ghent University will contribute through its leading Centre for Environmental Technologies, as well as its focus on biotechnology, the design and use of sustainable materials and recovery of resources from waste.

The SINReM consortium will be complemented by a range of industrial partners focused on mining and geo-resource exploration, chemical and environmental technology, development of sustainable materials and recycling technology.

Non-academic partners:

Umicore—a global materials technology group, a pioneer in the recycling sector

BASF—the world’s leading chemical group with more than 100,000 employees worldwide

Sandvik—a high-technology tools and tooling systems engineering group in more than 150 countries

VITO—the largest Belgian research institution active in the fields of energy, environment and materials
Programme costs

Programme costs cover institutional tuition fees, insurance and participation in all teaching activities of the programme, including lab courses, excursions and MSc research project. For European Students (EU, European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland) programme costs are normally 6,000 €/year. For all other students the programme cost is set at 12,000 €/year.

A number of Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) scholarships are available for both European and non-European students. Furthermore, students can apply for an EIT scholarship up to 4,500 €/year in combination with a fee waiver down to 2,000 €/year assigned by the SINReM programme consortium.

All students can apply for travel scholarships to cover travel and accommodation during selected parts of the programme.

You can find more information about scholarships at: http://sinrem.eu

Admissions requirements

A Bachelor’s degree (minimum 180 ECTS) in engineering or science including 15 ECTS in mathematics and/or physics and 10 ECTS in chemistry, or an equivalent qualification from a recognised University or Engineering College

Candidates with the following nationalities:
Australia, Botswana, Canada, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, UK, USA, Zambia, and Zimbabwe: successful completion of 60 ECTS (or equivalent) in a degree programme held in English at a Higher Education Institution

All other candidates: English language test with the following minimum requirements:
- TOEFL IBT 86
- TOEFL PBT 570
- ACADEMIC IELTS 6,5 overall score with a min. of 6 for writing
  (validity of 5 years; TOEFL/IELTS predictive tests and TOEIC cannot be accepted)

Admissions: You can apply for the SINReM programme through the application portal: https://sinrem.eu/application-sinrem-programme/

Application deadline: Non-EU applicants – 1 March for the following winter semester; EU applicants – 1 June for the following winter semester. Academic admission is required before starting the programme. It will be granted based on the admission requirements and an evaluation by the SINReM Management Board. During the application process, it is within the responsibility of the candidate to provide documents to show that they meet the admission requirements.

Successful candidates will receive a letter of admission, signed by the Registrar of Ghent University, in the name of the SINReM consortium. Detailed information on the procedure and the application form will be available then. If you wish to receive further information, contact us via: applications.itc@ugent.be.