

# Systemic Change for Responsible Sourcing

Not (just) 5 people talking

Let's come together and make it work better

*RE-SOURCING Conference 2023, 21-22 September 2023  
at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (Austria)*

At this conference, the [RE-SOURCING project](#) will present and leverage its **key results for setting a future work agenda on responsible sourcing** in mineral value chains. The conference will adopt a systemic lens: In interactive sessions participants will work together towards **a common understanding of root causes and hot spots inhibiting needed systemic change as well as a look forward and a way on where to go from here**. Participants will also have the chance to learn more about responsible sourcing in the three focus sectors of renewable energy, mobility and electronics.

Responsible Sourcing has gained traction both on political and business levels through an increasing number of standards and initiatives, legislations, uptake and innovation of good practices, as well as higher awareness on its importance. At the same time, the effectiveness of these efforts remains under scrutiny by many because evident impact on a larger scale has yet to come. Assuming that a systemic challenge such as the realization of responsible sourcing along and across Global Value Chains (GVCs) does not allow any single actor to independently achieve desired impact, what is missing and how to best move forward instead of waiting for everyone else?

## Agenda

Day 1 – 21 September 2023 – Conference Day & Networking		
09:30	10:00	Registration & Welcome
10:00	10:15	Opening
10:15	10:30	<b>European Commission</b>
10:30	11:15	<b>Panel 1 – Understanding systemic challenges and change</b>
11:15	11:45	Coffee break
11:45	13:15	<b>Parallel Sessions – Challenges and solutions for catalysing systemic change</b>
13:15	14:30	Lunch & Networking
14:30	16:00	<b>Launch of the OECD Handbook on Environmental Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains</b>
16:00	16:30	Coffee break
16:30	16:45	<b>Quick wrap up on workshop results</b>
16:45	17:30	<b>Panel 2 – Realising solutions for catalysing systemic change</b>
17:30	18:00	Closing & Outlook
19:00	-	Networking dinner
Day 2 – 22 September 2023 – Workshop Day		
09:30	11:00	<b>Ensuring responsible sourcing through the application of the UN Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) as a holistic classification scheme</b> - EIT Raw Materials, UNECE
		<b>How to conduct water and biodiversity risk assessments using the WWF Risk Filter Suite</b> - WWF
11:00	11:30	Coffee break
11:30	13:00	<b>An approach to CRMS traceability and certification into a digital product passport</b> - MaDiTraCe
		<b>Success Stories of Supply Chain Responsibility</b> - Vienna University of Economics and Business

## Speakers

In line with our various [previous events](#), panel speakers will be high-level experts across stakeholder groups with special focus on adequate industry, policy and civil society representation. The following panelists are confirmed:

### Panel 1:

[Bryony Clear Hill](#) (Manager Standards, Reporting and Circular Economy, ICMM),

[Masuma Farooki](#) from the RE-SOURCING Team,

[Anna Leitner](#) (Global 2000, Resources and Supply Chains)

Maria Nyberg (European Commission, DG Grow),

### Panel 2:

[Bryony Clear Hill](#) (Manager Standards, Reporting and Circular Economy, ICMM),

[Masuma Farooki](#) from the RE-SOURCING Team,

[Louis Maréchal](#) (OECD RBC, Policy Advisor),

[Luciana Rendace](#) (Drive Sustainability, Responsible Sourcing and Human Rights Due Diligence)

### OECD Handbook launch:

[Mark van der Wal](#) (IUCN-NL, Senior Ecologist)

[Djaheezah Subratty](#) (UNEP, Senior Programme Management Officer)

[Lisa Zschunke](#) (Umicore, Responsible Sourcing of Battery Materials)

[Louis Maréchal](#) (OECD RBC, Policy Advisor),

[Jan Knacksterdt](#) (Mercedes, Sustainable Supply Chains)

## Day 1 – 21 September 2023

The conference will start with an **introduction on the RE-SOURCING project's work and major results**, followed by a keynote on the history and ecosystem of responsible sourcing including the major challenges currently faced by it.

### Setting the scene: Understanding systemic change

**Panel 1** will uncover the systemic issues of responsible sourcing which cannot be overcome by one actor alone. Identifying the relevant single actors, coalitions and how they actually and potentially influence responsible sourcing through their actions.

Masuma Farooki from the RE-SOURCING team will be joined by Maria Nyberg from the European Commission, Bryony Clear Hill representing ICMM, and Anna Leitner from Global 2000 to discuss the following topics:

- What needs does Responsible Sourcing address and why has success been limited?
- What are the systemic factors inhibiting progress (e.g. institutional, societal, geopolitical, etc.)?
- Why do certain approaches succeed, and others don't (based on examples)?
- We need harmonisation and a global agenda on the one hand, but diversity and local prioritization on the other. How to reconcile these two?

### The Workshop Session: Challenges and solutions for catalysing systemic change

During the **workshop sessions**, participants will get the opportunity to work out solutions of the problems uncovered in the first part. Small parallel working groups aim at further identifying, concretising and visualizing actual systemic inhibiting factors. The results of each group will be shared to form the basis of the next part: possible solutions to approach issues that undermine or facilitate systemic change. Participants will address the question of how to go from the current status to efficiently and effectively advance responsible sourcing together, including the major actors and their respective responsibilities. Participants will get the opportunity to work out solutions of the problems uncovered in the first part. The results of the workshops session will feed into panel 2.

## Realising solutions: Catalysing systemic change

**Panel 2** will conclude the main program of the conference and build on the results of the workshop session. This dynamic session will be facilitated by a distinguished panel featuring Masuma Farooki from the RE-SOURCING team, Louis Maréchal representing the OECD, Bryony Clear Hill from ICMM, and Luciana Rendace of the Drive Sustainability initiative. Together, they will explore potential leverage points and actionable strategies while conference participants will be actively encouraged to contribute their questions and arguments.

### **The Launch of the OECD Handbook on Environmental Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains**

Against the backdrop of minerals' critical role in the energy and digital transitions, the OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct has developed a Handbook on Environmental Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains to help meet the growing demand for practical support on implementing due diligence recommendations to address adverse environmental impacts in this sector. This session will present the final Handbook and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss how due diligence can help enterprises to put in place effective measures to cease, prevent, mitigate, and in some cases remediate environmental impacts in global mineral supply chains.

## **Day 2 – 22 September 2023**

Day 2 of the conference will be dedicated to **workshops and trainings** organised by expert partner organisations on current hot topics. This will give you the opportunity to expand the knowledge base for the implementation of Responsible Sourcing.

### **List of workshops:**

- **Ensuring responsible sourcing through the application of the UN Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) as a holistic classification scheme** – EIT Raw Materials, UNECE

This seminar is showcasing the UNFC project classification, specifically its relevance to assess the environmental, social and governance (ESG) components of raw material projects. It combines theory and real-case experiences, including European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA) investment case application. Patrick Nadoll (EIT Raw Materials), Massimo Gasparon (ERMA), Ghadi Sabra (Politecnico di Torino) and Slavko Solar (UNECE) will be guiding you through the following topics:

- Introduction to the UNFC Framework and comparison to the CRIRSCO Template
- ESG in the UNFC Framework
- ERMA investment case classification using UNFC
- Case examples will be used and discusses in groups

- **How to conduct water and biodiversity risk assessments using the WWF Risk Filter Suite** – WWF

Understanding your nature-related risks is the first step towards taking meaningful action to reduce those risks and contribute to a more sustainable future. The WWF's Risk Filter tools - the Water Risk Filter and Biodiversity Risk Filter - enable companies and investors to assess and respond to nature-related risks to strengthen resilience. In this training session with Isabel Meza (WWF), you will learn how to conduct water and biodiversity risk assessments for your global value chains using the WWF Risk Filter Suite online platform.

- **An approach to CRMS traceability and certification into a digital product passport** – MaDiTraCe

Global commodity flows and regulatory frameworks pertaining to critical raw materials (CRMs) are high on the European economic and political agenda. Companies are also facing increased pressure to responsibly extract, process and source materials as initiatives such as the EU Battery regulation and the EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence come into force. This makes standardised certification schemes, transparent and secure traceability, and decentralised confidential data handling imperative. The Horizon Europe project MaDiTraCe aims to provide tools and solutions in this particular topic.

- **Success Stories of Supply Chain Responsibility** – Vienna University of Economics and Business

This workshop hosted by the Institute for Managing Sustainability of the Vienna University of Economics and Business presents key results of a study on supply chain responsibility funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy. The study describes twelve success stories of companies which implemented innovative measures in their supply chains and view supply chain responsibility as a strategic opportunity, enabling them to develop innovative solutions and gain competitive advantages. During the workshop, the success stories of the following twelve companies and the business case for responsible supply chains will be presented and discussed with representatives of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour and Economy.

1. The **Greiner Group** manufactures plastic and foam solutions, as well as machinery and equipment for various industries.
2. The **Semperit Group** is specialized in the production of industrial rubber and plastic products.
3. As a distinct business unit within the Nestlé Group, **Nespresso** is a leading provider of coffee and coffee machines.
4. Originally founded in Austria, **Kelly Snacks** produces and distributes a variety of savory snacks and has been a part of the German Intersnack Group since 2008.
5. **RHI Magnesita** is an international provider of refractory solutions.
6. **Stoelzle Glass Group** is a global supplier of glass packaging.
7. **ZKW Group** is a global provider of lighting systems for the automotive industry.
8. **Infineon Technologies AG** is a globally operating manufacturer of semiconductor solutions, with a major production site in Austria.
9. **Saint-Gobain Austria** brings together various companies in the construction industry, such as Rigips and Kaimann.
10. **Rhomberg Bau** offers services and planning for the construction industry.
11. **EVVA Sicherheitstechnologie GmbH** provides access control systems.
12. As a medium-sized family-owned business **Fahren Gärtner** manufactures flags and banners.

The **RE-SOURCING project** is an EU-funded Multi-Stakeholder Platform that aims to advance Responsible Sourcing of raw materials along and across global mineral value chains. It strives to promote both strategic agenda setting and coherent application of practices for Responsible Sourcing.

RE-SOURCING is developing visions & roadmaps for the three key sectors of [Renewable Energy](#), [Mobility](#) and [Electric & Electronic Equipment](#). We support a sustainable transition based on environmentally friendly, socially equitable and economically profitable sourcing in global mineral value chains. More information on our project and our achievements can be found on our website: <http://re-sourcing.eu/> and our [LinkedIn page](#).

Stay updated on the **latest information on the conference** on the [LinkedIn event page](#) or on our website: [bit.ly/rs23info](http://bit.ly/rs23info). If you have any **questions**, please refer to: [info@re-sourcing.eu](mailto:info@re-sourcing.eu) or [mariana.kovacic-lukic@wu.ac.at](mailto:mariana.kovacic-lukic@wu.ac.at).

### Register for the event!

As the number of available seats for this workshop is limited, we kindly request you to secure your spot by registering here: [bit.ly/rs23register](http://bit.ly/rs23register)  
Participation is free of charge.

### The Event Location

The conference will be hosted on the campus of the **Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)** at Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, AUSTRIA. The campus plan can be found [here](#).

The WU campus can be reached via the following lines:

- Metro line U2 at the stations Messe-Prater and Krieau
- Bus line 82A at the stations Krieau, Trabrennstraße and Südportalstraße
- tram line 1 at the station Prater Hauptallee

Getting to the WU campus from Vienna International Airport (VIE) takes approximately 1 hour by public transport and around 25 minutes by car. Parking is available at the parking garage at Trabrennstraße 5, 1020 Vienna.

### Where to Sleep

Hotel	Address	Website	Walking distance to WU campus
Bassena Wien Messe Prater	Messestraße 2, 1020 Vienna	<a href="https://bassenahotels.com/en/Hotels/Wien-Messe-Prater">https://bassenahotels.com/en/Hotels/Wien-Messe-Prater</a>	1 min.
Courtyard Marriott Wien Messe	Trabrennstraße 4, 1020 Vienna	<a href="https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/viefg-courtyard-vienna-prater-messe/">https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/viefg-courtyard-vienna-prater-messe/</a>	1 min.
Hampton bei Hilton Vienna Messe	Perspektivstraße 10, 1020 Vienna	<a href="https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/vienahx-hampton-vienna-messe/">https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/vienahx-hampton-vienna-messe/</a>	2 min.
Superbude Wien Prater	Perspektivstraße 8, 1020 Vienna	<a href="https://www.superbude.com/hotel-wien/prater">https://www.superbude.com/hotel-wien/prater</a>	2 min.
Zoku	Perspektivstraße 6, 1020 Vienna	<a href="https://livezoku.com/vienna/">https://livezoku.com/vienna/</a>	3 min.
Motel One Wien-Prater	Ausstellungsstraße 40, 1020 Vienna	<a href="http://www.motel-one.at/">http://www.motel-one.at/</a>	6 min.
Bassena Wien Donaustadt	Engerthstraße 173-175, 1020 Vienna	<a href="https://bassenahotels.com/en/Hotels/Wien-Donaustadt">https://bassenahotels.com/en/Hotels/Wien-Donaustadt</a>	26 min.