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## Raw Materials R&I Networking Evening hosted by the Polish National Centre for Research and Innovation - NCBR *Connecting Communities Across Europe*

When: 17 November 2025, 18:00 – 21:00

Where: Business and Science Poland & NCBR Office in Brussels, rue Belliard 40, 5<sup>th</sup> floor

Event linked to [EU Raw Materials Week](#)

Inviting: [National Centre for Research and Development](#) (NCP Department and [Office in Brussels](#))

Partner: [Lukasiewicz Institute of Non-Ferrous Metals](#)

Join us for an **informal networking reception** hosted by the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), bringing together the Polish Raw Materials Research & Innovation (R&I) community and key EU and international stakeholders.

This relaxed evening gathering aims to:

- Strengthen informal links between Polish and European actors in the Raw Materials sector;
- Foster dialogue with national and EU institutions, international initiatives and key stakeholders on R&I objectives for the Raw Materials sector within the framework of EU policies;
- Encourage collaboration ahead of upcoming Horizon Europe calls;
- Provide space for sharing achievements through e-posters and open discussion;

Whether you're a policymaker, researcher, innovator, or industry representative, this is a chance to connect, exchange ideas, and build lasting relationships in a friendly and open atmosphere.

**Participants will be invited to submit e-posters presenting both, their R&I achievements including results of transnational collaborative projects and collaboration offers toward upcoming HE 2026 calls on Raw Materials.**

Event is free of charge, but filling the [application form](#) is required.

More Information at the web page of the event: [Raw Materials Networking Evening](#)

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## Draft Agenda

**18:00-18:30**    **Get together**

**18:30 – 19:30**    **Let's get to know each other: *speeches and stakeholder voices***

**Co-chairs:** *Maria Śmietanka, Deputy Director of NCP Department at NCBR,  
Waldemar Dubaniowski, Director of NCBR Office in Brussels.*

**18:30**    Welcome and setting the scene

*Maria Śmietanka, Deputy Director of NCP Department at NCBR,  
Waldemar Dubaniowski, Director of NCBR Office in Brussels,  
Tomasz Smal, Deputy Director of Łukasiewicz Institute of Non-Ferrous Metals*

**18:40**    Outlook for Raw Materials R&I in Light of EU Policies

- Poland's view: *Wojciech Kupka, Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment*
- EU's perspective: *Agnieszka Skonieczna, Head of Unit in DG Grow, European Commission*

**19:00**    Moderated discussion: strengthening EU-wide collaboration on Raw Materials R&I -  
Insights from PL and EU communities.

*Moderator: Kamila Słupek, Sustainability Director, EuroMetaux,  
Co-moderators: Tomasz Smal, Deputy Director, Łukasiewicz Institute of Non-Ferrous Metals,  
Jarosław Piekarski, PL NCP for Cluster 4, NCBR*

**19:30 – 21:00**    **Networking and establishing relationships**