



Europe Ready to be in the Spotlight at Euro Mine Expo 2014



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As the mining industry gathers for the fourth time on June 10 in Skellefteå, Sweden, the European perspective is in focus and ready to prove itself on a global stage.

Although Europe is rich in natural resources it is a significant net-importer of most metals and minerals needed to sustain the European economy.

The securing of long-term supply of raw materials is crucial and there is an awareness of the need to promote [European mining](#) in order to reduce the import dependency of minerals.

At EU and national levels new policies and strategies are now being developed aiming to strengthening Europe's mineral sector.

The European Commission has stated that non-energy raw materials are vital inputs for the EU economy. At the same time access to such raw material for EU industry and citizens is becoming increasingly difficult.

At the Euro Mine Expo conference in Skellefteå, one day is reserved for the European mining industry. Amongst the speakers we find Marita Ulvskog, member of the European parliament. Ulvskog will speak on the topic Europe's Raw Material Challenges.

An insight into the European Intelligence Network on the Supply of Raw Materials will be delivered by Juha Kaija, GTK, Geological Survey of Finland. Kaija is the project manager of European Commission's FP7 project Minerals4EU.

Sven Renner, Head of the Global Extractive Resources at BGR (Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources), will also contribute by speaking on the topic National Mineral Strategies.

Euro Mine Expo also hosts a trade fair. Ann-Sofie Greander, sales manager for Euro Mine Expo, said: "The exhibition has been growing and will in 2014 cover more than 1600 square meters indoors. 2014 is no exception; the exhibitors registered are not only European, we will

see companies from all over the globe.â

The trade fair with more than 200 exhibitors provides a unique opportunity to meet companies and forge new business contacts in exploration, mining, equipment suppliers, service and consultants.

Euro Mine Expo is held June 10-12 2014 in SkellefteÃ¥, Sweden. The International Trade Fair and Conference for the mining industry and its suppliers will be arranged for the fourth time at the very heart of Swedenâ s mining industry.

More information can be found here: <http://www.eurominexpo.com/>