



## VERAM Newsletter

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Funded by the European Union (EU) under its Horizon 2020 programme, the VERAM project was launched in 2016 with the main objective of producing a common long-term 2050 Vision and Roadmap for relevant raw materials including metals, industrial minerals and aggregates, and wood. This goal is about to be reached thanks to the efforts and engagement of our partners and stakeholders. The vision and roadmap will be presented during the [VERAM Final Conference](#), which will take place on 17 April 2018, in Brussels, and will bring together Research and Innovation organisations, policy makers, national governments, European institutions and industry representatives working in the raw materials sector.

In this edition of the newsletter, we feature an interview with Johan Elvnert, Managing Director of the Forest-based Sector Technology Platform (FTP), a VERAM partner. Johan explains why Europe needs a raw materials research & innovation roadmap and describes what are the main challenges, drivers and opportunities for the raw materials sector by 2050. You will also learn more about some of the materials that were added to the EU's Critical Raw Materials list in 2017 and the outcomes from the last VERAM workshop organised in Brussels on 13-14 February.

We invite you to [register](#) for the VERAM Final Conference and look forward to seeing you in Brussels.

## Zoom-in: Interview with Johan Elvnert, Managing Director of the Forest-based Sector Technology Platform (FTP)



**Johan Elvnert** has been Managing Director of the Forest-based Sector Technology Platform (FTP) since 2011. His role is to coordinate the European research and innovation efforts in the forest-based sector as expressed by the FTP's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda. Johan has been leading the VERAM activities under Work Package 5 related to the establishment and consolidation of the Research and Innovation Roadmap 2050. [Read here the interview.](#)

## The Road Ahead: VERAM Final Conference



Registration is now open for the VERAM Final Conference, “**EU Raw Materials 2050: Roadmap to Success**”, which will take place on **17 April 2018**, at the Royal Flemish Academy of Sciences and Arts, in Brussels. [Learn more here.](#)

## Did you know?



Nine critical raw materials were added to the EU's Critical Raw Materials list. We present you three of the new additions, which stand out as of particular importance to current and future European societal needs. These are: **Hafnium, Natural Rubber and Scandium.** [Find out more here.](#)

## Towards a roadmap to success



A dedicated workshop gave the research and innovation VERAM roadmap its final touch. [See more here.](#)

## Meet the VERAM Partners

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This month we present two of our VERAM partners: FNR and Tecnalía. [Read more here.](#)



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