



Press release

Opening conference of the Romanian-Serbian network for treating the soil contaminated with heavy metals to be held in Timisoara

The project aiming to implement green solutions for decontaminating the soil in the Romanian-Serbian cross-border area with mining activities is implemented by Politehnica University Timisoara (Romania) in partnership with the Mining and Metallurgy Institute Bor (Serbia). The opening conference takes place on Thursday, September 5th, at Check-Inn Hotel in Timisoara, Miorita Street No. 11-13, starting from 10:00. The Joint Steering Committee of the project, reuniting leading experts from both countries has its meeting, to decide on the activities and stages for developing the educational and research network, in charge with initiatives to protect the environment and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources in the cross-border area Romania-Serbia.

The activity of this network is financed by the project "Forming of network for enhancing environmental protection from pollutants of mining cross border areas", acronym NETMIN, eMS no. RORS-308, within the framework of the **Interreg-IPA Cross-border Cooperation Romania-Serbia Programme**.

The project is largely financed by the European Union (85%) and it aims to scientifically assess the quality of the environment and to identify green technologies, leading to the improvement of the quality of the soils and decontaminate them from heavy metals. Also, the project aims at supporting local communities to adopt measures for reducing the pollution due to mining activities and to develop sustainable policies for using natural resources.

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