



## Press release

### **Workshop in Ocna de Fier to discuss the decontamination of the soil in mining areas**

The decontamination of soils polluted with heavy metals due to mining activities can and needs to be dealt with in an integrative manner. It is a topic for teams of experts from different sciences, but also for decision makers and for the inhabitants of the affected areas. Politehnica University Timisoara (Romania) and the Mining and Metallurgy Institute Bor (Serbia) jointly launched a project to develop an educational and research network, in charge with initiatives to protect the environment and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources in the Romanian-Serbian cross-border area.

Thursday, November 7, 2019, from 10:30, the Townhall of Ocna de Fier (Caraş-Severin county), Vale Street no. 107B, hosts a first workshop in a rural mining area, to bring together experts and representatives of the local community, to discuss issues regarding pollution due to mining activities. The aim is to create the basis for informed decisions on the part of local authorities, who can adopt measures to decrease the negative impact of pollution. The workshop also aims at extending the network initiated by Politehnica University Timisoara (Romania) and the Mining and Metallurgy Institute Bor (Serbia) with representatives from Ocna de Fier area. The activities take place in the context of the European Quality Week, the experts involved in the project drawing attention to the issue of the quality of environment in mining areas.

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