



Press release

Workshop and training on decontaminating the soil polluted with heavy metals in mining areas

Politehnica University Timisoara (Romania) and the Mining and Metallurgy Institute Bor (Serbia) jointly launched a project in 2019 to create an educational and research network dealing, in an integrative manner, with the issue of soils polluted due to mining activities. The network will bring together scientists from different domains, but also decision makers and inhabitants of the affected areas, interested in initiatives to protect the environment and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources in the Romanian-Serbian cross-border area.

Thursday, February 20th, 2020 the Research Institute for Renewable Energies in Timisoara (ICER) will host a new workshop on the technical, medical and green technology aspects of decontaminating polluted soils. The workshop includes a training session for the participants, especially young researchers and students, introduced to state-of-art apparatuses and methods for the analysis of soils and testing phytoremedial solutions on actual lots of samples collected from the field in the target areas.

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