

Call for applications

to participate in the

“Adria Innovation Day 2021” in Ljubljana, Slovenia

2 December 2021

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1. Project information

Project name:	17254 - EIT RawMaterials Hub - RCA. Regional Center Adria
Lead Partner:	Geological Survey of Slovenia, GeoZS
Partner responsible for this Call:	Geological Survey of Slovenia, GeoZS

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2. About Adria Innovation Day 2021

This year's edition of the flagship raw materials event in the Adria region will focus on the transfer of knowledge and best practices on the topic of Social License to Operate in the raw materials sector. Together with specific legislative challenges, the acquisition of the Social License to Operate represents one of the major obstacles for the exploration, mining industry in Europe and successful implementation of a circular economy, all strongly supporting the European industry competitiveness on a global scale. Legislative framework and challenges in the ADRIA countries will be presented by the country specific cases with the highlight of lessons learned during their implementation. Representatives of exploration, mining and recycling companies from Adria countries and beyond will share their experiences on the topic. View the full event's programme at <https://www.eitrawmaterials-rcadria.eu/events/adria-innovation-day-2021>.

3. Purpose of the Call for the applications

The purpose of this Call is to **select five (5) participants to receive reimbursement of actual travel and accommodation costs, up to a maximum of EUR 500, to attend the Adria Innovation Day 2021 in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 2 December 2021.**

All interested persons applying must meet the following requirements:

- submit a complete application form as required by this call,
- meet the criteria for receiving financial support.

4. Application process

Applications will be accepted from

17 November 2021 until 29 November 2021 (until 23:59 CEST).

Applications must be submitted in digital format only by sending an application form to rcadria@eitrawmaterials.eu.

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5. Selection procedure

5.1 Criteria

Upon receipt of the application, a selection will be made based on the following criteria:

1) Administrative criteria

The completeness and clarity of the submitted application will be evaluated. Any clarifications may be requested from the applicant at this stage.

2) Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to apply for financial assistance for the Adria Innovation Day 2021, the applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Categories of persons who can receive financial support:** natural persons or employees of educational and research institutions, as well as companies active in the field of mineral resources (mining, geology, exploration, recycling, resource efficiency, raw materials education, circular economy, materials research).
- **Country of origin:** Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- **Only eligible costs must be claimed:**
 - actual travel costs (car - € 0,37 per km¹, road toll, vignette, parking fee or public transport - bus, taxi, train, plane).
 - actual costs for accommodation in Ljubljana (max. 3* category accommodation).
- **The maximum amount of financial support requested:** 500 €/participant.

The selection procedure based on administrative and eligibility criteria will be carried out immediately after receipt of the application from the potential participant. If the administrative and eligibility criteria are met, selection will be made on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

5.2 The Selection Committee

The applications will be reviewed by Selection Committee, which consists of three members:

1. Urša Šolc (GeoZS, Regional Center Adria)
2. Mateja Košir (ZAG, Regional Center Adria)
3. Miha Čičerov (GeoZS)

The decision on the selection will be signed by the committee members.

¹ the fastest/safest direction from Google maps app

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5.3 Outcomes of the selection process

Applicants will be informed of the status of their application by 30 November 10am (CEST). The selected applicants will **sign an agreement for the reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs, with Geological Survey of Slovenia (3 participants) and Slovenian National Building and Civil Engineering Institute (2 participants)**. The agreement will define the obligations and rights of the selected applicants.

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Participant of the event in person agrees that, according to the applicable government decree, the condition of participation is compliance with RVT (recovered, vaccinated, tested) condition, which will be verified before entering the venue. The Participant must allow the Organizer to verify compliance with the RVT condition.

By 30 November 2021, the final decision on the form of the event (hybrid or online only) will be made to comply with the government decree on COVID -19 restriction measures. If only an online event is organized, no reimbursement will be made.

6. Financial support

6.1 Financial support

a. [Purpose of the financial support](#)

Selected applicants will receive funding based on the signed agreement. Reimbursement will be made by bank transfer only, based on received claims (VAT exempt) that include evidence of travel and accommodation costs associated with participation in the Adria Innovation Day 2021 (e.g. invoices for airline tickets, public transport, accommodation with proofs of payments).

b. [Maximum amount of the financial support](#)

The financial support for the selected applicants will be categorized as 'travel and subsistence expenses' and will not exceed **€ 500**.

**The following person can assist you in case of any questions, complaints, or requests:
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In Ljubljana, November 2021

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