

Visions for a mutually beneficial EU mineral resource cooperation with resource-rich countries

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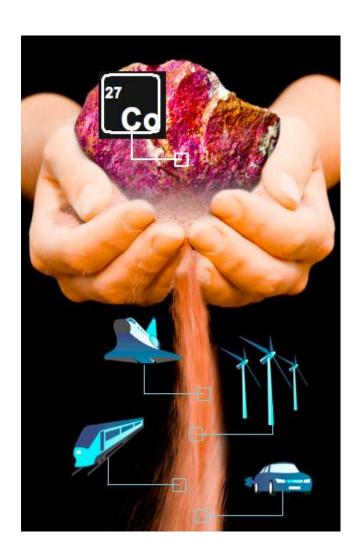
European and global extractive industries: Steps towards sustainable partnerships and responsible mining practice
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I. Policy framework Raw Materials Initiative



Integrated strategy to respond to the different challenges related to access to non-energy and nonagricultural raw materials

- Aim: securing sustainable supplies of raw materials
- Important: Critical Raw Materials

More general EU objective:

- implementing SDGs
- economic stability around Europe (problems with migration, etc..)



II. Objectives of resource rich countries

- Maximalising and stabilising fiscal profits from extractive operations (better visions, policies (mining laws), extraction contracts
- Building local industries/supply chains
- Mining contracts
- Stabilisaing tax incomes from mining
- Gowth&jobs
- Artisanal mining
- Human rights
- Social licence to operate
- environmental protection

A clear link with the EU are SDGs



III. Other important players

- Third countries (G7, China, LA)
- Countries exporting mining activities (Canada, Australia, Sweden,..)
- Mining activities in the EU (Poland, Germany, Spain)
- International Organisations and Institutions (OECD, UNEP, UNDP, UNIDO, IGF, IRP, IMF, WB, AMDC)
- International Industrial associations (IMFF, Euromines, others..)
- National Associations (Finnish Sustainable Mining Network, etc..)
- Investors (Dutch Association for Responsible investors)
- Financial Institutions (banks, ADB, etc..)
- NGOs (WWF, Greenpeace, Concord Confederation, others..)
- Big mining multinationals (Rio Tinto, etc...)
- EU industry upstream in value chains
- EU customers/internal market
- Standardisation bodies
- Science

SOLID stakeholder analysis and their interests necessary?



IV. The EU and Developing Countries

Common points?

- SDG
- Political and economic stability (e.g. in Africa)

Precondition of good cooperation?

- Trust and credibility
- Long-term engagement
- Partnership (Institutionalised agreeing at early stage)
- Demand driven support (starting from capacity building)
- Respect for local, cultural specifies
- Reasonable regional focus

Which potential partners share the above? Where are common denominators with others?



V. Strategic sustainable umbrella for extractive industries?

- Globally sustainable and responsible management/governance, extraction and sourcing of raw materials?
- Potential to create substantial business opportunities for deployment of **green solutions** along sustainable global value chains (e.g. renewable energy, ICT networks, railways, green production processes, electric machinery, etc..)? How to do it?



VI. Advice for the EU for raw materials and SDG?

The EU has been addressing the issue trough policy dialogues, partnerships and its trade, environmental, research and innovation, development, fiscal transparency and climate policies.

Are we coherent? Or shall we...

..better integrate the EU efforts in addressing sustainable and responsible management, extraction and sourcing of raw materials?? Gap analysis? Overlappings? Coherence with SDGs?

Recommendations for EU polices, including external financial instruments? The EU is a big, global donor, e.g.

- ✓ Extractive Global Programmatic Support (€5mln €).
- ✓ Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (€0,75mln 2016-2018)
- ✓ IMF Topical Trust Fund on Managing Natural Resources Wealth (€5mln 2011-2016)



VII. Advice for non-EU bodies for raw materials and SDG?

OECD, IRP, ICMM, WB, IMF, IGF, Canada, Finland, Spain, multinational mining corporations, NGOs – guidance and standards related to mining, multinational corporations, human rights, TSM, etc...

Are they coherent? Gaps? Overlapping? Well linked to SDG? How to coordinate better among them? In line with the EU?

What should be the role of the EU and how EU should be engaged in the international governance promoting our values, interests and commitment to SDGs??

Should the EU enter in specific partnerships? With whom and how? Based on which criteria?

Enforced cooperation with which resource reach countries/regions? Which criteria? CRM? Stability term? Others?



VIII. Role of economic actors

What should be the role in promoting sustainable and responsible management/governance, extraction and sourcing of raw materials of:

- Mining enterprises
- Industry upstream in value chains in the EU and in other regions?
- Financial institutions (credits)
- Investors (buying shares in value chains)?

Important role of NGOs is nowadays obvious.





Thank you!

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