



## STRADE Newsletter – 03/2017

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- Eight newly published Policy Briefs and reports

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### STRADE conference in June 2017 in Brussels a success!

The STRADE team has successfully hosted the STRADE conference “European and global extractive industries: Steps toward sustainable partnership approaches and responsible mining practice” with more than 70 participants in Brussels over two days in Brussels on 19 and 20 June 2017. With two workshops in parallel each day, four different areas were addressed:

#### *Session A1: New platforms for dialogue between resource producers and consumers needed?*

This session with the panellists David Humphrey (CEPMLP, University of Dundee), Paul Ekins (UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources) and Howard Mann (Intergovernmental Forum) discussed intensely if the current ‘governance gaps’ require new institutions or if existing institutions should be enforced to improve the mining sector’s environmental and social performance and increase developing countries’ benefit from extraction. Looking at an EU engagement, a strong and visible EU presence at the IGF was discussed.

In the follow-up of this workshop session, STRADE published a [Policy Brief](#) “*Platforms for strategic dialogue: a possible way forward*” and developed recommendations for solutions-based platforms for bringing together countries

for facilitating the elaboration of practical solutions to a range of cross-border natural resource governance problems in a format that encourages innovation and collaboration between a range of actors (local and international, business and government, international organisations and academia). The process of identifying problems should lead naturally to the isolation of possible solutions to these problems and, critically, provide an imperative for the implementation of these solutions.

An additional benefit of such a solutions-based approach is that it should be more adaptable to changing conditions in the industry, avoiding the rigidities inherent in more monolithic organisational approaches, and maintaining its policy relevance. It should in principle also be a more focused and cost effective way of tackling problems than is generally the case with large organisations having broader remits.

#### *Session A2: The perception of mining in Europe: The impact of social and cultural values*

In this workshop, three key messages were iterated by the participants. First, there is a growing disconnect between Generation Z and mining; the importance of how mining fuels their lives is not reflected by them. Second, the post-extractive paradigm, the idea of rejecting large scale mining in all forms, is growing

in some circles and engagement to address this is vital. Finally, while mining companies are at the forefront of managing community engagements, governments and the European Commission also need to participate in the Responsible Mining engagement with their citizens.

#### *Session B1: EU mineral resource cooperation with developing countries: Creating win-win relationships*

The workshop aimed at generating ideas for instruments of EU cooperation with developing and emerging countries in the resources sector. The topics that were voted most important by the participants are 1) education & capacity building and 2) transparency & good governance among the current cooperation areas and 3) linkages to the local economy and 4) social license to operate, participation of the population and social well-being among the possible areas for future engagements.

A range of instruments were suggested within these thematic areas, including capacity building (tertiary education, vocational and professional training, exchange and twinning programmes, community learning events) on good governance & transparent management of mineral resources; set-up, monitoring and enforcement of legal and regulatory frameworks; geo-knowledge; increased environmental responsibility; ASM best practices; technical upskilling for employees and contractors in the mining sector; strengthening of local government institutions and parliamentary oversight; international guidelines for industry best practice on responsible mining; brokering and partnering initiatives to help EU mining companies find local suppliers; development and dissemination of best practice guidelines for local economic integration; organisation of joint exchange and learning events with mining and oil & gas industry; support of feasibility studies and technology transfer for mineral processing; financing and set-up of an

information and expert platform for communities to help their negotiations with companies; development of rules for fair negotiation processes.

These ideas will be included in further discussions on EU cooperation with stakeholders from resource-rich developing and emerging countries during the upcoming workshops and interviews in Africa and Latin America.

#### *Session B2: A knowledge platform on EU mineral supply and related socio-economic and environmental issues*

This session with the panellists Louis Maréchal (OECD), Inga Petersen (UNEP) Lie Heymans (DG GROW) and Gian Andrea Blengini (JRC) discussed the requirements of an IT-based knowledge platform on raw materials, and ideas of already existing approaches were exchanged.

The panellists introduced the Raw Materials Information System (RMIS), the Raw Materials Scoreboard, the OECD handbook on risks associated with production and trade of natural resources and UNEP's MAP-X. Oeko-Institut introduced STRADE's draft concept for an IT-based data and knowledge information system on mineral mining and trade and related environmental and socio-economic issues.

There is a consensus that the initiatives working on knowledge platforms need to remain in an ongoing dialogue to avoid unnecessary duplication of work.

The conference was rounded off by various expert impulse presentations. The [detailed programme](#) and all [presentations](#) can be found on the STRADE website.

#### *Outlook on the next STRADE workshops:*

The next newsletter will report on STRADE workshops in China in Sep 2017 and in South-Africa in Nov 2017.

## Eight newly published reports, concepts & Policy Briefs

Since May 2017, the STRADE team has published five Policy Briefs, two reports and one draft concept, which are available for download:

- *European Union and Raw Material Engagements with Developing Countries – A Review* (February 2017, [Report 1](#)) by Masuma Farooki, David Humphreys, Alexander Malden, Laura Cramphorn (SNL Financial)
- *The Competitiveness of the European Union's Mining Sector* (April 2017, [Report 2](#);) by Masuma Farooki, Adam Webb and Chris Hinde (SNL Financial)
- *Draft concept for a data and knowledge information system on mineral mining and trade and related environmental and socio-economic issues* ([Draft Concept 03/2017](#)) by Andreas Manhart, Stefanie Degreif, Peter Dolega and Doris Schueler (Oeko-Institut e.V.)
- *Aligning EU cooperation with resource-rich developing and emerging countries' needs – key elements for creating win-win partnerships and a strategy for sustainable mineral supply* (October 2017, [Policy Brief 08/2017](#)) by Johanna Carstens, Viviana Lozano, Jürgen Runge, Didrot Nguepjouo (Projekt-Consult GmbH)
- *Platforms for strategic dialogue: a possible way forward* (July 2017, [Policy Brief 07/2017](#)) by David Humphreys, Ana Elizabeth Bastida (CEPMLP, University of Dundee) and Andreas Hermann (Oeko-Institut e.V.)
- *Supporting the mining sector abroad – What space for the European Union?* (May 2017, [Policy Brief 06/2017](#)) by Masuma Farooki (SNL Financial Ltd)
- *Attracting mineral investors: The fundamentals of investor decisions* (May 2017, [Policy Brief 05/2017](#)) by Laura Cramphorn (SNL Financial Ltd)

- *The mining-tech sector in the European Union – A collaborative competitiveness* (May 2017, [Policy Brief 04/2017](#)) by Anton Löf, Magnus Ericsson and Lennart Gustavsson (Georange AB)

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