**WORK PACKAGE 5**

**Stakeholder Involvement on Mineral Deposits of Public Importance**

- Broadly familiarise local, national and EU wide stakeholders on the proposed MDoPI concept and gather feedback in support of its further development
- Gather relevant information on country specific response to the proposed concept and methodology and use this as input in the development of other WPs deliverables
- Increase the capacity of project partners to plan and implement Stakeholder Involvement activities in further MDoPI promotion on local/national/EU level
- Promote the concept of participatory planning and development in the field of spatial planning

**MAIN RESULTS AND OUTCOMES**

**Approach**

**Training for partners on how to plan and implement national workshops for stakeholders**

Two rounds of national workshops were planned and implemented by project partners:

1. 1st round to present the initial MDOPI definition and gather feedback (2016)
2. 2nd round to present and gather feedback on the MDoPI algorithm (2017)

**Feedback from national workshops was used as input for preparation of other WPs deliverables**

Report on results of 1st round of national workshops for stakeholders was prepared

Report from 2nd round of national workshops and 3rd workshop for stakeholders

**Stakeholders from various target groups and levels of administration were invited to national workshops:**

- National governmental institutions; ministries and governmental services /agencies at national level
- Regional governmental institutions; agencies, services and other public organisations at regional level
- Local level institutions; municipalities, agencies, services at local level
- Other public institutions; specific sector/field/topic oriented institutions
- Research and educational institutions (public and private); research institutes, think tanks, faculties
- Sector industries; private companies in mining sector and supporting businesses, e.g. law companies, civil engineering companies, spatial planners
- Complementary sector industries; private companies in e.g. transport sector, construction, waste treatment, minerals processing (raw materials, processing, final products)
- Expert organisations, associations, pressure groups; Chamber of Commerce, associations of sector industries, associations of mayors
-Civil society organisations; NGOs, civil associations and societies

Inclusion of stakeholders is not merely an activity, it builds trust, detects early supporters and opponents, builds on local knowledge and gives an opportunity to engage in discussion before (potential) implementation phase, saving money, energy and trust in public policy development and implementation.

Reflection on the process of stakeholder involvement

32 national workshops were implemented – 16 in the first round and 16 in the second round

Over 500 people were engaged through the workshops

Some partners voluntarily planned and implemented also the third national workshop for stakeholders

Over 40 presentations of MINATURA2020 project and MDoPI concept were made by partners on national or international events

Every country response to MDoPI and proposed algorithm was a bit different in specifics, depending on the current status of their respective minerals policy, but we can draw some common conclusions:

1. There should be a joint concept of MDoPI, that supports more holistic understanding of minerals importance, reflected through land use planning and also part of development vision of a region/state. This initiative would be welcomed to come “top down”, to give boost to transposition to national policy level

2. Countries should have a lot of discretion power on determining minerals of public importance at different levels: local/regional/national

3. There are major deficiencies in geological knowledge in support of minerals safeguarding and ambiguity about future economic development, that makes planning for MDoPI even harder in policy development process (how to argument for specific mineral to be safeguarded)

4. There are a lot of prejudices about the mining sector, people do not realise the importance of minerals

5. Mining sector must do more to raise awareness and build capacity of stakeholders to better understand importance of minerals for societal development

6. Minerals importance must become a development topic and promoted at all levels (sectors), providing leverage to be transformed to bottom up policies

We can conclude, that a top down (EU level) initiative to implement a MDoPI concept would be welcomed by most countries. It would help if it was framed as a development topic, e.g. sustainable natural resource management for development and supported with discretion right of different countries, to determine the MDoPI on different levels.

In current situation, much more needs to be done in general awareness raising and capacity building of stakeholders on all levels on the importance of minerals for societal development. In terms of winning support for national implementation this is a major window of opportunity, that mining sector should take advantage of, especially in light of developing concepts, e.g. circular economy and global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).