

MINATURA2020 – Mineral Deposits of Public Importance

PRESS RELEASE | Brussels | 4 March 2016 – The MINATURA2020 project recently finalised its working definition of “Mineral Deposits of Public Importance” (MDoPI) and further enhances its pan-European approach through an online survey, the organisation of several national stakeholder workshops and the publication of promotional material in various languages.

The EU-funded MINATURA2020 project was launched in February 2015 with the aim of developing a concept and a methodology for safeguarding European non-energy “Mineral Deposits of Public Importance” (abbreviated as MDoPI) to ensure their best use in the future.

Members of the consortium gathered in Vienna, Austria, on 21 January 2016 in order to finalise the definition of “Mineral Deposits of Public Importance”. The project team agreed on a working definition:

“A mineral deposit is of public importance where information demonstrates that sustainable exploitation could provide economic, social or other benefit to the EU (or the member states or a specific region/municipality).”

This definition will be put for discussion, tested and improved during national stakeholder consultations and other meetings during 2016.

Moreover, the project team currently carries out a survey on “Mineral Deposits of Public Importance”. The purpose of this survey is to collect information on the topic of safeguarding non-energy minerals from stakeholders representing several European countries. The consortium invites all interested parties to fill in the survey via the project website ([here](#)).

Finally, the MINATURA2020 website now also proposes information and promotional material relating to the project in all of the languages represented in the consortium. These national pages are available at <http://minatura2020.eu/national-pages/>.

Both the survey and the national pages are fully aligned with the pan-European application of the project. In this sense, several stakeholder workshops will also be organised in many European countries in the course of 2016 in order to collect broad input on the topic of Mineral Deposits of Public Importance.

Led by MinPol, the Agency for International Minerals Policy (Austria), MINATURA2020 benefits from the extensive experience and strength of an international consortium of 24 partners from 16 EU member states (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom) and three non-member states (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia).

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