

## MIREU - Establishing a network of mining and metallurgy regions across Europe

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### What is MIREU?

MIREU aims to **establish a network** of mining and metallurgy regions across Europe.

Our objectives are to identify ways to ensure the **sustained** and **sustainable supply of mineral raw materials** to the EU and to **promote investment**, **innovation and growth** in the sector





## **Our Mission**

We aim to identify the **economic**, **societal**, **environmental** and **technical factors** that are either conducive or constrain the development of mining and metallurgy industries in Europe.

MIREU will also facilitate **an exchange** between all interested stakeholders in and between the regions, such as regulatory authorities, political and administrative bodies, development agencies, mining companies, non-government organisations, as well as the public.





## **Deliverables**

The outcomes from the project will be gathered in an online **MIREU Knowledge Portal**, that will be freely accessible during the lifetime of the project.

To further guarantee the continuation of the network, a **Council of Mining** and **Metallurgy European Regions** (CoMMER) will be established at the end of the project





- H2020-SC5-2016-2017 call Greening the Economy, CSA
- **Total Budget:** € 2 999 725
- **Duration:** 1.12.2017 30.11.2020
- Coordinator: GTK, Geological Survey of Finland





Our network comprises 30 partners from, 17 regions in 14 European countries,







### **Partners**

- **Regional Authorities**
- **Geological Surveys**
- Regional Development Agencies
- Regulators
- Universities
- **SME Clusters**





































REGION **VÄSTERBOTTEN** 









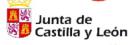


















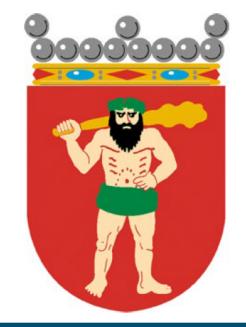




MIREU was initiated by the **Regional Council of Lapland** (RCL) about 3 years ago after discussions with DG GROW,

#### Concerns were:

- A lack of real cooperation between mining & metallurgy regions
- Europe and global decline in public acceptance of raw material extraction
- Lack of awareness of the importance of mineral raw materials in people's lives
- Socio-economic changes in mining and metallurgy regions -> losing economic power and inhabitants



How did we get here?



- Creating greater awareness of the important of raw materials within the EU and regional communities
- Creating a network of direct contacts with the people from regions and municipalities
- High priority project for the EC with respect to the new EU Industrial Strategy (unveiled Sept 2018)
- High level attention and support from DG GROW



# Importance of MIREU to the EU



While MIREU is an EU focused project it does recognise that mining and metallurgy are global industries with significant international interaction

We understand that many of the challenges we face in Europe are **common globally**, including **Canada** 

Our objective is for a sustainable, responsible industry and believe that global cooperation and knowledge sharing is beneficial to all



# MIREU and the World



In 2017 the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) launched a project to develop recommendations for improving and supporting the implementation of better regional development policies in a mining and extractives context, and to increase the collaboration and knowledge sharing among mining regions and cities.

Objectives which were closely aligned to our own



# MIREU and the OECD



#### MIREU can support the OECD with

- smart specialisation in a mining context,
- · land use planning,
- and smart and green mining.

### The **OECD** can add value to MIREU by:

- Linking it to a global network
- Providing opportunities for knowledge sharing and peer review
- Raising the visibility of challenges and opportunities facing mining regions
- Developing internationally comparable data;
- Providing an objective assessment of policies.



# MIREU and the OECD



MIREU / OECD Pre-conference workshop at the **3rd OECD Meeting of Mining Regions and Cities** in
Skellefteå, Sweden **11**<sup>th</sup> **June 2019**.

The workshop will provide an opportunity to develop some agreed indicators and identify leading practices to improve quality of life in mining regions.

This includes topics such as skills, housing, public services, community infrastructure and environmental issues



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