

# H2020 MIREU NETWORK OF MINING REGIONS

**THE PROJECT MIREU AIMS TO ESTABLISH A NETWORK OF MINING AND METALLURGY REGIONS ACROSS EUROPE, THAT WILL HELP THE REGIONS TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES WHEN FACING THE CHALLENGE TO ENSURE A SUSTAINED AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY OF MINERAL RAW MATERIALS TO THE EU.**

As mining projects are carried out at regional and local levels, regions are key actors in ensuring a continued supply of mineral raw materials to the European economy. The MIREU project will bring together mining and metallurgy regions from across Europe to work together on improving the conditions for sustainable access and supply of raw materials in the EU. The MIREU consortium is comprised of 30 partners of which 17 are regions from all around Europe, including the "Steirische Eisenstraße".

The MIREU project will identify the economic, societal, environmental and technical factors that are either conducive or hampering to 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.

Guidelines and recommendations for actions to be taken to foster a sustained and sustainable development of the mining and metallurgy industries will be developed by the project in close co-operation with selected regions from the European Union. All outcomes will consider the region-specific geographic and economic features; cultural, societal and

language diversity; and their historical developments. 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 guarantee the continuation of the network, a Council of Mining and Metallurgy European Regions will be established after the end of the project to carry on the activities.

The project is planned for a three-year term. Montanuniversitaet Leoben is engaged in several work packages with the main focus on the "Social License to Operate" (SLO) work package, where our task is to develop guidelines to be used across Europe.

In October 2018 we successfully hosted a workshop with about 50 participants from across Europe, which also included a visit to the Erzberg iron ore mine.

Participants of the Leoben SLO workshop on a Hauly

