

# MIREU - NETWORK OF MINING REGIONS

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A NETWORK OF MINING AND METALLURGY REGIONS ACROSS EUROPE, HELPING THE REGIONS TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WHEN FACING THE CHALLENGE TO ENSURE A SUSTAINED AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY OF MINERAL RAW MATERIALS TO THE EU**

The Horizon 2020 project MIREU started in December 2017.

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".

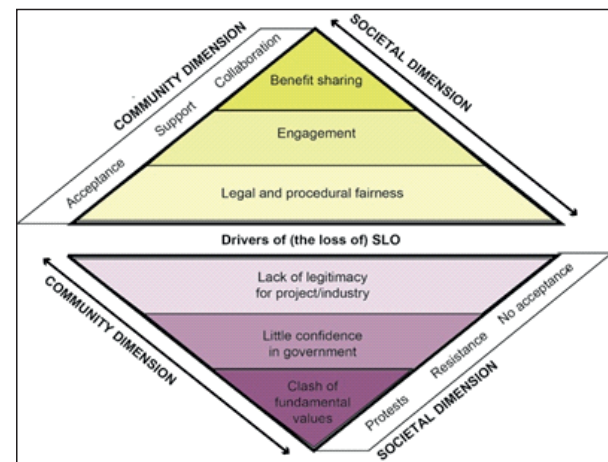
The MIREU project will identify the economic, societal, environmental and technical factors that are either conducive or hampering to the development of mining and metallurgy industries in Europe. MIREU will also facilitate an exchange between all interested stakeholders in and between the regions, such 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.

Due to Covid 19, the project, which was supposed to end in November 2020, was expanded until April 2021. The main focus of our work was again on the "Social License to Operate" (SLO) guidelines, which are due to be published in early 2021."



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