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Workshop on Best practices on mining policies and technologies – Public awareness, acceptance and trust

**Cases of public engagement from an EU
good practice exercise**

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The Good Practice Project 2013 -14

- ❖ Report : 'Evaluation and Exchange of Good Practice for the Sustainable Supply of Raw Materials within the EU'
- ❖ Part of a series of EU good practice projects designed to help improve competitiveness
 - ❖ practical orientation
 - ❖ applying an evaluation approach to good practice
 - ❖ evidence-based analysis, but also stressing coherence with stated policy objectives
 - ❖ focusing attention on practice that can make a difference
 - ❖ target group: those who need to know more

Background to the Report

- ❖ Policy framework
- ❖ Raw materials policy at EU level
 - ❖ The European Raw Materials Initiative
 - ❖ Report on the implementation of the RMI
 - ❖ Tackling the Challenges in Commodities Markets and on Raw Materials
 - ❖ European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials
 - ❖ European Technology Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources (ETP SMR)
- ❖ National raw materials policies
- ❖ Earlier analysis of relevance for the good practice analysis
 - ❖ Ad Hoc Working Group report -Improving Framework Conditions
 - ❖ National minerals policy indicators

Overview of Good Practice Cases

- ❖ Overall approach
 - ❖ the aim was to illustrate the themes of raw materials policy – a communication exercise
 - ❖ no attempt to redefine policy
 - ❖ focusing on specific areas of policy application (categories are not intended to be watertight)
- ❖ 25 cases grouped under the following themes:
 - ❖ Policy and Legislative Framework
 - ❖ Information and the Knowledge Base
 - ❖ Governance
 - ❖ Land Use Planning
 - ❖ Permits and Authorisation

3 Cases Illustrating Engagement

- ❖ Policy & Legislative framework
 - ❖ Finnish Action Plan (3) broadening earlier strategy – following a high level Round Table - 35 targeted measures to be implemented by 2019
- ❖ Governance
 - ❖ Manual for consultation and communication between the reindeer husbandry and mining industries (14) Sweden -
- ❖ Permits and Authorisation
 - ❖ Agreements with support committees and residents (22) - Belgium supplementing and easing formal procedures

Finnish National Action Plan (3)

- ❖ Mineral Resources Strategy in 2010
 - ❖ a vision for 2050, involving
 - Strengthening minerals policy
 - Securing the supply of raw materials
 - Reducing the environmental impact of the minerals sector
 - Strengthening R&D capabilities and expertise
 - ❖ but seen as addressing 'technical' issues
- ❖ Intense media profile of industry
- ❖ High level Round Table, chaired by Prime Minister (2012)
- ❖ fundamental questions about industry and governance
- ❖ Action Plan with 35 measures (2013), including processes to support reconciliation & open communications
 - ❖ public authorities and the industry

Swedish Manual for Consultation (14)

- ❖ Manual for consultation and communication between the reindeer husbandry and mining industries
- ❖ Swedish Minerals Strategy
 - ❖ Strengthening governance
 - ❖ Consensus with the Sami people is necessary
 - ❖ Intense media profile of industry
- ❖ Norrbotten County Administrative Board co-ordinates consultation and communication on permitting between the reindeer husbandry and mining industries
- ❖ Manual developed in consultation - details processes and the types of input and information required at each stage
- ❖ Benefits industry by speeding up processes

Belgian Support Committees (22)

- ❖ Model agreement between support committees and residents
- ❖ Environmental Code of Wallonia provides for support committees for certain quarry extraction projects.
 - ❖ extraction companies meet with their local residents' associations
- ❖ Aim to negotiate solutions to environmental problems caused by the industry
- ❖ Model agreement or 'charter' provided
- ❖ Industry undertakes to contain impacts and consult & residents to respect the agreed consultation rules
- ❖ Successful model of community engagement & conflict resolution
- ❖ Industry has improved environmental performance

Report Available

Evaluation and Exchange of Good Practice for the Sustainable Supply of Raw Materials within the EU

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/dg/evaluation/reports_en.htm