European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials

Application for a Raw Materials Commitment

European Network for Sustainable Quarrying and Mining

Acronym:
ENSQM

Abstract / executive summary:
The raw material commitment aims at creating and maintaining a network between the stakeholders at Member States level (national, regional, local authorities, non-energy extractive industries, NGOs, trade unions) with the support of the non-energy extractive industries European association in interaction with the European Institutions to support the sustainable development of the mining and quarrying industries in Europe.

Links to the Strategic Implementation Plan:
- II. Non-Technology Pillar
- II.A Priority Area: Improving Europe's raw materials framework conditions
  - Action area n° II.3: Public Awareness
    - 2) Promote early and open communication between mining companies, public authorities and neighbours and local communities.
    - 3) Launching a multi-stakeholder industry led information campaign to increase awareness on raw materials importance

Coverage of the Action Areas referred to above:
Organisation of national workshops/conferences to promote a trustful dialogue and capacity building between the national/regional, local authorities, local NGOs and Industry before, during and after the quarrying activities. During the project phase (2016-2018), we would organise workshops in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland and UK. The network actions will be based on the following principles: compliance with law promoting quarrying practices that are responsible and ecologically, socially and economically sustainable throughout the life cycle of a quarry. Transparent information on quarrying activities, engagement in genuine dialogue with stakeholders, settling conflicts of interest in advance and take into account the operational needs of other economic activities, biodiversity management, management of environmental and social impacts, systematic and comprehensive risk management, ensuring the well-being of employees and promoting employment protecting cultural heritage.

Objectives of the commitment:
Promote an open, constructive and cooperative dialogue on quarrying practices in specific member States where Industry, local community, local NGOs and governmental authorities can resolve positively environmental, social and economic issues relating to existing, closing or forthcoming quarrying activities. This dialogue will start with a workshop aiming at creating a continued exchange and cooperation after the workshop.

Promote after the workshop continuous interaction between the national, regional and local stakeholder to achieve active and constructive cooperation in sustainable quarrying. Ideally this workshop could convert into a forum for discussion between the national, regional, local authorities, industry and local NGOs, and trade unions.

**Description of the activities:**

Organise a workshop in Spain with Cominroc as the coordinator of this workshop. Each country has a local coordinator who hosts the workshop and assemble all the stakeholders around the table. The national coordinator is responsible for the follow up of this workshop including reporting.

- Organise a workshop in Spain-October 2016
- Organise a workshop in Germany-2017
- Organise a workshop in France-date to be assessed
- Organise a workshop in Poland-date to be assessed
- Organise a workshop in Italy-date to be assessed
- Organise a workshop in the UK-date to be assessed

**Description of the expected impacts:**

Through this workshop and through implementation of sustainable quarrying principles mentioned in the executive summary, the network aims at facilitating access to resources in the Member States, including within Natura 2000 areas, at developing best practice for rehabilitation and enhancement of biodiversity, at resolving land-use planning conflict, at managing social and environmental impacts, at ensuring the well-being of employees and promote employment, at protecting cultural inheritance.

Through this workshop, the national stakeholders may (not exhaustive list): set up a code of good practices for sustainable quarrying, a mechanism to resolve conflicts, Biodiveristy Action Plans to promote the compatibility of their activities with biodiversity, protection of the workers.

**Expected innovation outcomes:**

Other

**Comments:**

Constructive dialogue, trust and capacity building to enhance active cooperation for a sustainable extractive industry in Europe.

**Name of the coordinating organisation:**

Eurogypsum-European Plaster and Plasterboard Manufacturers Association

**Country:**

Europe

**Entity profile:**

Other

**Other:**

AISBL

**Role within the commitment:**

Networking Lead Coordinator
Other partners:

**Name of partner:**
UEPG-European Aggregates Association  
**Country:**
Europe  
**Entity profile:**
Other  
**Other:**
AISBL  
**Role within the commitment:**
Networking facilitator

**Name of partner:**
CEMBUREAU-The European Cement Association  
**Country:**
Europe  
**Entity profile:**
Other  
**Other:**
AISBL  
**Role within the commitment:**
Networking facilitator

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**Country:**
Europe  
**Entity profile:**
Other  
**Other:**
AISBL  
**Role within the commitment:**
Networking facilitator

**Name of partner:**
IMA-Europe-Industrial Mineral Association  
**Country:**
Europe  
**Entity profile:**
Other  
**Other:**
AISBL  
**Role within the commitment:**
Networking facilitator
Name of partner:
CDTI (Centro para el desarrollo tecnologico industrial)

Country:
Spain

Entity profile:
Governmental/public body

Role within the commitment:
Networking facilitator - Interface with the Ministry of Environment (Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente) and Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism

Name of partner:
COMINROC - Spanish Confederation of Extractive Industries of Rocks and Industrial Minerals

Country:
Spain

Entity profile:
Other

Other:
Non for profit organisation

Role within the commitment:
Workshop organiser and national network platform organiser

Name of partner:
Bundesverband Baustoffe - Steine und Erden e.V.

Country:
Germany

Entity profile:
Other

Other:
Non for profit organisation

Role within the commitment:
Workshop organiser and national network platform organiser

Name of partner:
Direcção-General de Energia e Geologia (DGEG)

Country:
Portugal

Entity profile:
Governmental/public body

Role within the commitment:
Expertise facilitator and best practice provider for other countries (PIMBIS experience)

Existing EU contribution:
No
Period to implement the commitment:
Tuesday, 15 March, 2016 to Thursday, 31 December, 2020