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2nd Regional Civil Society-Industry Dialogue “Towards sustainable mineral production - The role of industry and civil society”

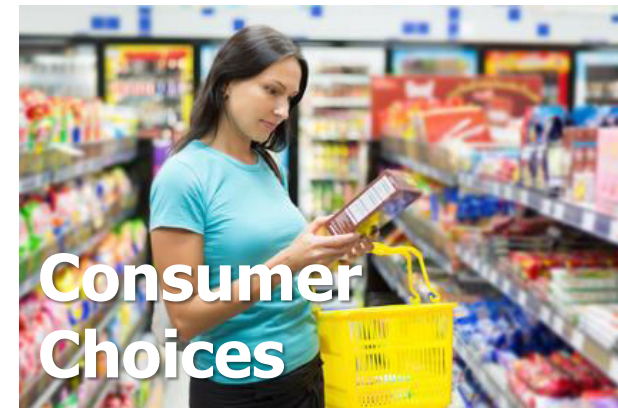
Introduction to the COBALT project

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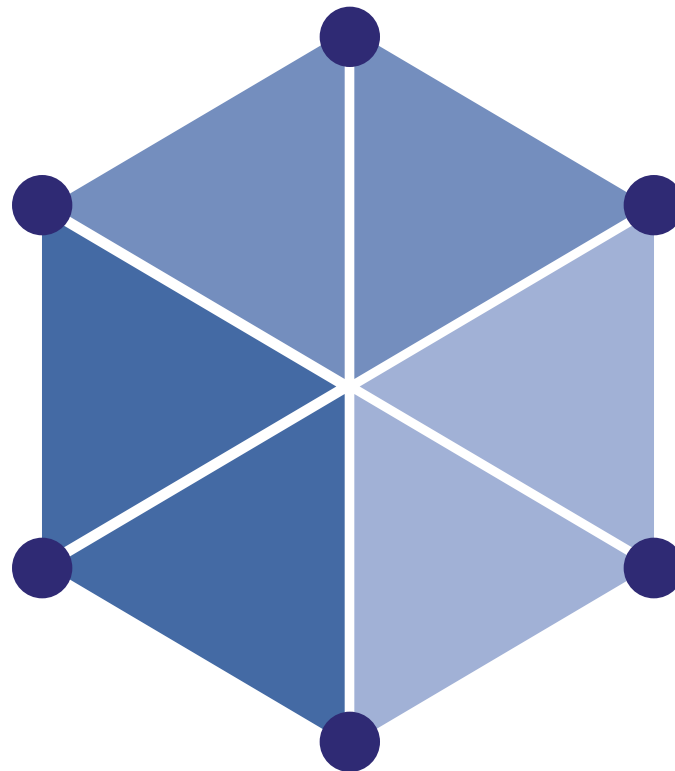
- ❖ **Project:** 7th Framework Programme for research (FP7): runs 2013-2015
- ❖ **Sustainable** and **secure** raw materials supply and use along the whole value chain
- ❖ **Multi-stakeholder platform focusing on an industry and civil society interface**
- ❖ **Supportive framework** for the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials

Two multi-stakeholder European conferences

Awareness

3 European
and
3 Regional
workshops

Dialogue



stock-taking of
skills shortages
and
develop strategies

Learning

What is the overall frame...

- ❖ **sustainable raw materials management** – covering production and final consumption perspectives
- ❖ **collaboration** between all key stakeholders **across** the value-chain and **within** each link

Lessons learnt...

- Various industry and CSO case studies highlighted the **need for and effectiveness of a collaborative approach.**
- **There need to be ways of how consumer/civil society concerns and needs can be integrated** into specific raw materials management challenges.
- **CSOs can act as multipliers** to equip consumers/citizens with the right skills and information

Collaboration is already taken place:

- academia, business/industry, policy makers are very prominent in multi-stakeholder approaches,
- CSOs in the midfield

Which stakeholders groups are needed:

- Policy makers

Benefits of CSO-industry collaboration

- Holistic perspective: Improve stakeholders knowledge and awareness on the overall picture
- Facilitate best practice: Exchange of information and networking among stakeholders

Enablers for CSO-industry collaboration

- Social space: trust and mutual respect
- Informed dialogue: objective, valid and reliable data

Important drivers for sustainable mineral production

- HIGH: Technological achievements and political commitment
- LOW: Societal and consumer awareness + frontrunner businesses

Objectives:

- To foster a **targeted European dialogue** between civil society and industry, on topics related to raw material efficiency and sustainable raw material use, on an EU and regional level
- To **facilitate exchange of ideas** and **solicit feedback** on research needs
- To **inform** relevant EU **policy** and to **recommend strategies for improved communication** between civil society and industry

3 European and 3 Regional Dialogues between civil society organisations and industry

- **A European focus:** engaging in topics of common EU interest
- **A regional focus:**
 - share socio-economic and environmental characteristics and concerns
 - share cultural characteristics, which also tend to shape policy discourses and responses
 - stakeholders within a region can more easily benefit from a more efficient cooperation due to language or geographical proximity
- **'Eastern Europe', 'Iberian Peninsula' and 'North Sea'**

Timeline and Agenda

1st European Dialogue on Ecodesign and New Business Models for a Circular Economy, February 2014

2nd European Dialogue on Urban Mines, Consumer Behaviour and Producer Responsibility in a Circular Economy, 6 June 2014

1st Regional Dialogue – Iberian peninsula – in Madrid, June 12th 2014

2nd Regional Dialogue – North Sea – in Copenhagen, October 8, 2014

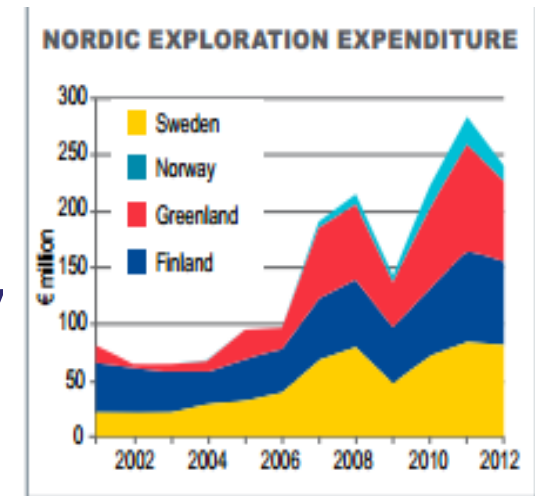
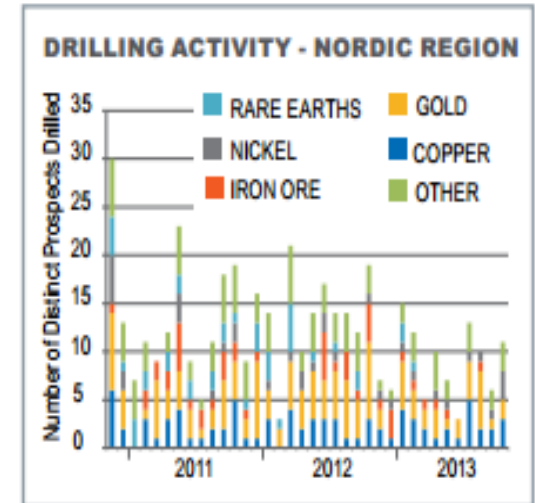
3rd Regional Dialogue – Eastern Europe – in Bucharest, November 2014

3rd European Dialogue in Brussels, January 2015

- The question about security of supply and the development of a more sustainable mining and mineral industry is high on the European and national agenda
- The mining industry and its related industries are important drivers for the development of national, regional and local economy
- The mining industry is facing societal challenges (e.g. how to generate acceptance for mining operations) and environmental challenges (deforestation, biodiversity loss, high water consumption, groundwater contamination etc.)
- Existing challenges from various perspectives: social, environmental, technological that involve CSO and Industry

The North Sea Region– A flashlight on raw materials management

- The Nordic region offers attractive exploration potential: focus on metals and minerals
- Strong interest in RM Extraction in the North Sea: the Nordic countries benefit from their proximity to the huge European market to the south, and the mineral wealth of the Fennoscandian Shield
- The Nordic contribution to the value of global mined production soared in the past two years, with Sweden, Finland and Norway all registering higher world rankings.



State of the Market: Nordic Region 2013, IntierreRMG

- Keynotes and practical examples
- Intra- and inter-stakeholder dialogue
 - Reflect on your own role with regards to mineral production
 - Identify areas for collaboration with other stakeholders
- Highly interactive – please share your thoughts and exchange with your neighbors!

We wish you interesting discussions

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