Emerging European initiatives in security of minerals supply

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Meeting the mineral commodity challenge minerals - information from the British Geological Survey,
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INTRODUCTION
+ Provides science-based advice
+ Provides access to data, information and expertise
+ Participates to working groups
+ Formulates proposals

(Proactivity)

+ Informs on policy development and implementation
+ Transmit requests and enquiries

(Reactivity)
The EU non-energy raw materials policy draft
Competitiveness Council of May 2007

• “to develop a coherent political approach with regard to raw materials supplies for industry, including all relevant areas of policy (foreign affairs, trade, environment, research and development and innovation policy) and

• to identify appropriate measures for cost-effective, reliable and environmentally friendly access to and exploitation of natural resources, secondary raw materials and recyclable waste, especially concerning third-country markets”.
EuroGeoSurveys preparatory actions

- TAIEX Workshop on “RAW MATERIALS INITIATIVE - THEMATIC STRATEGY ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS AND BEST PRACTICES ON MINERALS INTELLIGENCE”, Ljubljana, Slovenia, December 10 - 11, 2007

- TAIEX Workshop on “CAPACITY ISSUES IN THE NON-ENERGY EXTRACTIVE SECTOR IN SUPPORT OF THE EU THEMATIC STRATEGY ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE EU STRATEGY ON NON-ENERGY RAW MATERIALS” Brussels, Belgium, February 14-15, 2008
- Steady, reliable non-energy primary and secondary raw material inputs, including minerals, are vital issues for the competitiveness of the EU and they cannot be taken for granted

- Well informed and designed raw materials policy are necessary to foster the extractive industry’s contribution to the goals of the EU Lisbon strategy on economic growth and competitiveness and to the EU Sustainable Development Strategy goals.
Key challenges

- Increase the sustainable supply of raw materials from European sources
- Ensure sustainable and more transparent supply from third countries
- Encourage capacity building in developing countries
- Encourage greater efficiency in the use of resources
- Establish an adequate EU knowledge base on raw materials
Public consultation January to March 2008

(http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/steel/index_en.htm)

- **Online questionnaire**
  - 240 replies: 68 individuals & 172 organisations (including EuroGeoSurveys who submitted a 37 pages contribution)

- **Position papers**
  - 36 replies: 25 papers & 16 printed questionnnaire
  - Significant number of other industries (wood, rubber, chemicals, etc.)
Support for key challenges

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What are our current **expectations** concerning its content?

- To raise the **political awareness** which so far has been very much focused on the energy side with less attention being paid to the **non-energy aspects** which may also prove to be critical.

- To provide a **coherent** reply, as requested by the Council, because the issue has **multiple interlinked facets**.

- To provide possible **recommendations** or **lines of action** that the Member States would then support.
Types of actions that may be introduced

- 1st general principle

Rather than a regulatory approach that might create new burden for companies, we expect a more favourable environment for access to raw materials, where both public authorities and the industry would play a well-coordinated role.
Types of actions that may be introduced

• 2nd general principle

The Commission will set out an integrated policy response that takes fully into account the different areas of competence at various level (international, EU, Member States, regions).
Types of actions that may be introduced

- Develop guidelines
  - Natura 2000: clarify how extraction can take place in Natura 2000 areas

- Exchange best practices
  - actions taken by Member States to speed up permitting process and streamline administrative framework

- Emphasise the use of R & D on raw materials
  - the officially recognised European Technology Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources, and its Strategic Research Agenda would be drivers (www.etp-smr.org)

- Better cooperation and networking
  - promote more cooperation between geological surveys
  - promote partnerships between universities and industry (e.g. European Mineral Courses)
  - raise awareness about the importance of raw materials and mining through initiatives like European Minerals Day 2009
Types of actions that may be introduced

- Intensify dialogue with 3rd countries:
  - Bilateral
  - International fora (e.g. UNCTAD, UN regional Economic Commission, UNEP OECD, WB, African Union ...)

- Consider WTO rules and the appropriate use of trade instruments in relation to measures that unlawfully distort the global markets for raw materials

- Promote projects that aim at improved resource efficiency and recycling
Types of actions that may be introduced

- **3rd general principle**

  In order that the different lines of action can deliver, we need the full cooperation between:
  
  - Member States
  - Industry
  - Other stakeholders (Geological Surveys, research institutes, universities, organised civil society ... etc)
  - Commission DGs
Types of actions that may be introduced

- **4th general principle**
  
The approach should not be on a one-off basis, but rather a dynamic process for the coming years. This is particularly important as in the mineral resources sector it takes 10 years and more for a policy to generate sizeable economic and social returns.

Hence there is a need for a **follow-up mechanism**:

- What format?
- Annual event?
- Level of participation for a political debate?
News on Communication - October 10, 2008

- Pillars
  - Framework of conditions in EU
  - External pillar – access to resources
  - Resource efficiency – reduction of consumption

- Action plan (public awareness, high level forum, website, ...)
- November 5, 2008 – Adoption by Commission
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Focus on knowledge: why does a knowledge pillar matter?
In a very rapidly changing world, with an expected population of 9 billion humans by 2050, most of them to be born in yet underdeveloped countries ...
Apparent per capita copper consumption 1970-2005 - Selected countries/regions

Data sources: World Mining and Metals Yearbook, UN Population Division, EUROSTAT population data

Are developed countries really reducing their per capita copper use, or...?
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Yearly investment in mineral resources exploration, in constant US $ per km²
US $ value on 31/12/07 corrected by the CPI index value
Average yearly investments in mineral exploration in Africa in constant US$/km² ($ value on 31/12/07, corrected by the change in the CPI index)

A diagram illustrating the interaction between the state and private sector in mining projects, with a focus on the phases of geological survey, junior companies/SMEs, and feasibility studies. The diagram outlines the following key points:

- **State**

- **Private Sector**
  - Junior Companies/SMEs:
    - Detailed prospecting/Target exploration
    - Orebody reconnaissance/Prefeasibility
  - Metallic minerals: Transnat. Comp. (TNCs)
  - Other minerals: TNCs + SMEs

- Mining project phases:
  - Feasibility

- Risk and Cost:
  - Risk and Cost axes indicate the progressive increase in these factors throughout the project phases.

The diagram emphasizes the timeline and the transition from state geological surveys to private sector initiatives, culminating in feasibility studies.
MINING STAKEHOLDERS

- Shareholders
- Commercial banks
- Rating agencies
- Development banks
- Insurance Co.
- Others (equipment, engineering ...)

- Government
  - Sectoral authorities
- Academia & research
- NGOs
- Industry
- Consumers
- Development organisations
- Media

- Suppliers
- Mine
- Buyers
- Employees
- Local populations
- Unions
- Professional organisations
- Mining Companies

- Political parties
Science has to be aware that for decision making “the answer” does not exist.

There is never enough information if you don’t want to decide!
EU versus the US: the mineral resources example

The two regions are highly dependant on energy and mineral resources imports, the dependence of the EU for many metallic minerals being even higher.

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A MINERAL CRITICALITY MATRIX (importance of minerals in use versus mineral availability or risk to supply minerals)

INFORMATION AND RESEARCH
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Towards an EU minerals intelligence capacity?
Mineral Information consists of:

- Information on mining / processing / metallurgical operations (technical)
- Economic data (production, reserves & resources, trade, down-stream use/consumption)
- Mineral policy, plans, programs & regulation information (permitting, taxation, standardization, labor, environment)
- Environmental information (environmental impact, resource efficiency)
- Social mining information (H&S, labor issues, education, communication, partnership, local community, certification, SME & small scale mining, NGOs)
- RTD & innovation information (science & applied projects)
What is EU « Mineral Intelligence »?

- An EU vision of the world on minerals built on data, information and expertise:
  - On the known and estimated future geological potential, resources and reserves of mineral resources in the EU (deep-seated concealed orebodies) and worldwide;
  - On the global mineral markets;
  - On the policies and regulatory practices of non-EU mineral producing or mineral-rich countries and minerals importing countries;
  - On the status of sectoral institutions, capacities and of spatial data infrastructures;
  - On sustainable development issues;
  - On research activities with impact on the mineral resources industry (either in relation with the minerals/ metals production processes; with the development of substitutes, re-use or recycling or with the development of new products).
How to get there?

- Make a detailed **assessment of capacities** at EU country level (data assets, expertise, web services, degree of data harmonisation, integration of interoperability standards);
- Allocate proper funding to **safe keep existing data assets and expertise** where these are under threat;
- Accelerate the **development of interoperability of geological and mineral resources data** and of multilingual web services;
- Support geophysical and geological data acquisition on Europe’s geologically prospective regions to **identify deep-seated concealed mineral deposits**.
- Develop an **EU mineral resources intelligence capacity** built on existing national capacities, including the development of a single access portal to public data and information.
Minerals Information

Outcomes/Products:

- Network of experts with enhanced coordination, communication and collaboration making better use of existing critical EU capacities
- Policy supporting information, indicators
- Minerals Yearbook,
- Communication documents on minerals issues
Conclusions

- **Mineral resources** are critical to the economic and social development of any country and they are essential for modern living and sustainable future.

- Principles, grouped into general, social and environmental subgroups, would assist different stakeholders in thinking of big picture of minerals supply.
The public data, information and expertise available in geological surveys is crucial to the forthcoming EU non-energy raw materials policy. They can make a significant contributions to a better world based on sustainable development policies.

**Conclusion: policy recommendation**

Stepwise development of a coordinated EU mineral resources intelligence capacity built on existing national capacities, including the development of a single access portal to public data and information.
Thank you for your invitation