Mineral Intelligence for Europe

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Overall objectives of Mintell4EU:

① To update the electronic European Minerals Yearbook with production and trade data, resource and reserve data as well as exploration information.

② To improve the quality and spatial coverage of the minerals inventory, addressing harmonization issues and facilitating interoperability with other ongoing European mineral intelligence projects.

③ To test the application of the UNFC classification system as a tool to obtain more accurate information on pan-European mineral inventories.

④ To establish recommendation on interactions between already existing databases and data portals and the Raw Materials Information System (RMIS).

Mintell4EU in numbers

- 27 partners from 25 countries – all national or regional geosurveys

- Five WPs:
  1. Management, Communication, and Sustainability (GEUS)
  2. Update to Electronic European Minerals Yearbook (BGS)
  3. Minerals Inventory (GeoZS)
  4. UNFC pilot (NGU)
  5. Improvement of the KDPs’ application and interaction with the RMIS and EGDI (BRGM & GEUS)

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Why Mintell4EU?

- Builds on previous projects
- Extends the data coverage and harmonisation
- Develops Quality Control tools and automated harvesting systems
- Integrate new and existing data into EGDI

All to provide easy web access to useful and reliable mineral intelligence for all of Europe
Update to electronic Minerals Yearbook

Objective

➢ To update the data contained within the European Minerals Yearbook, produced by the Minerals4EU project (2013-2015). The yearbook contained:

• Production data 2004 to 2013
• Import and Export data 2004 to 2013
• Resource, reserve, exploration data with a reference year of 2013

➢ Updates in Mintell4EU:

• Production data updates 2014 to 2017; trade data updates 2014 to 2016 (finalized and data transferred to eMY)
• Production data updates 2018 and 2019; trade data updates 2017 and 2018 (ongoing)
• Resources, reserves and exploration data updates with a reference year of 2019 (ongoing)

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Updated Yearbook – front page

Welcome to the ‘European Minerals Yearbook’.

This Yearbook contains data for primary minerals production, trade, resources and reserves; and for secondary materials it contains data for mineral-based waste generation, treatment and trade. It also contains case studies relating to the recovery of 10 commodities from key waste streams. For these data, please select one of the 4 options shown below in the grey section.

Also available from the Yearbook are three brand new options for viewing data related to the social and environmental dimensions of mineral extraction. These are a small selection of the datasets that could potentially be available for these aspects, but these are presented here as a demonstration. For these data, please select one of the 3 options shown below in the green section.

If you have any comments regarding this Yearbook, please send them to Yearbook@minerals4EU.eu

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Updated Yearbook - data

Production data updated for all years; new data added for 2014 to 2017

Trade data added for 2014 to 2016

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To view the electronic European Minerals Yearbook, please visit: http://minerals4eu.brgm-rec.fr/m4eu-yearbook/theme_selection.html

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Mineral Inventory

*See also presentation D702*

**Objective**

- To improve the Minerals Inventory (current Minerals4EU database) by
  - Identifying and filing data gaps,
  - Identifying low-quality or completely missing data
  - Harmonizing data
  - Extending the spatial coverage
  - Develop Quality Control tool

- To document historical mine sites with touristic features and provide information and a map (layer in EGDI)
Extending the existing harvesting system

- Collecting and validating data
- Automatic extraction from web services
- INSPIRE solution as a common standard
  - For occurrence description
  - For information exchange
  - Basic data models are extensible

- Technical routines
  - Count report
  - Geometry check
  - Log files
  - Warning/error files
  - SQL command files
Mintell4EU Quality Control Application

Application for quality check of data stored in the M4EU DB

- The Mintell4EU QCA is temporary running on a GeoZS server to enable higher stability, security and optimal connection to harvesting system.
- Status of the data corresponds to the latest reported data from data providers.
- **Constant modification** due to new data updates and improvements in the harvesting system.
Quality control tool developed in Mintell4EU

https://mintell4eu-qca.geo-zs.si/

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Currently 30 data providers for M4EU DB

1. Albania
2. Austria
3. Belgium
4. Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
5. Bosnia and Herzegovina – Republic of Srpska
6. Croatia
7. Cyprus
8. Czech Republic
9. Denmark
10. Finland
11. France
12. Greece
13. Hungary
14. Ireland
15. Italy
16. Montenegro
17. Netherlands
18. Norway
19. Poland
20. Portugal
21. Romania
22. Serbia
23. Slovakia
24. Slovenia
25. Spain
26. Sweden
27. Switzerland
28. Turkey
29. Ukraine
30. United Kingdom

New data providers marked in red, some via cooperation with the RESEERVE project, and a German State (Regierungspräsidium Freiburg) in Mintell4EU

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**Historical mine sites**

Documentation of those mining areas which have developed (active) **tourist attractions or amenities following the closure of the mines**.

- Recording of relevant features and attributes of each site (a brief overview of the mine, its current condition, attractions and management of the site).

- The intention is to create a story map available from the EGDI platform.
Historical mine sites – possible outlook of a story map

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Geological Survey of Slovenia
UNFC pilot in Mintell4EU

Objective

- To demonstrate that geological surveys will be able to apply UNFC to the complete range of mineral resources (construction materials, industrial minerals and metals) and across all knowledge levels.

- To show if the application of UNFC will provide better harmonization of mineral resource data nationally, and across Europe, and to demonstrate the strength of UNFC as a tool for more accurate mineral inventories.

- The work is case study based, but aimed to be Pan-European in nature; it covers the range of solid mineral resource types.
UNFC PILOT

Why?

• Geological surveys need a tool that can be used to manage a country’s resources and potential resources.
• The society (at national and European level) needs a tool for resource awareness, foresight and policy formulation, for safeguarding and manageability
• The system must be manageable for the geological surveys

How?

• We apply UNFC on different commodities and in different countries.
• We test the application of the UNFC classification system as a tool to obtain more accurate information on pan-European mineral inventories.
• We use experiences from previous and collaborate with ongoing activities (ORAMA, Nordic UNFC project, UNECE etc.) and build our work on this.
# Case studies

## Ongoing case studies across Europe

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UNFC pilot – next steps and outcome

- Test cases are under elaboration by partners, supplemented with examples from other RM projects as FRAME and EuroLithos
- Existing material and guidelines, e.g. from the ORAMA project are used in the test cases
- A code list to be able to report UNFC into EGDI is being defined
- Workshop in Orléans, France in October based on the finalised test cases
  Demonstrate cross border aggregation (Cu, Aggregates and Industrial minerals)

- Finally, a recommendation on IF and HOW to implement the UNFC classification, based on manageability and coherence in national to Pan-European datasets and aggregated inventories, will be formulated.
More info:

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Improving the of Knowledge Data Platform applications and interaction with RMIS and EGDI

**Objective**

- To establish recommendation on interactions between already existing databases and data portals and the Raw Materials Information System (RMIS).
- To set up web services and Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) for facilitating data exchange with external systems.
Integration of updated European data sets in the EGDI

- Minerals occurrences
- Mineral yearbook
  - Production
  - Trade (Import and Export)
  - Resources, reserves and exploration
- Transfer to a panel of public data platforms:
  - EGDI: multi-thematic geoscience
  - EURare, Minerals4EU: mineral resources
  - RMIS: European Commission Joint Research Centre
Outputs so far

- Comparative analysis of KDPs resources versus RMIS needs with recommendations on data transfer to RMIS
- Identification of new functionalities required to integrate existing and new Mintell4EU data into EGDI
- Prototype portal displaying electronic Minerals Yearbook and Minerals Inventory data
Next steps

- Dialog between the project and the JRC is ongoing on what data should be made available to the RMIS and how it should be delivered.
- Transfer the electronic minerals yearbook data into the Minerals4EU database.
- Trade and production data by country and commodity from the mineral yearbook will be a new layer on the EGDI platform.
- Development of a dedicated “search” capability to the RMIS interface.
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Mintell4EU expected impacts - 1

- The greatest impact is presenting the most comprehensive set of mineral resource data targeted at specific end users:
  - EDGI: geoscientific audience
  - Minerals4EU: thematic audience
  - RMIS: policy makers and regulatory audience

  A big impact of the project will be to update the existing information and show data from new providers for the first time.

- The integration of the e-Mineral Yearbook with the Minerals Inventory result in an improved pan-European one-stop-information gateway on primary and secondary mineral resources.
Mintell4EU expected impacts 2

- Resource and reserve information in the form of UNFC will start to become available and provide a new insight on European mineral resources. This will highlight the most important deposits that could be developed.

- The project develops previous ones from over a decade, bringing content enrichment, quality control and technical improvements to a panel of stakeholders already using the existing EU Knowledge Data Platforms e.g. Minerals4EU and euRare.

- The project will combine results from other GeoERA RM projects that complement each other to increase the overall impact of the results.

A more useful systems should lead to greater use by decision makers.

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Thank you for listening

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