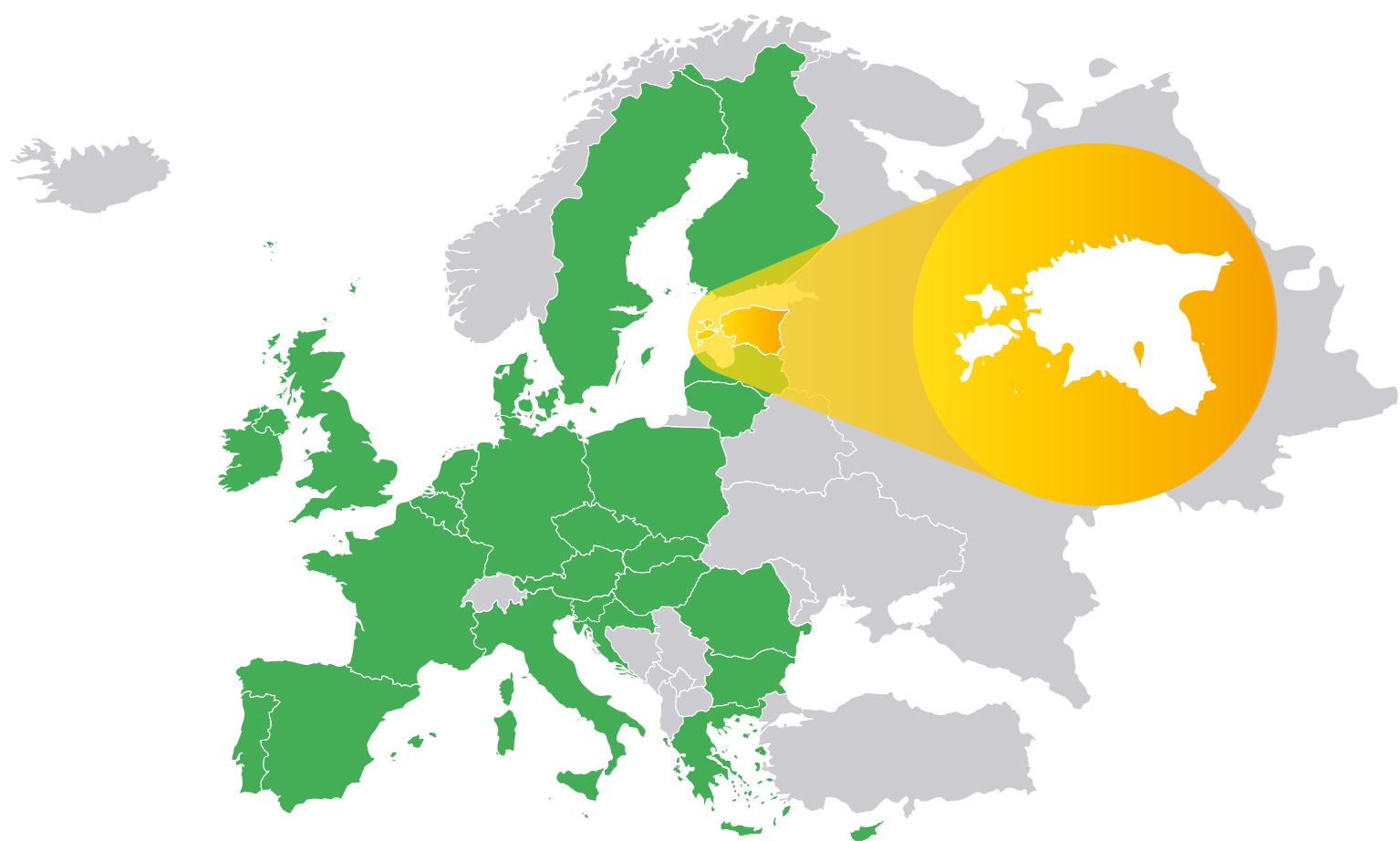


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		POLICY 1
		Mining Act
Title (original language)		-
Title (translation in english)		Mining Act
Year (and identification number if available)		No. 20, 118 f 2003
Short description		With the aim of ensuring the safety of persons, property and the environment, and of ensuring the economical use of deposits, this Act (amended by the Law No. 18, 131 of 2004) provides requirements for: 1) mining and the secondary utilisation of underground workings; 2) plans for mining and the secondary utilisation of underground workings; 3) undertakings engaged in mining, the secondary utilisation of underground workings or preparation of plans for such work; 4) specialists in charge and authorities assessing and attesting the conformity thereof; 5) liability and state supervision. The document consists of 9 chapters that contain 40 paragraphs. Chapter 1 (paragraphs 1-3) lays down general provisions. Chapter 2 (paragraphs 4-8) regards mining and secondary utilisation of workings. Chapter 3 (paragraphs 9-13) regards holders of exploration and extraction permits, and undertakings. Chapter 4 (paragraphs 14-16) concerns specialist in charge. Chapter 5 (paragraphs 17-19) concerns authority assessing and attesting conformity of persons. Chapter 6 (paragraphs 20-24) regards registration of undertakings. Chapter 7 (paragraphs 25-30) state supervision. Chapter 8 (paragraphs 31-34) establishes liability. Chapter 9 (paragraphs 35-40) lays down implementing provisions.
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Responsible for the design of the policy		-
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		-
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level		-
Policy instrument type		Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-

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		POLICY 2
		Earth's Crust Act
Title (original language)	-	
Title (translation in english)	Earth's Crust Act	
Year (and identification number if available)	No 84,572 of 2003	
Short description	This Act (as amended by Law No. 15, 87 of 2005) provides for the procedure for and the principles of exploration, protection and use of the earth's crust, with the purpose of ensuring economically efficient and environmentally sound use of the earth's crust. This Act regulates: (a) geological investigation; (b) geological explorations; (c) extraction of mineral resources, except in the part regulated by the Mining Act; (d) the rights of the owner of an immovable upon use of mineral resources within the boundaries of the owner's immovable; (e) restoration of the land disturbed by geological investigation, geological explorations or mining; (f) use of the earth's crust not related to the extraction of mineral resources, except in the part regulated by the Mining Act and the Water Act; and (g) protection of the earth's crust. Mineral deposits shall be classified as national and local. Mineral reserves shall be classified as proved reserves, inferred reserves and reconnaissance resources. Geological explorations are permitted on the basis of a geological exploration permit for mineral resources. Extraction of minerals shall be authorized in conformity with extraction permit with the term of validity varying from 15 to 30 years, subject to extension.	
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Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level	-	
Policy instrument type	Legislation	
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)	-	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-
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		POLICY 3
		National Development Plan for the Use of Construction Minerals 2011–2020
Title (original language)		-
Title (translation in english)		National Development Plan for the Use of Construction Minerals 2011–2020
Year (and identification number if available)		2011
Short description		The objective of the National Development Plan for the Use of Construction Minerals 2011–2020 is to increase the efficiency of extraction and use of construction minerals and the use of possible alternative building materials. Furthermore, it supports environmentally sustainable extraction of mineral resources, which is sustainable in terms of water, landscapes and air, and the efficient exploitation of mineral resources with minimum losses and waste (The Estonian Environmental Strategy 2030).
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)		http://www.envir.ee/sites/default/files/ehitusmaavarade_kasutamise_riiklik_a_rengukava_2011-2020.pdf
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Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)		
Responsible for the design of the policy		-
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		-
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level		-
Policy instrument type		Policy Strategy
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-

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		POLICY 4
		Estonian Commission on Mineral Resources
Title (original language)		-
Title (translation in english)		Estonian Commission on Mineral Resources
Year (and identification number if available)		1995
Short description		<p>The Estonian Commission on Mineral Resources was established in 1995. Its statute was certified by the Government and members by Minister of the Environment. Members of the Commission represent different roof-organisations like Ministry of the Environment, Land Board, Technical Surveillance Authority and also the Association of Municipalities and professional geological and mining unions. Main functions of the Commission are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) to counsel the Ministry of the Environment, the Government offices and municipalities in the questions geological investigations of earth's crust and exploration of minerals and also in the usage and protection of the earth's crust; 2) to propose to Ministry of the Environment the changes of legal acts or create the new legal acts; 3) to control the projects prepared for reclamation of the areas disturbed by the extraction of the minerals and propose to Ministry of the Environment to accept or not accept these projects.
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)		http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_ni/ni_pdfs/NationalReports/estonia/CS_D18_ESTONIA_Mining.pdf
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_ni/ni_pdfs/NationalReports/estonia/CS_D18_ESTONIA_Mining.pdf
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Responsible for the design of the policy		Ministry of the Environment
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		-
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level		-
Policy instrument type		Committee or Network
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-

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		Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management System Act	The Planning and Building Act	Act on Sustainable Development	Nature Conservation Act
Title (original language)					
Title (translation in english)		Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management System Act	The Planning and Building Act	Act on Sustainable Development	Nature Conservation Act
Year (and identification number if available)		Law No. 15, 87 of 2005	Law No. of 1995	Law No. of 1995	RT I 2004, 38, 258
Short description		This Act provides legal bases and procedure for assessment of likely environmental impact, organisation of eco-management and audit scheme and legal bases for awarding eco-label in order to prevent environmental damage (Article 1). Activities with significant environmental impact are open-cast mining where the surface of the site exceeds 25 hectares, or peat extraction where the surface of the site exceeds 150 hectares, or underground mining (Article 6 (1) 28).		This Act establishes the principles of the national strategy of sustainable development.	The purpose of this Act (as amended by Law No. 3,15 2008) is to: 1) protect the natural environment by promoting the preservation of biodiversity through ensuring the natural habitats and the populations of species of wild fauna, flora and fungi at a favourable conservation status; 2) preserve natural environments of cultural or esthetical value, or elements thereof; 3) promote the sustainable use of natural resources.
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Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)				
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)				
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)				
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)				
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		POLICY 5	POLICY 6	POLICY 7	POLICY 8
		Administrative Procedures Act	Waste Act	Technical Supervision Act	Civil Code
Title (original language)					
Title (translation in english)		Administrative Procedures Act	Waste Act	Technical Supervision Act	Civil Code
Year (and identification number if available)		Law No. of 2002	RT I 2004, 9, 52	Law 1998	consolidated text 2007
Short description			This Act provides the organisation of waste management, requirements for preventing waste generation and the health and environmental hazards arising from waste, including measures for improving the efficiency of the use of natural resources and reducing the adverse impacts of such use, and liability for violation of the established requirements. [RT I, 09.11.2011, 1 - entry into force 10.11.2011]		
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Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)				
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)				
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)				
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)				
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		POLICY 9	POLICY 10	POLICY 11	POLICY 12
		Land Register Act	Law of Property Act Implementation Act	Competition Act	Land Tax Act
Title (original language)				-	-
Title (translation in english)		Land Register Act	Law of Property Act Implementation Act	Competition Act	Land Tax Act
Year (and identification number if available)		RT I 1993, 65, 922		RT I 2001, 56, 332	RT I 1993, 24, 428
Short description		The Land Register Act provides for the procedure for maintenance of land registers.		The scope of application of this Act is the safeguarding of competition in the interest of free enterprise upon the extraction of natural resources, manufacture of goods, provision of services and sale and purchase of products and services (hereinafter goods) and the preclusion and elimination of the prevention, limitation or restriction (hereinafter restriction) of competition in other economic activities.	-
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Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)			-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)				
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)				
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)				
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		POLICY 13	POLICY 14	POLICY 15	POLICY 16
		Water Act	Occupational Health and Safety Act	Minister of Environment Regulation on Maximum limits of hazardous substances in soil and ground water	Environmental Register Act
Title (original language)		-	-	-	-
Title (translation in english)		Water Act	Occupational Health and Safety Act	Minister of Environment Regulation on Maximum limits of hazardous substances in soil and ground water	Environmental Register Act
Year (and identification number if available)		-	1996	No. 8/1999	2003
Short description		-	-	-	This Act provides the bases for the entry of data regarding natural resources, natural heritage, the state of the environment and environmental factors in the environmental register, for the retention of data in the register and for the processing and release of the data.
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Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
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	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)				
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)				
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