



Innovation friendly minerals policy framework



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Overview of the stock-taking results of Minerals Policies in the EU-28 and the EU level

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Promotion and regulation of business activities
(Mining Act & decrees)

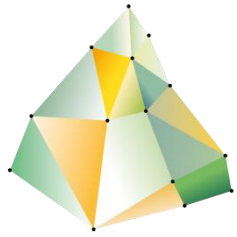
Loans, guarantees, aid and support

Employment

Energy market

Competition

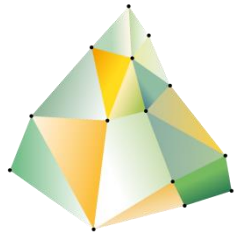
Regional development



The task

Identifying relevant mineral policies as well as related policies and legislation at the EU level and in the 28 EU Member States

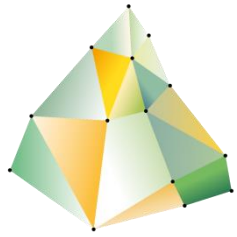




Challenges

- Europe is seen as one area, but is not
- Minerals governance is a matter of sovereignty - Varying systems from MS to MS
- European regulation implemented with a national twist
- Exploration and extraction are regulated by a variety of legislation, not only Mining Act
- Regulation in national languages only?
- No coordinated information available prior to ...





Overview

The variation between MSs:

regulated minerals

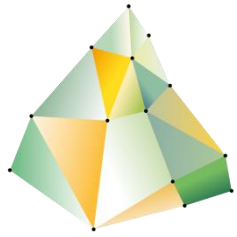
regulating body, local – national

EU regulation is not coherent

environmental enabling vs. protective aspects

prudence principle





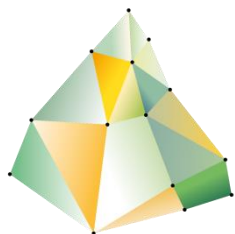
Overview

The overall amount of regulation 28 EU MSs

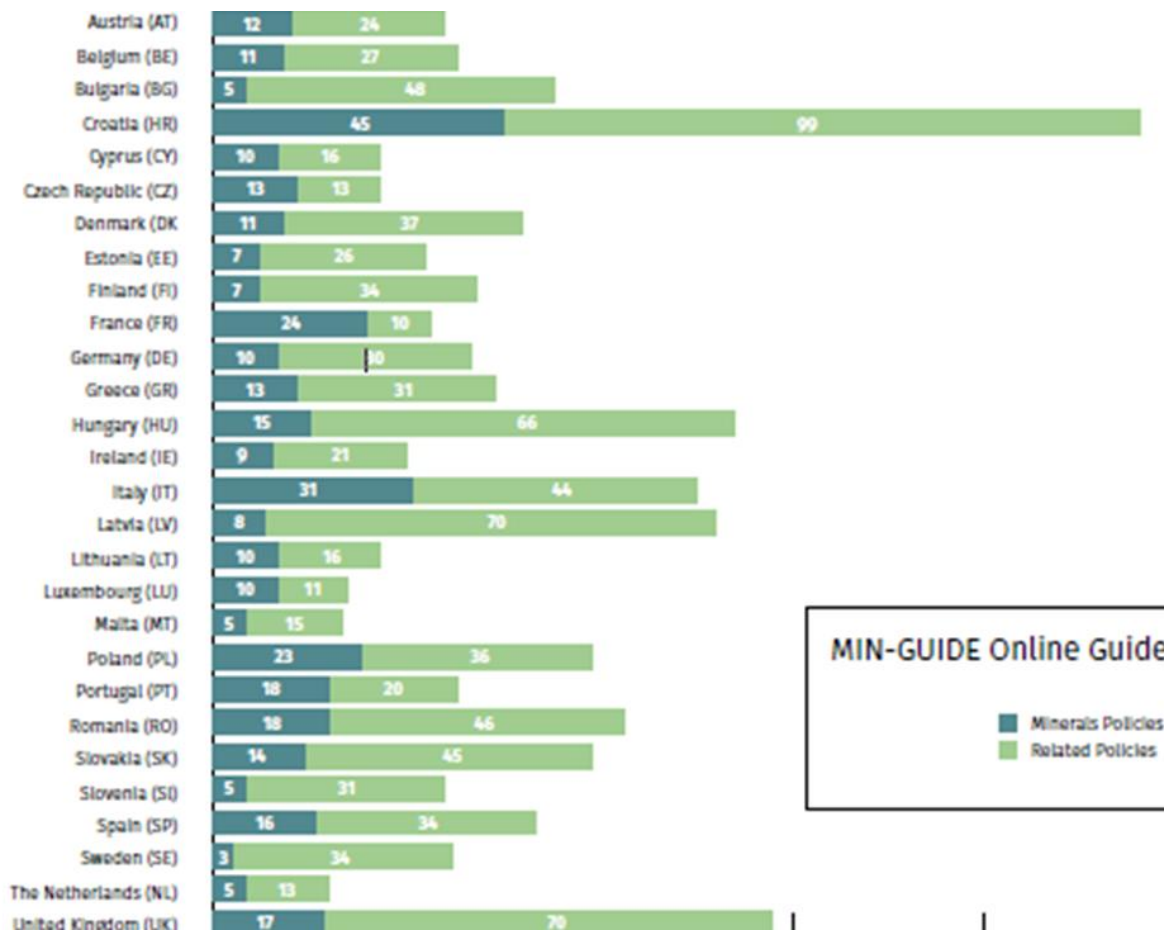
382 mineral policies

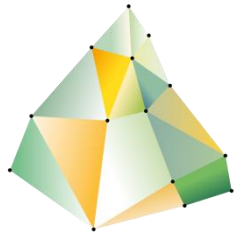
975 related policies ~ 50/MS





Policies





Highlights

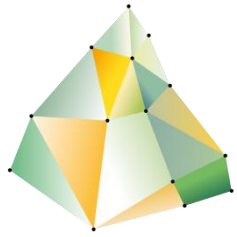
User-friendly overview of minerals- and related policies in the EU ... for the first time!

Big picture on the regulation regime, a wake-up call for all of us, the amount

Legislation only on national languages, not attracting investors or operators

National Focal Point System – updating of policy data is challenging as regulation is cross sectoral, still a necessity!





Reflections

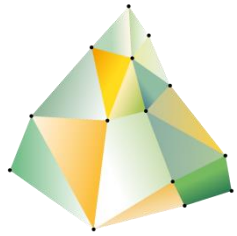
Next step: harmonisation is a dream ... what about similarities? Investors and operators would benefit from that perspective too – grouping by different parameters

Realistic expectations

Short term actions/long term goals

Reflections due to recent geopolitical changes





Personal take aways

Insights of the European research mechanisms

Participant

-  Consortium mechanism
-  Administration
-  Networking
-  H2020, Rigidity in the rapidly changing world





Thank you!