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Strategic national policy frameworks
case Finland

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Background



Making Finland a leader in the sustainable extractive industry – action plan

Complementing the national minerals strategy

- Measures in all sectors of the minerals industry
- Measures to be taken by the industry to obtain the support of the society
- Proposals for improving the operating environment of the extractive industry
 - Administration
 - Training
 - Infrastructure

Common understanding of the steps that are needed

More active, open exchange of information and experience, along ongoing dialogue regarding the implementation of the proposed measures and the development within the industry

Network activities between, and among, stakeholders



Success factor 1

- **Broad participance in the working groups (10), no limitations, therefore**
Need for facilitators who further develop all ideas and views presented – also the cross checking between groups
- **Specialists participating from different organisations (not high level)**
- **Suggested measures vary and some were politically sensitive, and needed to be addressed with special care (not many but some), were not just ignored or put aside**
- **Open and timely communication to all participants of the process and of the aim and goal from day 1, and of the further development after the adoption of the document, “why we do this, why they should bother”**
- **IF web-based meetings had been used, more stakeholders might have been reached**

A collaborative approach for implementation



- **The commitment of all stakeholders from the High Level Meeting that started the process – agreement of the next steps and also the mandate for specialists to put their time to this**
- **Political will shown by several ministers attending – signal for the stakeholders that the work is taken seriously**
- **Some formulations required compromises and diplomacy but that was done without losing the original idea of the proposal**

- **Implementation was seen as a joint effort, not only governments' job - "team work"**
- **List of measures with responsible parties published**
- **Implementation also a possibility for networking**
- **Communication of the developments made is most important! A coordinator was employed, led some of the actions but informed of all**
- **Even the High Level must get information that the time their representatives have put in the project was useful**



Thank You