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Mineral Resources National Policy Governance

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MIN
guide



Greece – a mining country

Greece possesses substantial mineral wealth, consisting of a variety of minerals and ores:

- Bauxite, nickel
- magnesite, bentonite, perlite, gypsum
- ornamental stones (principally marble)
- lignite (brown coal)
- limestone
- mixed sulphide ores (Pb, Zn), Gold, etc

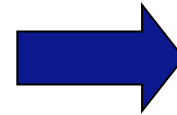
Some interesting facts about mining and quarrying activity in Greece



- Number of environmental permits / licenses (2015) ~ **87**
- Number of new licenses-exploration/exploitation (2015) ~ **40**
- Number of employees (2015) ~ **20.000**
- Number of public servants directly related to minerals exploitation/exploration ~ **120**
- Institute of Geology and Mineral exploration (IGME) researchers (2015) ~ **110**
- Number of authorities involved in the permission process ~ **15**
- Number of intermediate permits/licenses/opinions for getting the final license ~ **9**

The main legislation framework

- Minerals research and exploitation is based on:
 - a) **Mining Minerals:** The Mining Code - Legislative Decree 210/1973
 - b) **Industrial and ornamental minerals:** Law 669/1977 "on the quarries exploitation"
 - c) **Construction Minerals:** Law 1428/1984 "for the exploitation of aggregate quarries"



various
amendments

Our current Mining Policy target

Updating and modernization of the quarry/mining legislation (licensing system, exploration and exploitation, H&S control, environmental issues etc)



New Quarry Law
(in progress)



Stakeholders of Mining Policy Planning

- Ministry-national level politicians and public administrators directly responsible for design and adoption of minerals policy
- Institute of Geology and Mineral Exploration (IGME) (for minerals research)
- Academia (mineral resources+geology depts)
- Business associations, civil organizations, labour unions, NGOs
- **National Committee**

Ministerial part



- Policy maker: Minister of Environment and Energy
- Policy instrument type: Ad hoc committee (general secretary coordination, high level civil servants related to minerals production)
- Companies representatives invited one-by one to express their views/objections
- Policy on: exploration/exploitation
mineral and metallurgical processing
mine-quarrie closure /post close
activities
mine waste

Ministerial part (cont.)



Transparency via:

- a) data/knowledge database (www.latomet.gr),
annual statistical report

- b) Transparency program initiative
(<https://diavgeia.gov.gr/>):
upload all the acts and decisions on the Internet

- c) Environmental licenses (<http://aepo.ypeka.gr/>)



Stakeholder part

- Public consultation both at a national, regional and local level, citizens, private sector etc.
- A draft legislation or even policy initiative by the government, posted in a blog like platform prior to their submission to parliament (www.opengov.gr).
- Citizens and organisations can post their comments, suggestions and criticisms article-by-article.
- Negotiation report (approvals-rejections)
- Final draft >>>>to the parliament

National Committee



Ministerial Decision 7/6685/905/10.04.2012

Establishment of National Committee for Mineral Resources

the objective:

advisory group with a permanent and continuous
role in national mining strategy

National Committee (cont.)



- Processing views and proposals for developing long-term strategy for Mineral Wealth
- Opinion on drafts (law, presidential decrees, administrative regulations, EU directives)
- Opinion on policy issues such as mining, competition, international trade, unfair trade practices etc
- Opinion on promotional aspects of large mining investments
- Opinion on issues submitted by the Minister

National Committee (cont.)



- designed to
 - establish an institutionalized structure to facilitate collaboration between administration-academia-enterprises-employees
 - implementation of the National Policy for the Exploration of Mineral Resources
 - Land-use planning
 - updating of the mining/quarry legislation
 - promotion of dialogue-social license
 - Education-Research-Innovation
- since 2012>>not active

National Committee (cont.)



- Attended by:
 - General Secretary for energy and mineral resources (chair)
 - National Legal adviser
 - The sum of directors of general directorate of mineral resources
 - The General Director of general directorate of environment
 - The General Director of the Institute of Geology and Mineral exploration
 - Academic Staff (professors from all the univ. depts and faculties of geosciences)
 - Representative of Technical+Geotechnical Chambers
 - “ “ of the main labour union
 - “ “ of mining enterprises association
 - “ “ of Hellenic Federation of Enterprises

Thank you for your attention