

Raw Materials Week

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(Re)mining extractive waste: Perspectives for the EU?

Closing event H2020 NEMO project

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Stakeholder Engagement

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Stakeholder relations (a continuous work of 4'5 years)

>90 related people from many different backgrounds (Spain, Finland & Sweden)

- Mining workers
 - Truck drivers, Exploration geologists, Researchers, Concentration Operators, Environmental officers, Communication officers, Managers, Mechanics, Unions representatives, ...
- Universities and research centres
- Local inhabitants and local associations
- Public Institutions (at national, regional and local levels)
- Environmental organisations (at national and local levels)
- Indigenous peoples (Sweden)
- Supranational institutions (EC, UNEP-IRP, ...)
- Governments and permitting authorities (at national, regional and local levels)





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- >40 personal interviews with relevant stakeholders
- 70 questionnaire responses at local events at Boliden & Terrafame sites
- 80 days of fieldwork
- 9 field trips, mainly in Andalusia (Spain), Kainuu (Finland) and Norrland (Sweden)
- >300 participants at High-Level Expert Panels



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High-level expert panel

- ❑ 7 sessions from 2019 to 2022, in Brussels
- ❑ > 300 participants
- ❑ Diverse kind of backgrounds and interests related to the (re)mining of waste:
 - Civil society organisations
 - Public institutions
 - Universities and Research centres
 - Decision-makers
 - Companies and Industry representatives
 - Supranational organisations (EC, UN)





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Some conclusions from the discussions:

- ❑ *Link production processes with the end-product*
- ❑ *Decouple end-products demand from industrial legitimization*
- ❑ *Build public trust in public authorities and companies*
- ❑ *Set up an European reference framework for Social License to Operate (SLO) to regulate extractive industries*
- ❑ *Establish an enabling European policy/legislation for the recycling of metals and minerals sector that is coherent with global frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*
- ❑ *Promote sufficiency policies and post-growth strategies next to efficiency considerations*



Thank you !

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