

International Raw Materials Observatory



Fostering international raw materials cooperation

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BACKGROUND

- The global demand for mineral raw materials stands at the bottom of a new growth curve and it is assumed that by 2030 the worldwide need for mineral raw materials will have doubled.
- Safeguarding mineral raw materials supply will be a challenge for the European Union and to all other technologically advanced countries.

APPROACH

Map best practices and boost cooperation opportunities on mineral raw materials between the European Union, Australia, Canada, Japan, South Africa and the United States in response to similiar global challenges.

> $\mathbf{3}$ implementation - set and launch the

MAPPING best practices in the reference countries

BENCHMARKING **BASIC DETERMINANTS**

- 1. Rule of law
- 2. Stable institutions
- 3. Availability of skilled workforce
- 4. Competitive energy prices
- 5. Transport infrastructure
- 6. Availability of capital markets and risk finance

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

- a) Rich mineral endowment
- b) Proximity and access to large markets

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

- 1. Access to land
- 2. Stable mining regulatory framework and tax regime
- 3. Public reliable geological data
- 4. Low population density
- 5. Government support



Read more about the contextual analysis of the reference countries Australia, Canada, Japan, South Africa and USA at http://intraw.eu/ publications



European Union's raw materials intelligence infrastructure, operating internationally

– how to "translate" the identified best practices to the European context

2 PROGRAMMING



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