



Conference on
Exploration and Exploitation
of Critical Raw Materials

Sustainable management of abandoned mines: The REMINDNET initiative funded by COST

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The main aim and objective of the REMINDNET Project are:

- To compare present legal framework, governance structures and management approaches for closed mines across the COST Action member countries**
- To harmonise best practices, standards and lessons learnt for a comprehensive and sustainable management of raw materials extraction legacies.**

To achieve the main objective the following specific objectives shall be accomplished:

Research Coordination

- Develop a common understanding of sustainably managing mine legacies
- Compare present legal framework, governance structures and management approaches
- Establish an European mining legacy database and visualisation on QGIS
- Provide input to mine authorities, regulators and financial institutions
- Open access visualization platform

To achieve the main objective the following specific objectives shall be accomplished:

Capacity Building

- Establish and maintain a community of practice
- Pool experts from currently separated fields
- Involve special target groups (focusing on the management of mine legacies, Early Career Investigators, under-represented gender, experts from countries with less capacity in the field of management of mine closures and mining legacies)

REMINDNET network

- The funded by COST - The European Cooperation in Science and Technology, addresses the pressing issue of managing abandoned mines across Europe.
- Historically, mining activities have left behind significant environmental legacies such as tailings, waste dumps, and contaminated water, necessitating effective closure and post-closure strategies.
- This network comprises more than 90 experts from over 50 organizations across 31 European countries, spanning disciplines from geology and engineering to economics and law.

REMINDNET network

- Focused on legislation, governance, financing, and rehabilitation techniques, REMINDNET aims to harmonize best practices and standards for sustainable management of mining legacies.
- Key objectives include establishing a European mining legacy database, assessing legal frameworks and governance structures, and providing guidance to mine authorities and regulators.
- The project emphasizes comprehensive environmental monitoring, risk management, and capacity building through specialized working groups.



REMINDNET network

Through collaborative efforts across its five working groups.

WG 1 - Government and management practices,

WG 2 - Socio-economic aspects and financing,

WG 3 - Environmental monitoring and risk management,

WG 4 - Training and capacity building, a

WG 5 - Dissemination and communication

REMINDNET meetings for the first year

Meeting 1

Management Committee Meeting, Core Group Meeting, Working Group

Title : Introduction to the Action

Attendance Type : Face to face

Location : Ostrava (Czech Republic)

Date : 22/01/2024 - 23/01/2024

Meeting 2

Workshops/Conferences

Title : Funding opportunities offered by the COST Action

Attendance Type : Virtual

Location : N/A

Date : 26/03/2024 - 26/03/2024

Meeting 3

Working Group Meeting, Core Group Meeting

Title : QGIS Database & Overview of EU regulations

Attendance Type : Hybrid

Location : Tallin (Estonia)

Date : 11/06/2024 - 12/06/2024

Meeting 4

Workshops/Conferences, MC Meeting, Core Group Meeting

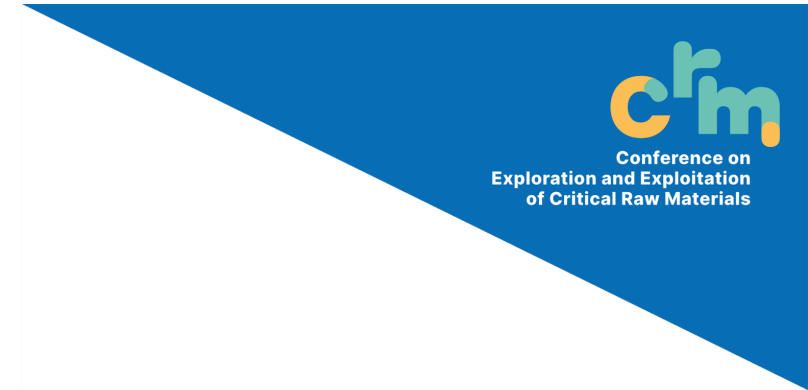
Title : Best practice sharing, Preparation of Y2

Attendance Type : Hybrid

Location : Tirana (Albania)

Date : 18/09/2024 - 19/09/2024









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