



STRADE Final Newsletter – 03/2018

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We concluded the STRADE dialogue with our one-day final conference in Brussels with over 80 participants attending. In four sessions the STRADE team briefly outlined the major STRADE recommendations, followed by extensive discussions with panellists and the audience on the following key areas:

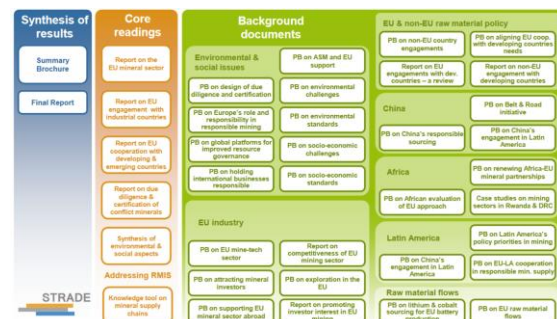
- Supporting the EU Mining Sector – Challenges & Recommendations
- EU-Africa Raw Materials Dialogue – The Minerals & Development Discourse
- EU-Latin America Raw Materials Dialogue– Shifting to Mineral Resources Cooperation
- The Next Ten Years of EU Raw Materials Engagement – Lessons from STRADE

The findings and discussions clearly indicated agreement on a continuing need for engagement for a healthy EU mining sector as well as bilateral and multilateral cooperation with resource-rich developing, emerging and industrialised countries. The STRADE team, following-up on the results of the discussion,

included these considerations in the final reports from the STRADE project.

2. Final report, summary brochure and core documents

We are happy to share our final publications with you. An overview of all 42 STRADE publications – final report, core documents and background documents – is available [here](#):



Our final report [“Toward New Paths of Raw Material Cooperation – Renewing EU Partnerships”](#) including an executive summary highlights the key STRADE recommendations and guides readers interested in more detailed analysis to the comprehensive background reports, that have informed the final conclusions for this project. Our summary brochure provides a summary of our main findings.



Overall the STRADE dialogues and research conclude that the EU's future raw-material policy must be based on partnership. Whether this is through leading multilateral dialogues on responsible mining and sourcing or supporting the creation of international knowledge networks, the EU must play a leading role in shaping the future of the global raw-material sector.

3. Acknowledgments

The STRADE project was financed under the EU's Horizon 2020 programme. The project team would like to specially thank the EC directorate DG GROW and EASME for their dedicated support and engagement during this project.

The project team is very appreciative of the STRADE Advisory Board's strong support and

commitment to this project. In addition to the regular Advisory Board meetings, the members reviewed numerous reports and policy briefings and introduced new perspectives and questions into the project. The project's final recommendations are the result of a joint discussion process and has taken up many of the Advisory Board's suggestions. The discussions allowed for different positions to be articulated and opinions represented, thus enriching the project with valuable perspectives. Nevertheless, the authors of the Final Report "Toward New Paths of Raw Material Cooperation – Renewing EU Partnerships" clarify that the report does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Advisory Board members in all statements.

In the end, we would like to thank the entire STRADE project team for their commitment and intensive discussions throughout the three years. Through the intensive and constructive exchange within the team, it was possible to integrate different viewpoints and develop joint recommendations for the European Commission on economic, social and environmental aspects of raw-materials policy.