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STRADE Workshops: June 2017

The STRADE team is hosting four workshops over two days in Brussels on 19 and 20 June 2017. Those interested are encouraged to email info@STRADEproject.eu to register.

With two workshops in parallel each day, four different areas are addressed:

19 June: *Dialogues between resource producers and consumers: Towards a new platform for sustainable minerals governance* (a1)

Various platforms and international organizations deal with the challenges of securing minerals supplies, promoting the contribution of the sector to sustainable development and encouraging sustainable minerals use and recycling in a fragmented manner. Yet no multilateral international platform or agency nor any international agreements address these aspects in an integrated manner. This workshop discusses this gap and whether the various overlaps in interests of mineral exporting and importing countries would benefit from an International Resource Governance Alliance (IRGA). Discussions will question the need for a new platform or whether the existing international organizations, platforms and initiatives could fulfil the role of an IRGA. An initial idea for such a platform will be presented and discussed.

19 June: *The perception of mining in Europe: The impact of social and cultural values* (a2)

Does 'not in my backyard' portray the European approach to mining? This workshop brings together community leaders, exploration and mining companies, investors and legal professionals for a roundtable discussion on the social and cultural values that impact mining activity in the EU. Using a dialogue-centric approach, discussions will lead to an understanding of the complex issues involved in negotiating a Social License to Operate in European countries. We ask whether the EU can play a positive role in facilitating these negotiations in the future.

20 June: *EU mineral resource cooperation with developing countries: Creating win-win relationships* (b1)

How can the EU successfully establish partnerships with developing countries for a stable mineral supply and promote mining-induced development and responsible mining and trade practices? In discussions, workshop participants are invited to help develop recommendations for EC actions. To this end, the EU's role, options and limits of action are put to test.

During the workshop, main goals and instruments of EU and Member States' raw materials policies will be presented and contrasted with the main objectives of

resource-rich developing countries' mining policies. Based on their own experience, participants will discuss how European policies are perceived in developing countries and how the goals of the different policies can be better aligned to create stable long-term partnerships.

20 June: *EU knowledge platform on responsible mineral supply chains: A knowledge platform on EU mineral supply and related socio-economic and environmental issues* (b2)

Raw-material-related policy development has always relied on sound data about geology, mining, trade and mineral use. While national geological surveys traditionally provided this information, the focus of raw-material-related policies has over the last decade widened for topics such as supply risk, human rights, responsible mining and mining countries' economic development. Consequently, a wealth of data and information tools on raw materials and mining are now available or in development, but this knowledge is distributed over a broad range of publications and datasets. To overcome this problem, a concept will be discussed for a common knowledge platform where data and information from the various sources are hosted in a structured and easily accessible manner.

A draft of the [detailed programme](#) can be found on the STRADE website.

Published Policy Briefs and Reports

Since the start of 2017, the STRADE team has published three Policy Briefs and is awaiting approval of two reports.

STRADE Policy Briefs in 2017:

- *Minerals and metals from non-EU countries - Europe's role and responsibility for positive change in industry supply chains* (February 2017, [Policy Brief 01/2017](#)) by Andreas Manhart, Martin Gsell, Diana Hay, and Doris Schüler (Oeko-Institut e.V.) addresses Europe's responsibilities for
- reducing adverse social and environmental impacts in global raw-material supply chains and for supporting mining-related developing potential. It analyses international and European policy commitments and the self-concept of the European Union to engage in responsible raw materials sourcing. The brief also discusses overlapping and complementary responsibilities and interfaces between the public and private sectors and between raw-material-producing and consuming countries.
- *EU raw material import flows – acknowledging non-EU environmental and social footprints* (February 2017, [Policy Brief 02/2017](#)) by Doris Schüler, Stefanie Degreif, Peter Dolega, Diana Hay, Andreas Manhart, and Matthias Buchert (Oeko-Institut e.V.) analyses the import structure of six selected metals. Highly relevant imports are not only ores and concentrates, but also imports further downstream in the value chain: metals, alloys, intermediate and finished products. The policy brief also addresses the resulting links between specific resource-rich countries and the EU and proposes generating a supporting tool to document the socio-economic and environmental footprint of the EU's material imports.
- *Operational design and implementation experience with due diligence initiatives and certification schemes* (April 2017, [Policy Brief 03/2017](#)) by Aissa Rechlin, Peter Dolega, and Michael Priester (Projekt-Consult GmbH) analyses success factors and challenges in the operational design of and implementation experience with due diligence and certification schemes. Credibility, which is closely connected to transparency and accountability, has been found to be of crucial importance for their effectiveness. In this context, the policy brief discusses instruments to increase the effectiveness and further key components of the schemes.

The reports in 2017 are not yet approved for publication. Please look for them on the [STRADE website](#) later in the year. They shall address the following:

- *Report 1: European Union and Raw Material Engagements with Developing Countries – A Review* (February 2017) by Masuma Farooki, David Humphreys, Alexander Malden, Laura Cramphorn (SNL Financial)
- *Report 2: The Competitiveness of the European Union's Mining Sector* (April 2017) by Masuma Farooki, Adam Webb and Chris Hinde (SNL Financial)

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