

**COST ACTION CA22138**  
**REMINDNET – Recovery of Mining District Network**

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The extraction of minerals and metals from the earth's crust is as old as human mankind. The management of mine closure as well as post-closure is getting more and more attention, because in Europe as well as worldwide former mining regions are affected by environmental residues such as tailings, waste dumps, subsidence, and contaminated water, which are the results of unsatisfactory environmental performance of the mining industry in the past. All European countries face these problems and many of them lack the funds as well as capacity to manage these former mining sites.

**This network comprises more than 90 experts from over 50 organisations across 31 European countries** focus on legislation, governance and management of these legacies, financing, and rehabilitation and monitoring techniques to improve implementation to minimize post-closure mining legacies.

The project will establish an European mining legacy database, compare present legal framework, governance structures and management approaches, provide input to mine authorities, regulators and financial institutions on socially balanced and environmentally friendly management of mine legacies, harmonise best practices, standards and lessons learnt for comprehensive and sustainable management of raw materials extraction legacies and disseminate the results to the public through an open access visualization platform. The network pools experts from currently separated fields (e.g. geologists, engineers, environmental and social scientists, metallurgists, economists, legal representatives, etc.) and aims to consolidate knowledge and foster mutual knowledge exchange between researchers.

**REMINDNET consist of 5 Working groups:**

WG 1 – Government and management practices

WG 2 – Socio-economic aspects and financing

WG 3 – Environmental monitoring and risk management and use of abandoned mines

WG 4 – Training and capacity building

WG 5 – Dissemination and communication, Project Management

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