

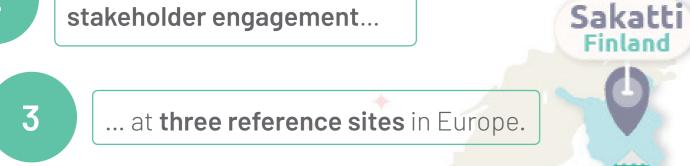
Innovative, Non-Invasive and Fully Acceptable Exploration Technologies

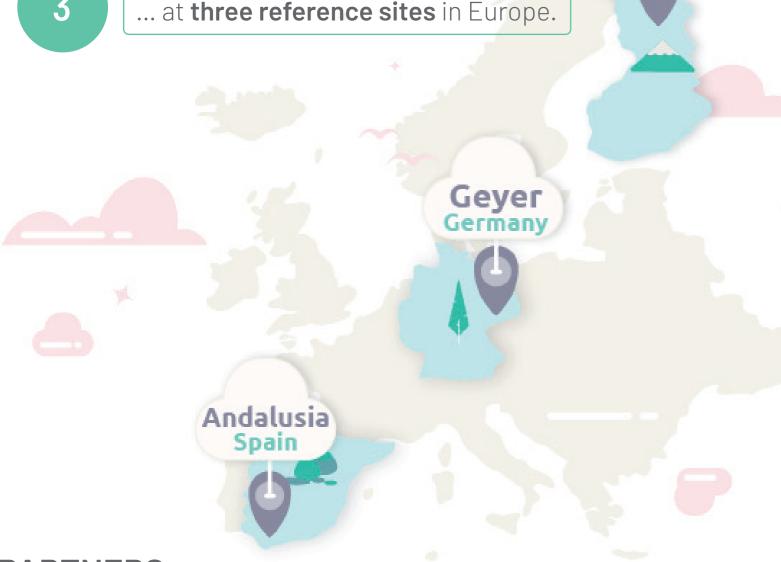


THE PROJECT IN A NUT-SHELL



... with a strong focus on stakeholder engagement...





PARTNERS

COORDINATOR HZDR HELMHOLTZ ZENTRUM DRESDEN

SOCIAL DIALOGUE & ENVIRONMENT











IMPLEMENTATION & BUSINESS MODEL





TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT & EXPLORATION















APPROACH

Project Coordination ACTIVATE

Despite its rich history of mining and residual mineral wealth, current conditions within the EU present a number of social, political, legislative, economical, technical and physical obstacles to mineral exploration: obstacles to be overcome by innovation, dialogue and reform.

To address these barriers, the Innovative, Non-invasive and Fully Acceptable **Exploration Technologies (INFACT)** project brings together a broad range of stakeholders, all concerned about Europe's mineral raw materials security.

EXPLORATION

Stakeholder Engagement

- Raising awareness of sustainable exploration methods among local communities and building public trust;
- Engaging with a wide range of stakeholders: civil society, state, research, technology development, service industry and exploration industry;
- Facilitating access to prospective but currently underexplored areas thanks to an improved social license to operate.

Discovery Roadmap

Turning Europe into a more attractive target for sustainable mineral exploration by:

- Analysing the barriers to exploration in order to provide recommendations for policy reform and plans for improved availability of quality exploration data;
- Identifying educational gaps and enhancing the knowledge about innovative, environmentally friendly and safer exploration approaches;
- Developing a shared vision of best practices for mineral exploration.

ESTABLISH REFERENCE SITE FACILITIES

Reference Benchmarks

• Gathering existing data and acquiring high-density ground geophysical data for a portfolio of relevant geological benchmarking targets across the reference sites;

• Designing an environmental, social and technical benchmarking framework.

Innovative Technologies

• Testing innovative, non-invasive exploration technologies at the three reference sites in industry-relevant environments.



Business Model

- Addressing short-term commissioning, subsequent operation and long-term sustainability of the reference sites;
- Providing answers to key sustainability elements like independence, continuing relevance to industry and potential for growth, credibility, social license to operate, effective operation protocols, financing, ease of use and costeffectiveness.

Illustrations ©Leonnidas



WEB: INFACTPROJECT.EU SOCIAL MEDIA: @INFACTPROJECT



