

<b>Title:</b> Policies for mineral safeguarding – How to integrate mechanisms of mineral safeguarding into land use planning
<b>Date:</b> 17 January, 2019
<b>Venue:</b> Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Denisgasse 31, Vienna, Austria
<p><b>Main objective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Showcase important good practice aspects of the Austrian Minerals Policy Plan (AMRP) on design steps, implementation, and evaluation &amp; revision;</li> <li>- discuss possibilities to transfer important good practice elements of how to implement mineral safeguarding mechanisms on the national, regional, and local level; and</li> <li>- Provide spaces for peer learning and exchange to enable investigations of framework conditions that facilitate or hinder the transfer of good practice aspects for safeguarding.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Short description:</b> Minerals safeguarding is a concept to protect mineral deposits for future generations and to guarantee access for future demand. The challenge is to link this concept, originating from minerals policy, to spatial and land-use planning policy. The workshop will look into mineral safeguarding policies on the level of the policy-making and design of mineral and land use planning, as well as into concrete planning instruments and governance mechanisms. Public policy has taken up the responsibility to provide different approaches to address this challenge: The Austrian Minerals Resources Plan is one of a few safeguarding mechanisms in Europe and was recognised as a good practice approach towards mineral safeguarding.</p>
<p><b>Target audience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- public administrators working on minerals policy, land use planning &amp; zoning at national and regional level;</li> <li>- experts from industry and academia working on land use planning &amp; zoning, minerals policy;</li> <li>- geological survey experts working on mapping of deposits; and</li> <li>- exploration and mining company executives dealing with land use and permitting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Case study under investigation:</b> The Austrian Mineral Resources Plan – a safeguarding tool for mineral resources and its implementation on different levels of governance: The AMRP’s goal is to document raw-material deposits and outline minable deposits with low conflict potential with other policy-relevant land-uses. The case looks into how the AMRP - a policy instrument to safeguard mineral resources on the national level - is integrated into policy governance and decision-making processes as well as on the legislative domain on the provincial level. The case offers good practice information on how non-regulatory policy instruments can be integrated into different governance levels and regulatory domains by illustrating two different provincial implementation approaches.</p>
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