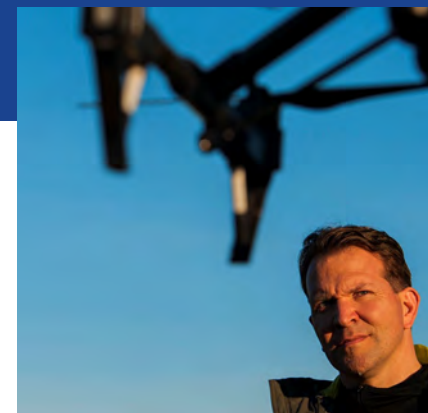


Session 1: Mineral extraction

m4mining



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Steven Micklethwaite
Sustainable Minerals Institute,
University of Queensland, Australia



Project name



M4MINING

Real-time rock, mineral and environmental mapping via UAV allowing seamless 3D visualization and decision making.

Develop – Monitor – Demo - Trial

Project duration

1 January 2023 – 31 December 2025

Budget

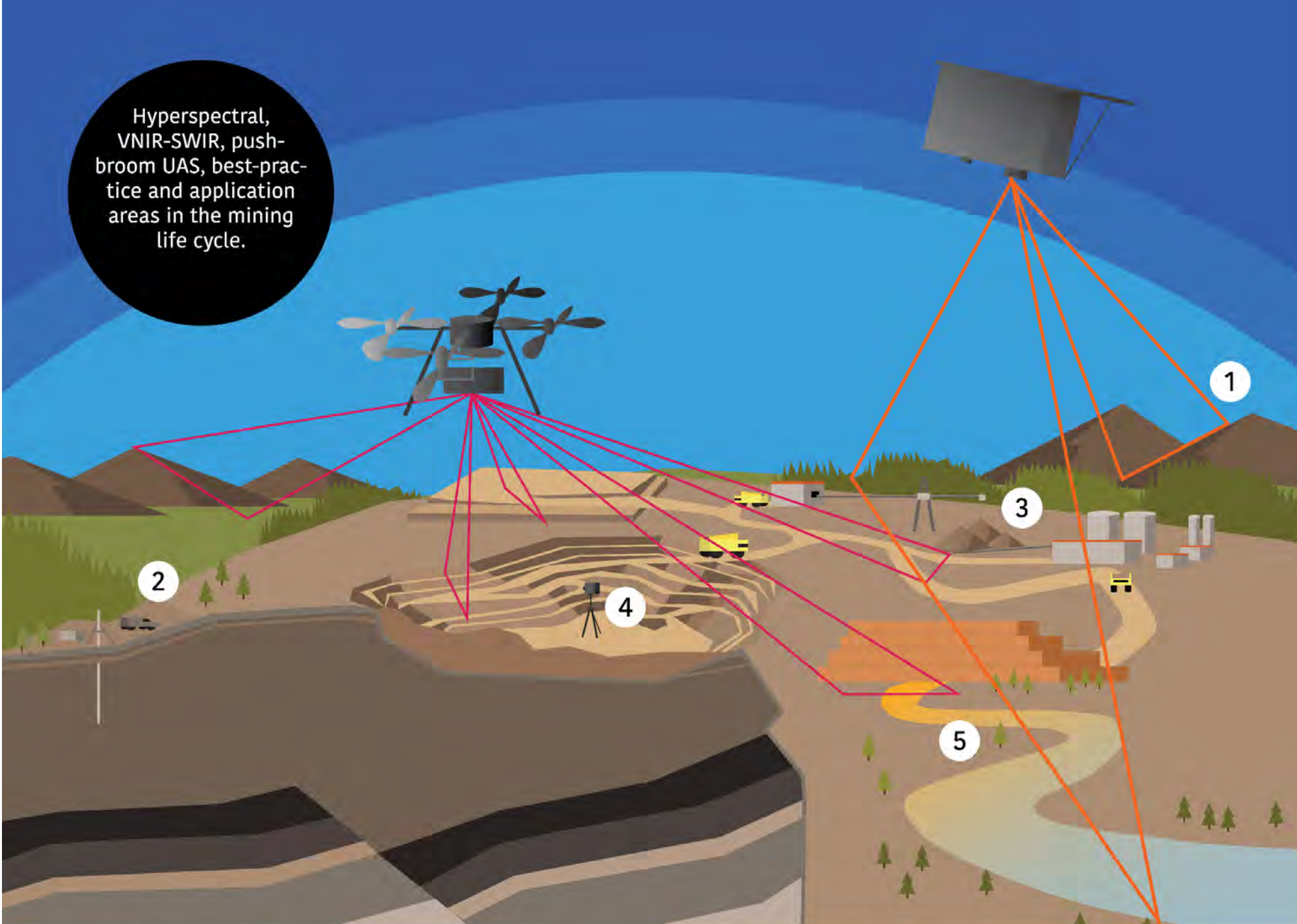
€ 4 696 629 (€ 4 499 512 EU contribution)

TRL level - 6

Major industrial/research partners



Hyperspectral, VNIR-SWIR, push-broom UAS, best-practice and application areas in the mining life cycle.



Value Proposition

- Interoperable equipment
- High spatial resolution for optimisation of operations
- High temporal resolution for rapid decision making

Application

- Geology mapping
 - Exploration vectoring (mineralogy)
 - Open pit mapping
 - Geotech monitoring
 - Early-stage geomet data
 - Ore/waste tracking
 - Stockpile mineral chem
- ROM monitoring (soft sensor optimisation)
 - Tailings monitoring
 - AMD identification
 - Sediment control & erosion
 - Water chemistry
 - Rehabilitation & weed control

IMAGING SPECTROSCOPY FOR THE MINING LIFE CYCLE: A GUIDE FOR DRONE APPLICATIONS

Exploration

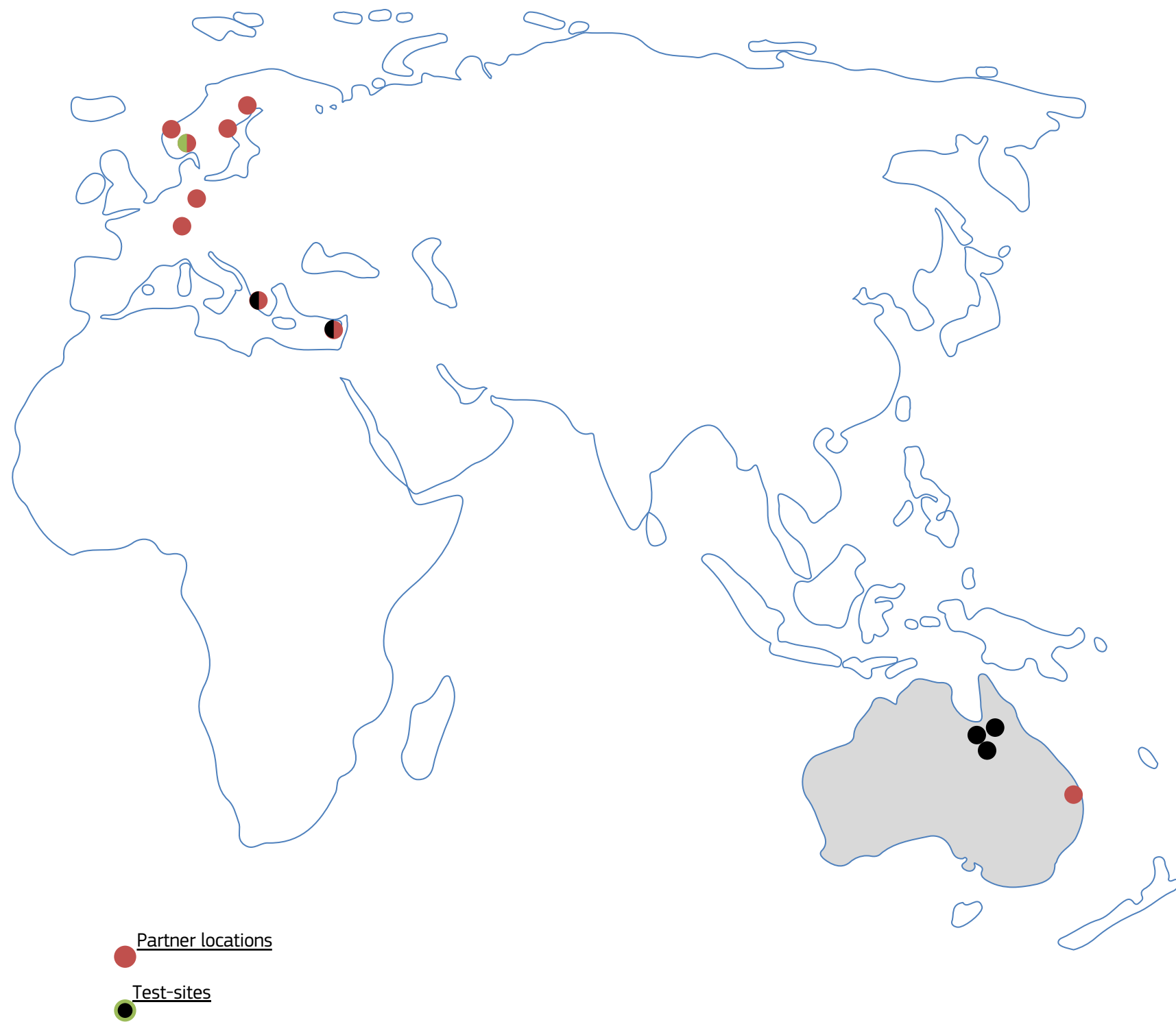
- 1 12 studies including imaging spectroscopy for exploration
- 2 18 studies from the realm of hyperspectral drill core scanning

Operational mining

- 3 6 studies utilizing hyperspectral imaging, including first studies of geometallurgy applications
- 4 26 studies detailing ground-based hyperspectral scanning

Closure and Rehabilitation

- 5 59 studies in post-mining environments, including hyperspectral imaging for AMD monitoring, rehabilitation and geotechnical applications



Demo

Australia – Active Cu-tailings and legacy Au- and U-REE- tailings and (mineral mapping, rehab, enviro)

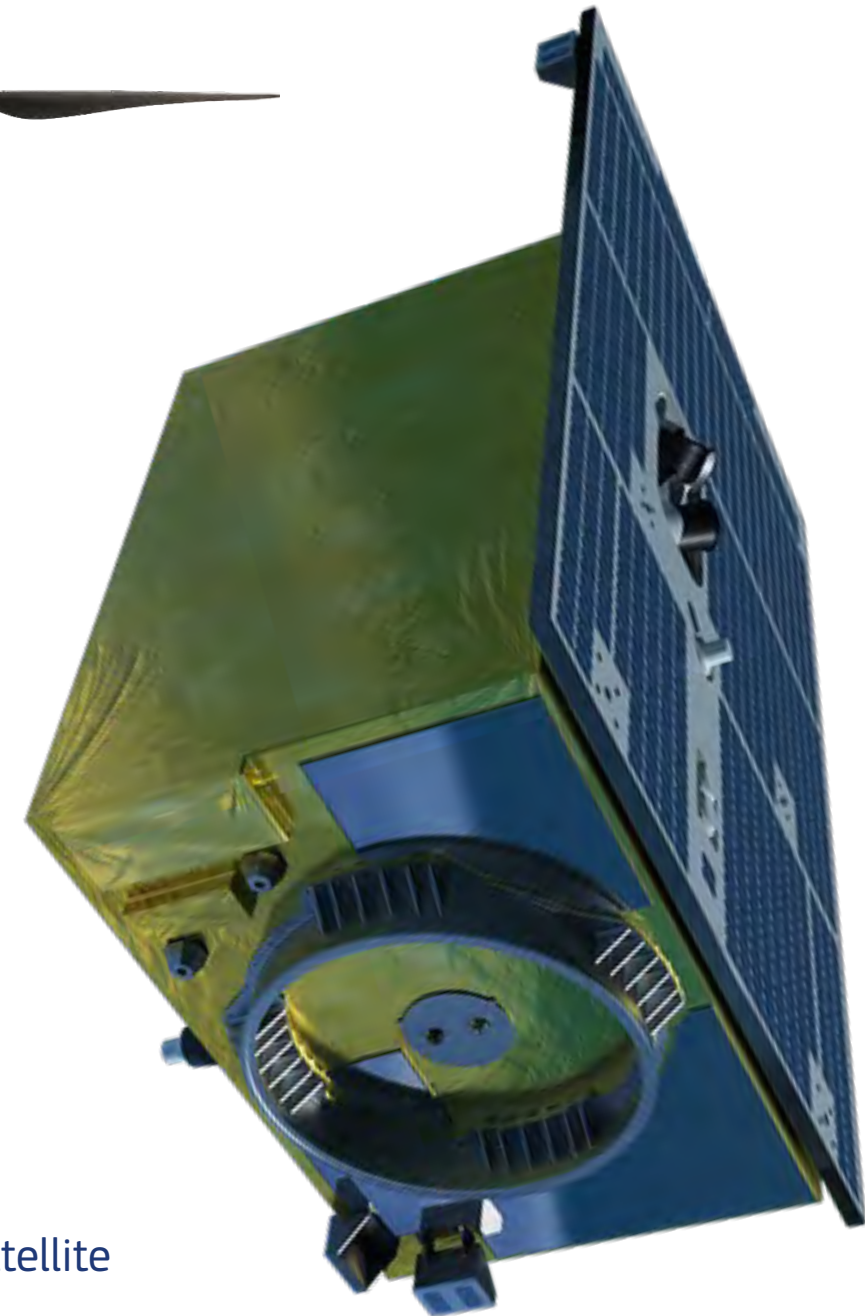
Greece – Active carbonate-hosted bauxite mine

Republic of Cypress – Pyrite mine tailings (rehab, AMD)

Norway – Rapid prototyping and quarry testing

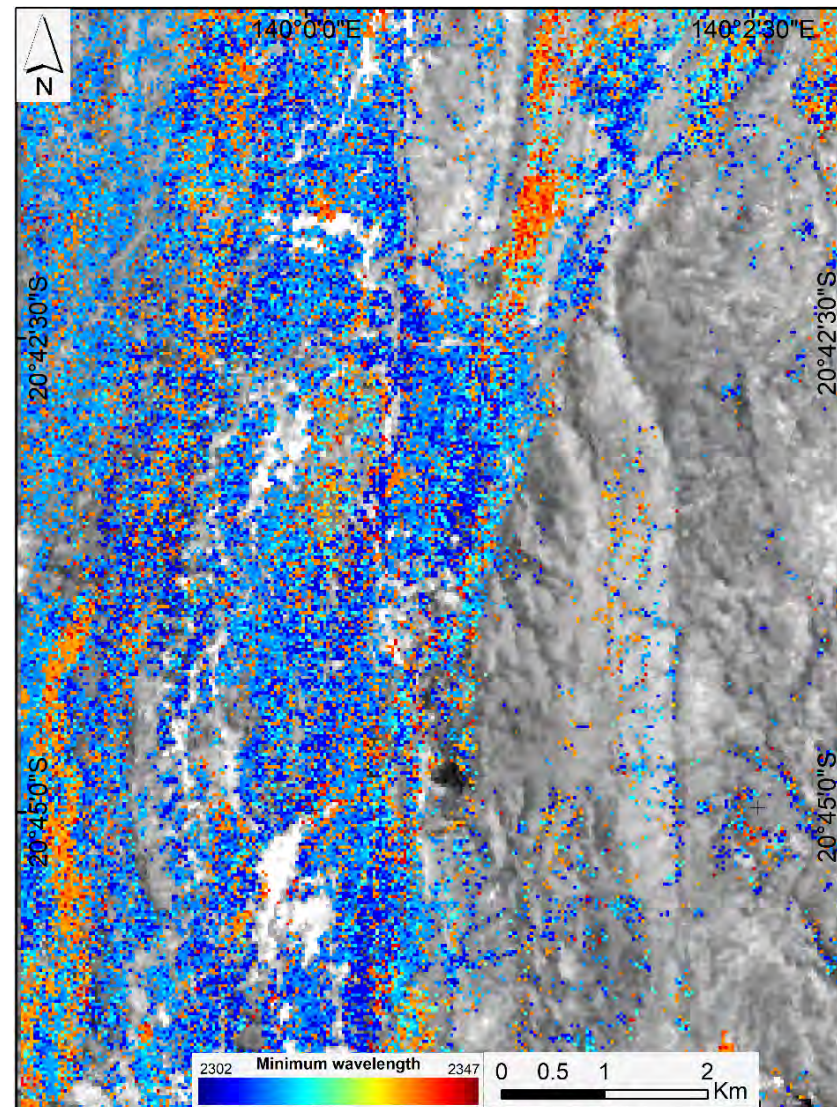


HySpex Mjolnir VS-620 drone
hyperspectral imaging



EnMAP satellite

Demo: Mary Kathleen, Australia – REE-U
Satellite



Variations in the minimum wavelength of Mg-OH feature

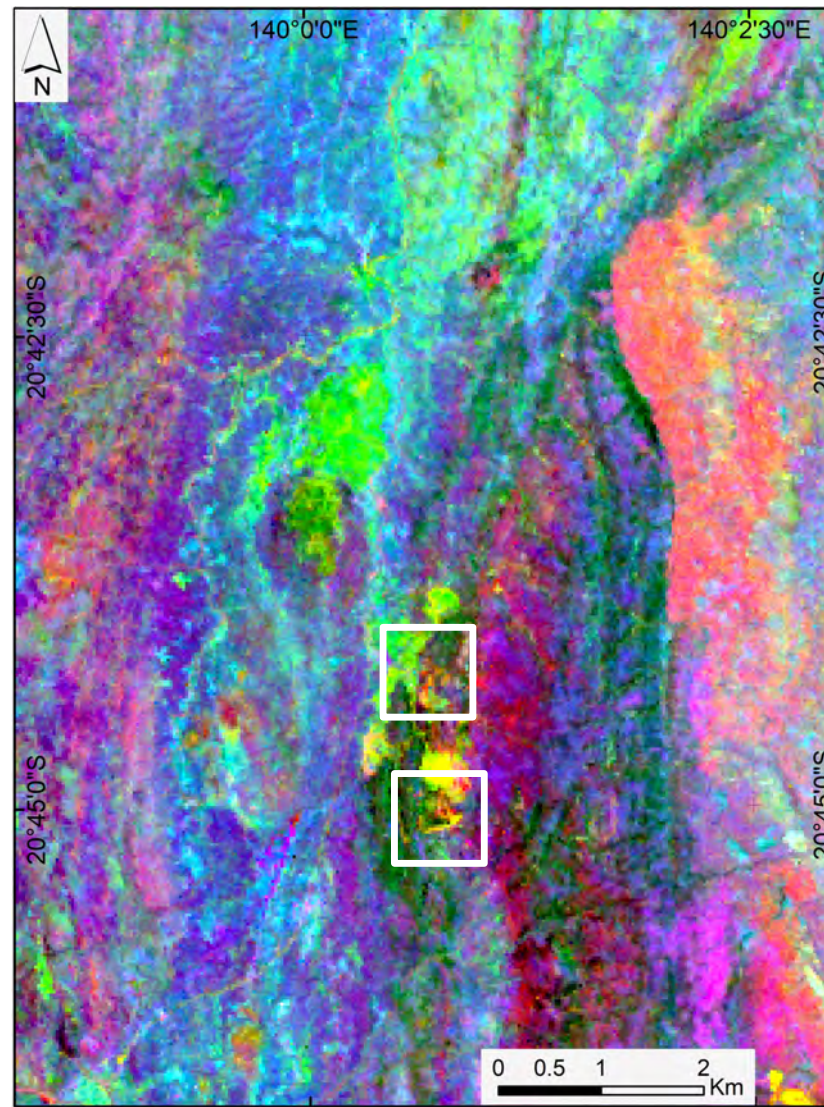
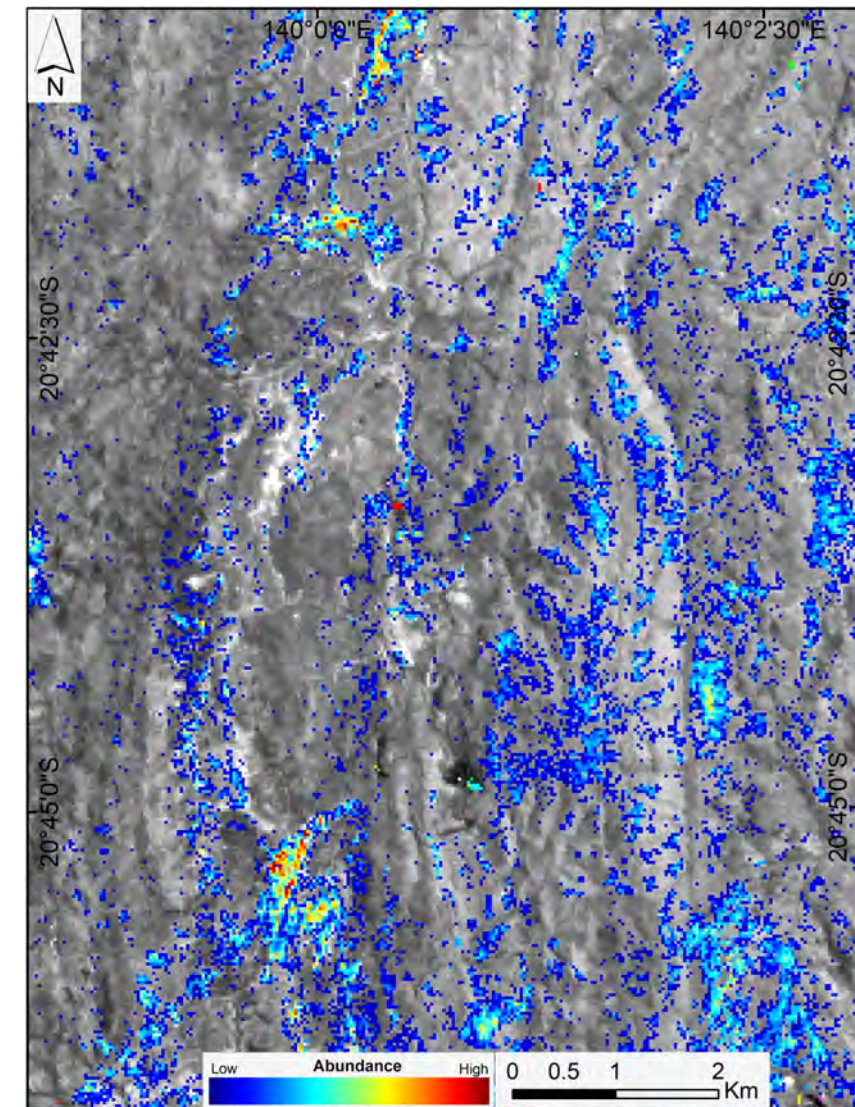
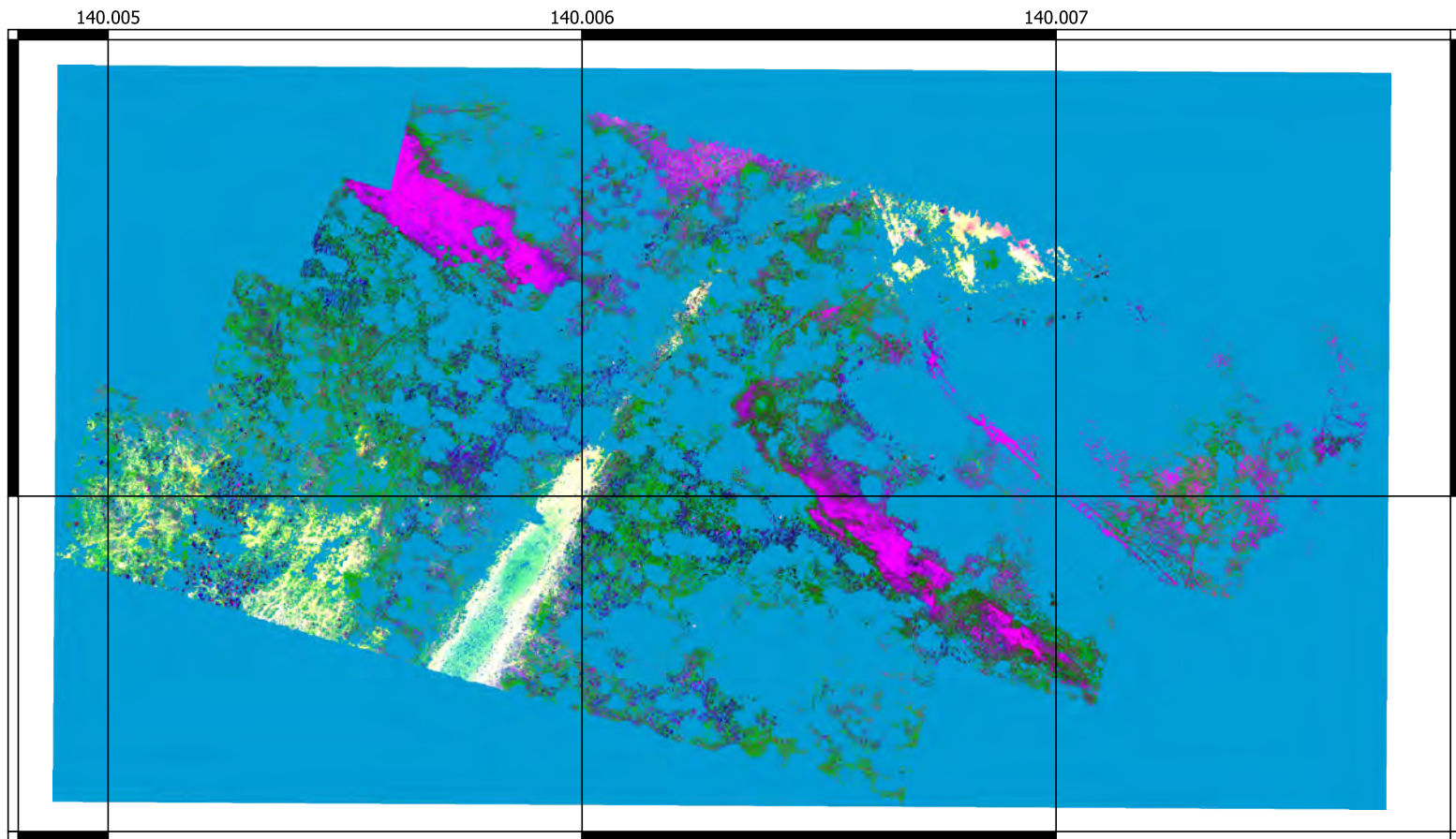


Image enhancement using Minimum Noise Fraction (MNF) transform



Hematite abundance map: spectral unmixing

Minimum noise fraction

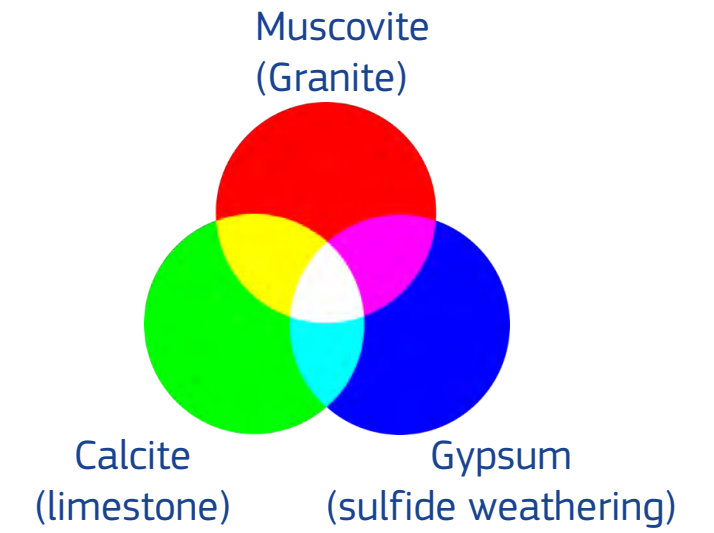


Demo: Mary Kathleen, Australia – REE-U

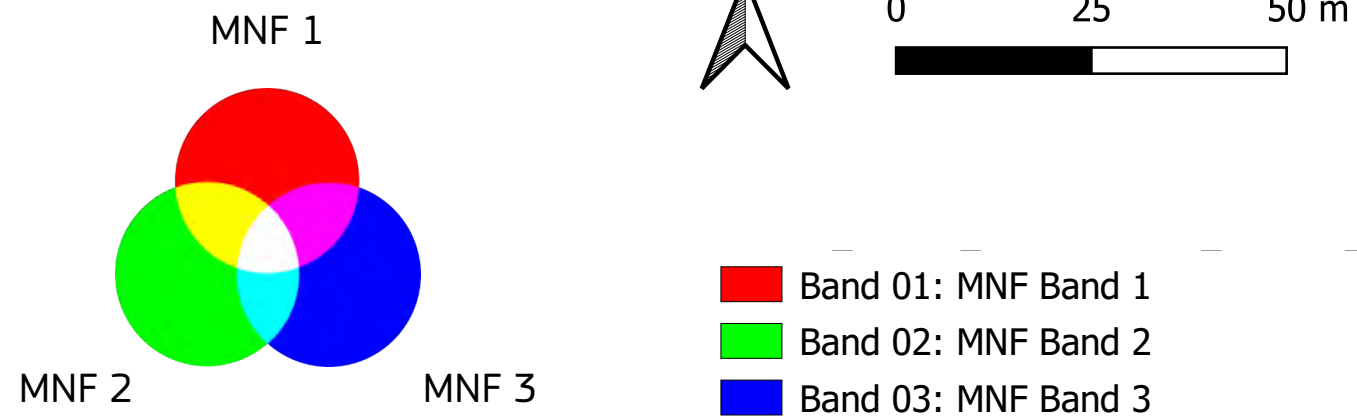
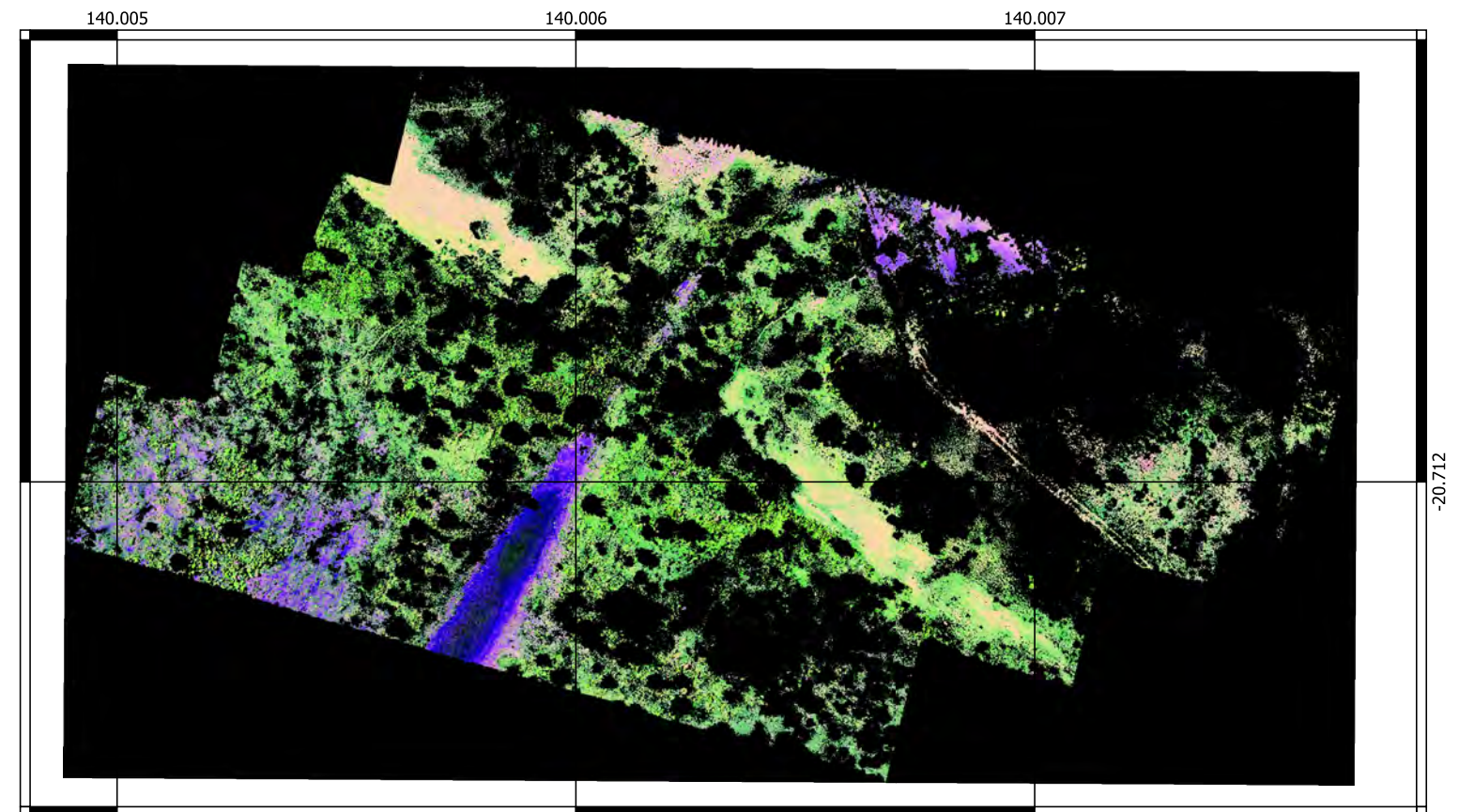
Drone (scoping near real-time visualization)

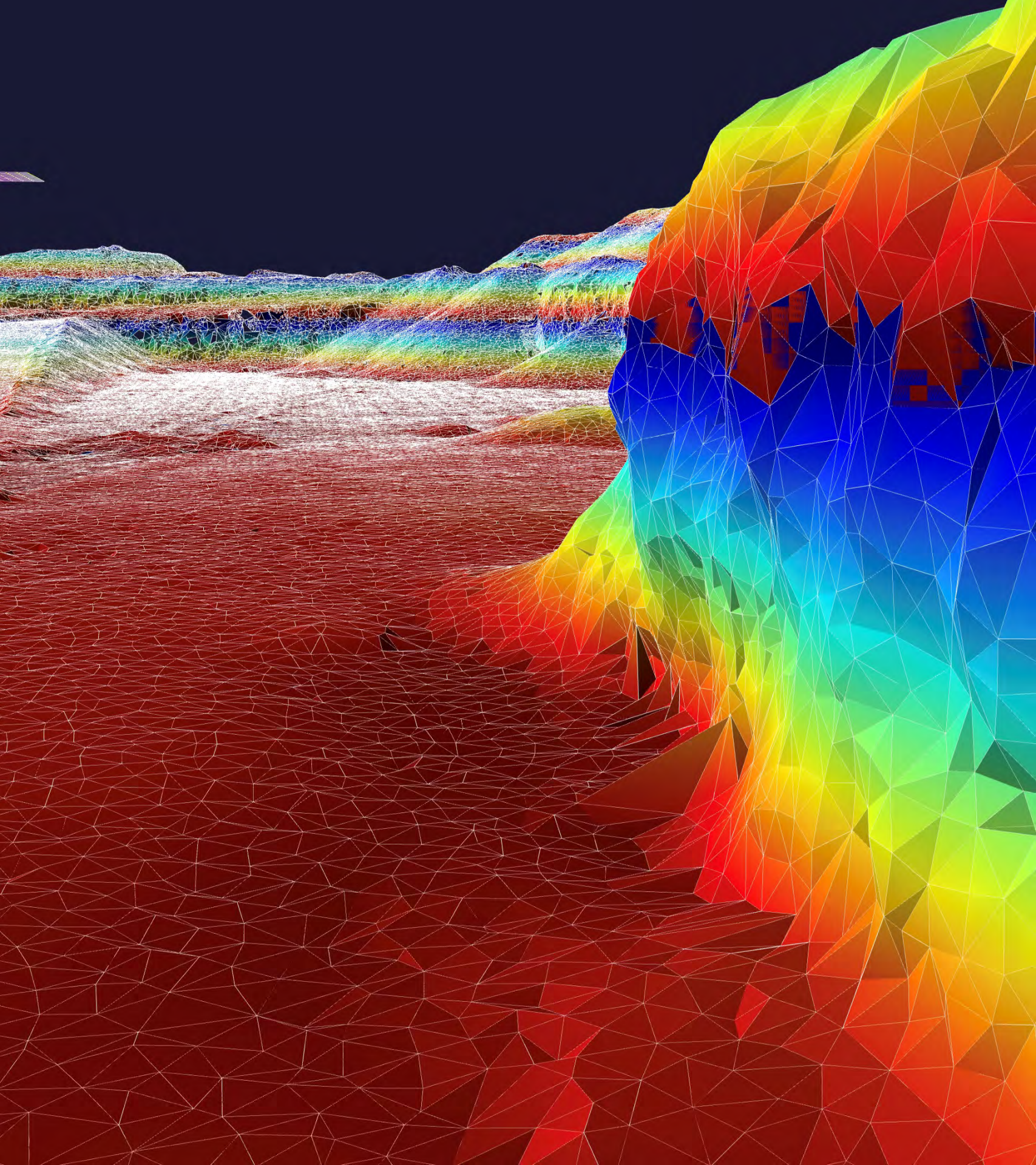
Vegetation masked

In-field data QAQC



SAM





Real-time R&D results

- 258 seconds recording from a drone
- 66 million points
- Point density of 260k per sq meter.
- Meshing took ~10 seconds
- True 3D

Conclusion: Achieved real-time calculation of 3D topography & DEMs with high precision LiDAR.

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NEXGEN SIMS

Next Generation Carbon Neutral Pilots
for Sustainable Intelligent Mining Systems

Project duration

1 May 2021 – 30 April 2024

Budget

€16 000 000 EU contribution

TRL level

5-7



Our vision: Sustainable and Efficient Mine Production

Competitive technology advantage leading to unlocking substantial reserves of new or today unexploited resources within the EU



**Minimized
environmental impact**



**Operation
efficiency**



**Safety & job
creation**

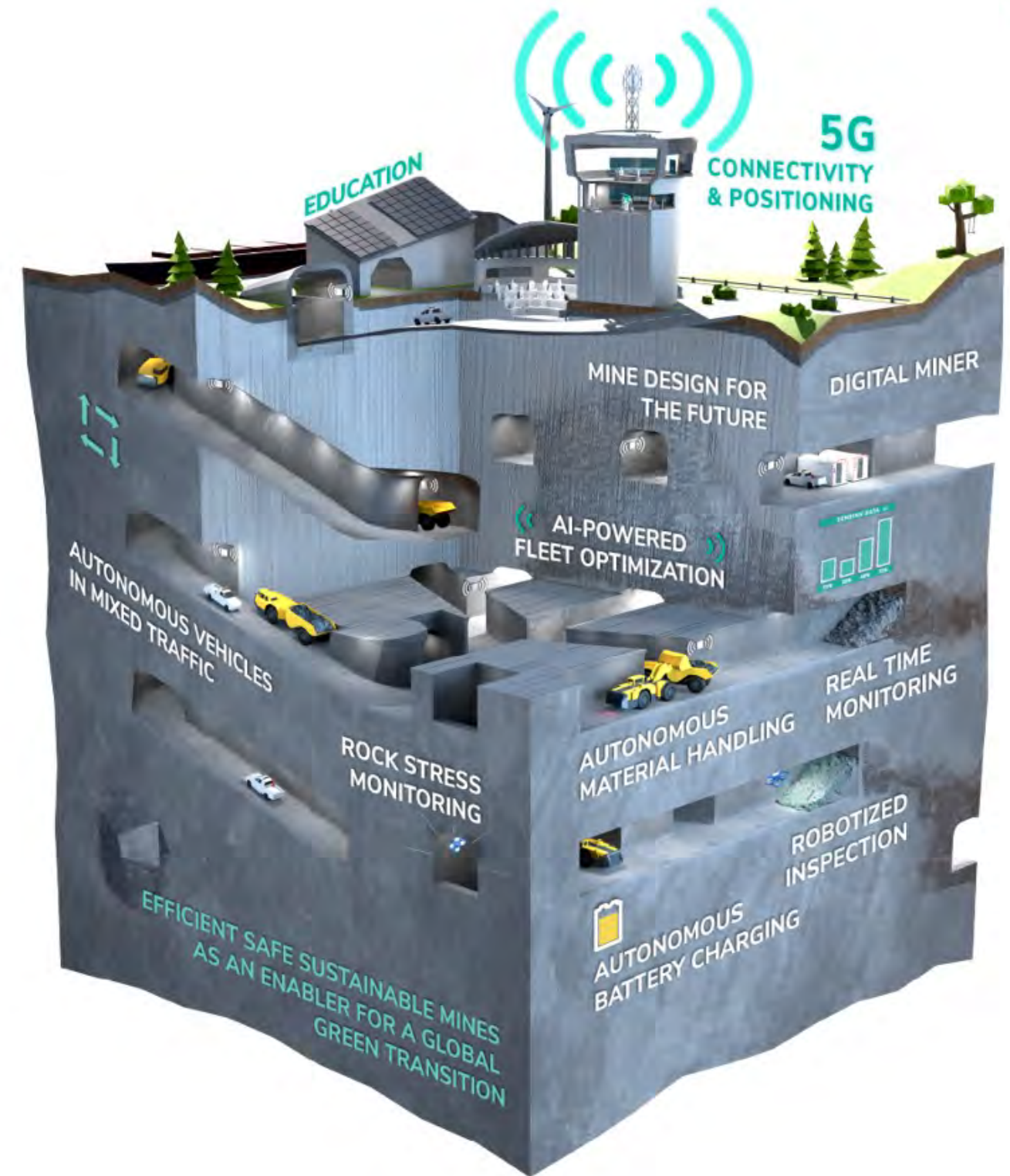
A more sustainable and efficient production of raw materials, resulting in economic growth and minimized environmental impact, supporting **the next production paradigm shift** of the mining industry.

Focus areas

Enablers to reach the impacts



10 FOCUS AREAS	1 MINE DESIGN FOR THE FUTURE	2 DIGITAL MINER	3 EDUCATION
4 CONNECTIVITY & POSITIONING	5 AI POWERED FLEET OPTIMIZATION	6 ROCK STRESS MONITORING	7 ROBOTIZED INSPECTION
8 AUTONOMOUS MATERIAL HANDLING	9 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES IN MIXED TRAFFIC	10 AUTONOMOUS BATTERY CHARGING	



The next mine production paradigm shift

Piloting and Demonstration in European Mines

Scale-ups demonstrating technical performance and health & safety benefits
– 8 Pilot Sites

1. Kittilä Mine (Agnico Eagle Finland)
2. LTU Test Mine & VR Lab (Luleå University of Technology)
3. Kankberg and Kristineberg Mine (Boliden)
4. Kvarntorp Test Mine (Epiroc)
5. Werra Mine (K+S)
6. Rudna Mine (KGHM)
7. Lubin Mine (KGHM)

Business value for partners by integrating Go-to-Market strategies that ensure successful exploitation and commercialization of the project results







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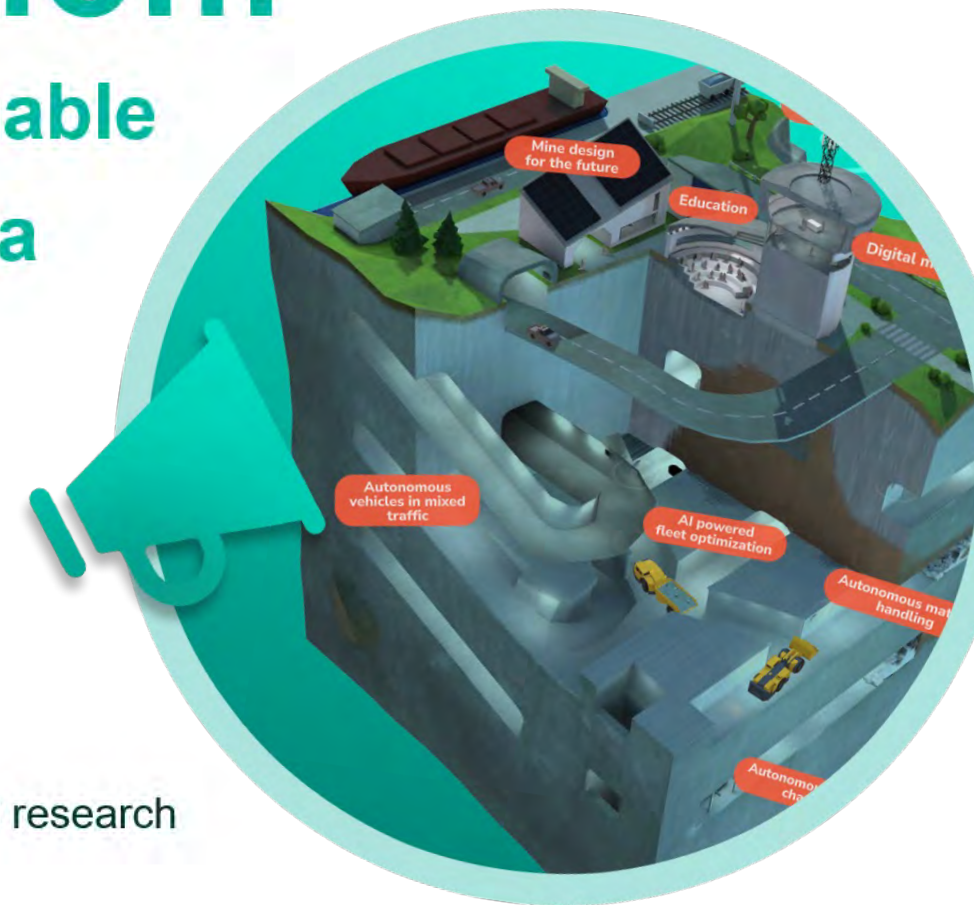


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ROTATE

CIRCULAR & CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS ECOLOGICAL ESSENTIAL



Project name

ROTATE

Short description

Circular, Ecological, Essential and Critical Raw Materials

Project duration

1 September 2022 – 31 August 2026

Budget

€14 212 290 (€11 432 610 EU contribution)

TRL level

TRL 5

Technology validated in relevant environment

TRL7

System prototype demonstration in operational environment

Major industrial/research partners





Pilot sites

- Celestite mine – Granada, Spain.
- Granite quarry – Sandnes, Norway.
- Sand and gravel pit – Fontainebleau, France.
- Sand and gravel pit – Soria, Spain.
- Limestone quarry – Lisbon, Portugal.

Core R&I targets

- Extraction and processing improvement
zero emissions, materials, resources and consumption efficiency.
- Circularity, industrial symbiosis and waste valorisation.
- Environmental footprint assessment, management and monitoring
- Social engagement.



Session 2: Mineral exploration

EIS - Exploration Information System

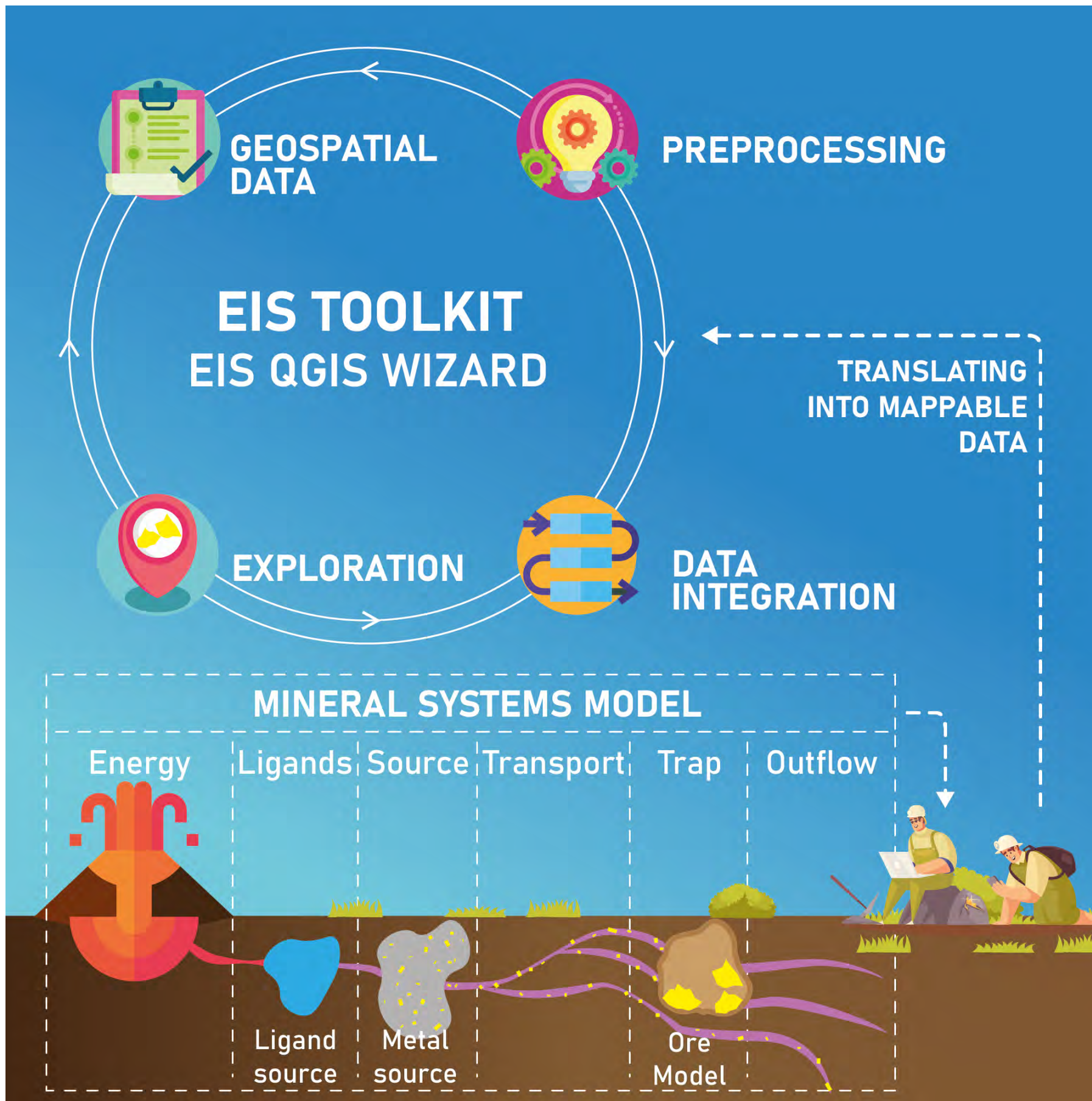
Making mineral exploration better



Hafsa Ahmed Munia
Geological Survey Finland,
Espoo, Finland



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Project name

EIS

Short description

New innovative exploration concepts and data analysis tools to enhance the probability of finding new sources of critical raw materials (CRM) for the EU's economy.

Project duration

1 May 2020 – 31 March 2025

Budget

€7,497,035.00

TRL level

5

Major industrial/research partners



Partners

17



DEVELOP INNOVATIVE
EXPLORATION TOOLS



REDUCE EXPLORATION
AND MINING FOOTPRINTS



RAISE AWARENESS
TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Project name

EIS

Objective 1

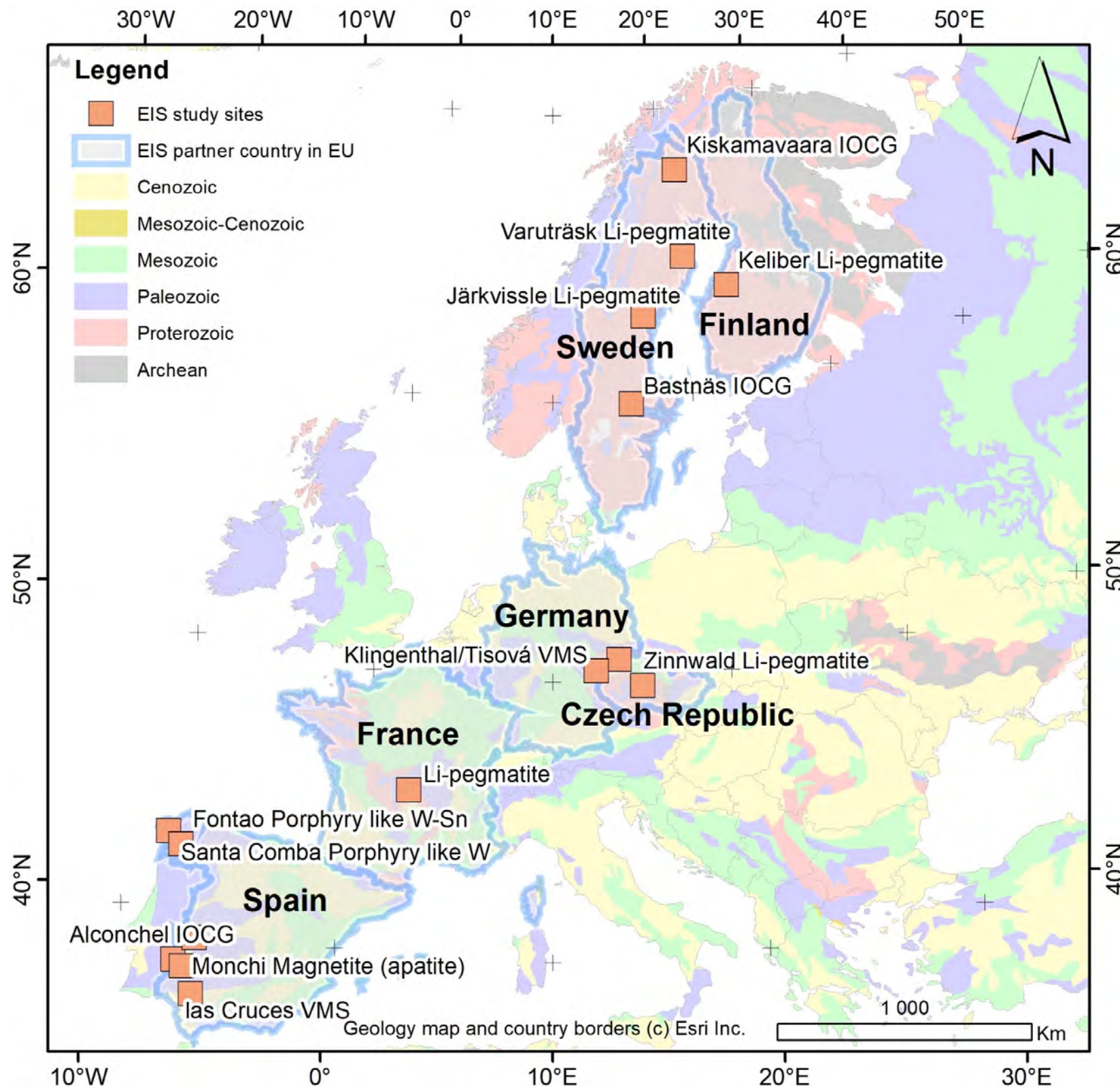
EIS will develop the “EIS Toolkit” and the “EIS QGIS Wizard”. These tools will be open-source and will provide critical information for the mining sector and geoscientists.

Objective 2

The tools developed by EIS aim to reduce the impact of exploration and mining on nature – making it more sustainable. It will reduce exploration footprints by using the existing exploration data.

Objective 2

EIS will raise awareness of the importance of critical raw materials to the EU’s transition, economy, and welfare.



Project name

EIS

Test / Demonstration Sites

Cobalt minerals potential VMS system				
Nr.	Study site	other deposits to be studied	partners	commodities
1	Tisová /Klingenthal		Golden PET, Beak, CU	Co, Cu
2	Las Cruces		CSIC, Cobre LC	Cu
Lithium-tin-tantalum-tungsten minerals potential granite/pegmatite-related system				
	Study site	other deposits to be studied	partners	commodities
3	Keliber		Keliber, GTK	Li
4	Granite-related deposits W Iberia		CSIC	Li, W, Sn, Ta
5	Zinnwald/Cinovec		Beak, DLI, LTU	Li
6		Järkvissle/Varuträsk	SGU, LTU	
7		Li-pegmatites in France	BRGM	
8		Li-pegmatite in Czech republic	CU	
Rare earths-cobalt minerals potential IOCG system				
	Study site	other deposits to be studied	partners	commodities
9	Kiskamavaara/Nunasvaara		LTU, SGU, Talga	Co, C, Cu, Au
10	Bastnäs REE		SGU	REEs
11		Burguillos-Alconchel	CSIC, LTU	Co, REE, Cu

In addition, project also has reference study sites in South Africa (Orange River pegmatite belt) and Brazil (Carajás IOCG province).

Project name

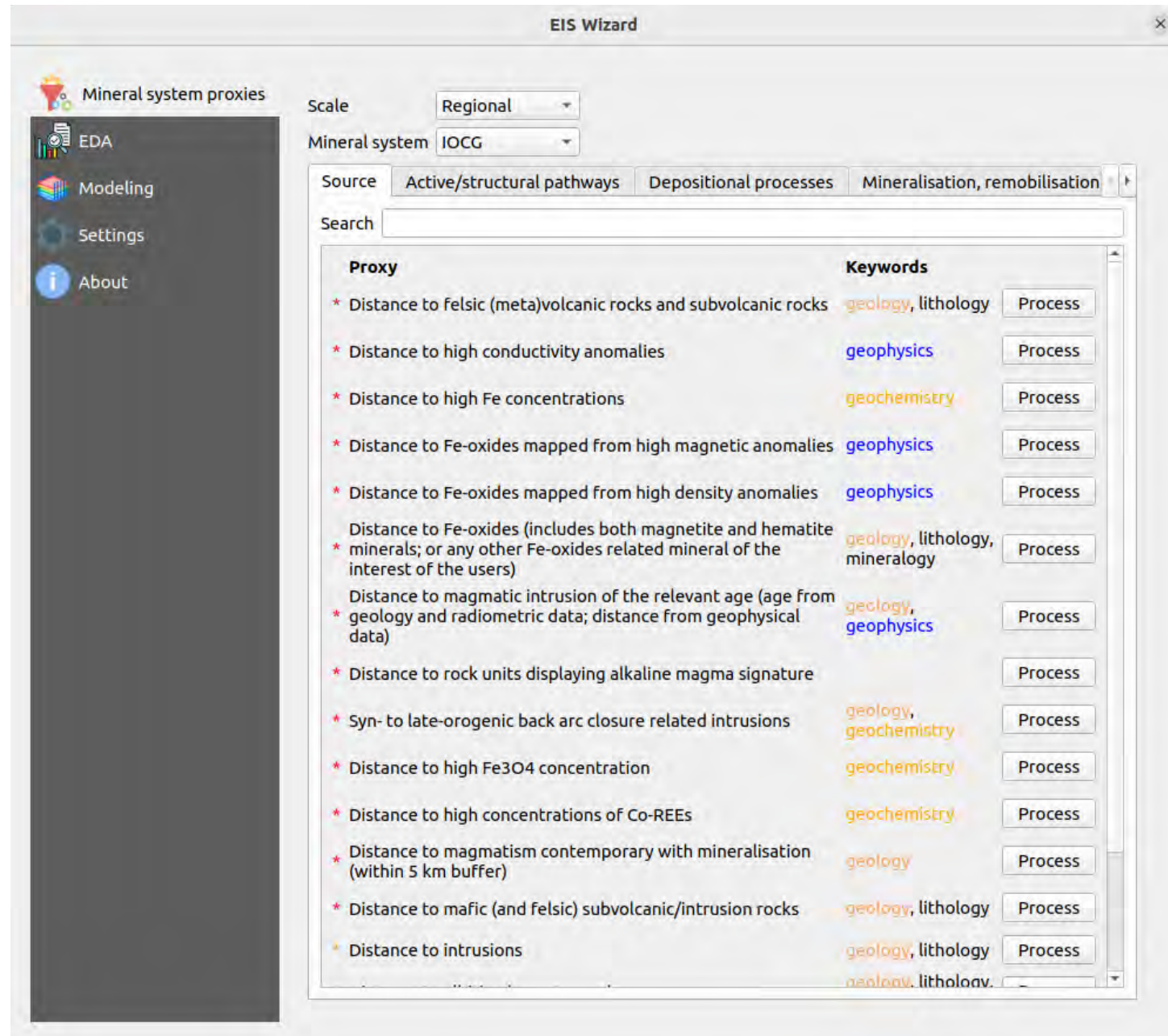
EIS

Key Results

Mineral Systems Developed

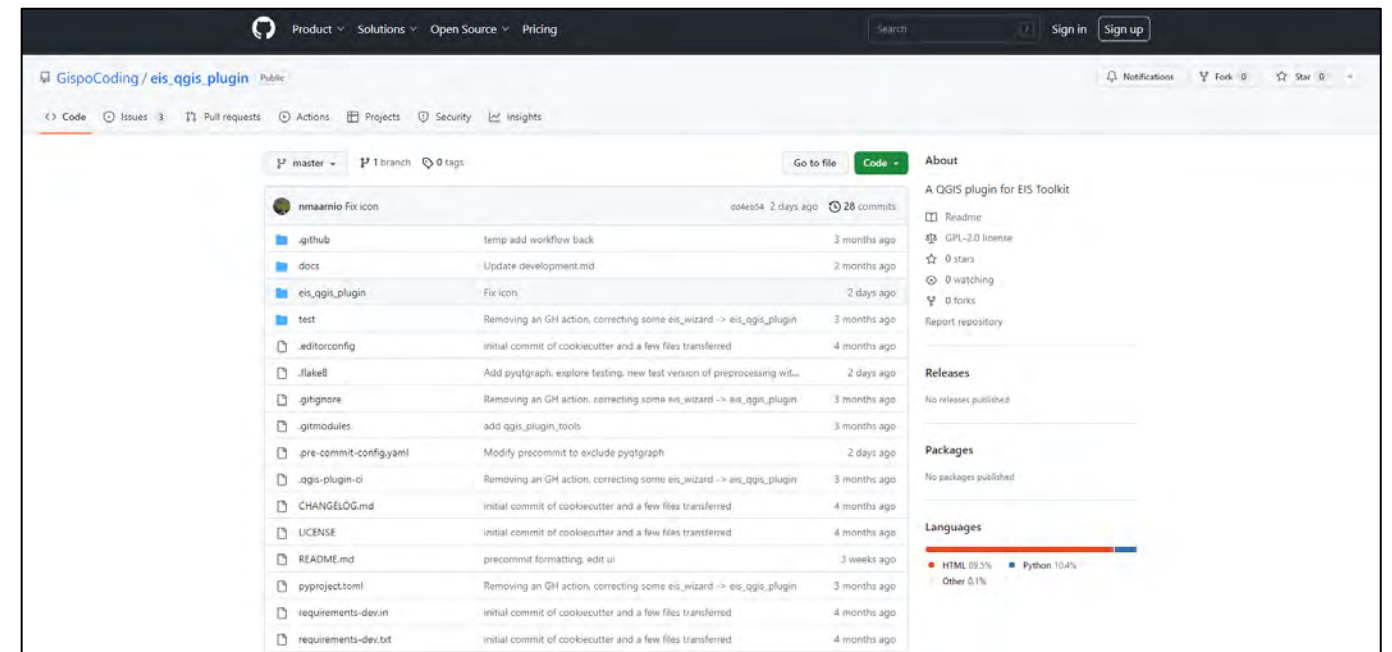
Open-Source EIS Toolkit

Open-Source EIS QGIS Plugin / Wizzard



The screenshot shows the 'EIS Wizard' application window. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Mineral system proxies, EDA, Modeling, Settings, and About. The main area is titled 'Mineral system proxies' and features a 'Scale' dropdown set to 'Regional' and a 'Mineral system' dropdown set to 'IOCG'. Below these are three tabs: 'Active/structural pathways', 'Depositional processes', and 'Mineralisation, remobilisation'. A search bar is present above a list of proxies. Each proxy entry includes a description, associated keywords, and a 'Process' button.

Proxy	Keywords	Action
* Distance to felsic (meta)volcanic rocks and subvolcanic rocks	geology, lithology	Process
* Distance to high conductivity anomalies	geophysics	Process
* Distance to high Fe concentrations	geochemistry	Process
* Distance to Fe-oxides mapped from high magnetic anomalies	geophysics	Process
* Distance to Fe-oxides mapped from high density anomalies	geophysics	Process
* Distance to Fe-oxides (includes both magnetite and hematite minerals; or any other Fe-oxides related mineral of the interest of the users)	geology, lithology, mineralogy	Process
* Distance to magmatic intrusion of the relevant age (age from geology and radiometric data; distance from geophysical data)	geology, geophysics	Process
* Distance to rock units displaying alkaline magma signature		Process
* Syn- to late-orogenic back arc closure related intrusions	geology, geochemistry	Process
* Distance to high Fe ₃ O ₄ concentration	geochemistry	Process
* Distance to high concentrations of Co-REEs	geochemistry	Process
* Distance to magmatism contemporary with mineralisation (within 5 km buffer)	geology	Process
* Distance to mafic (and felsic) subvolcanic/intrusion rocks	geology, lithology	Process
* Distance to intrusions	geology, lithology	Process



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'GispoCoding / eis_qgis_plugin'. The repository is public and has 28 commits. The commit history is visible, showing recent updates and fixes. The right sidebar provides information about the repository, including the README, license (GPL-2.0), and a language usage chart.

About
A QGIS plugin for EIS Toolkit

Releases
No releases published

Packages
No packages published

Languages

Language	Percentage
HTML	89.5%
Python	10.4%
Other	0.1%

GREENPEG



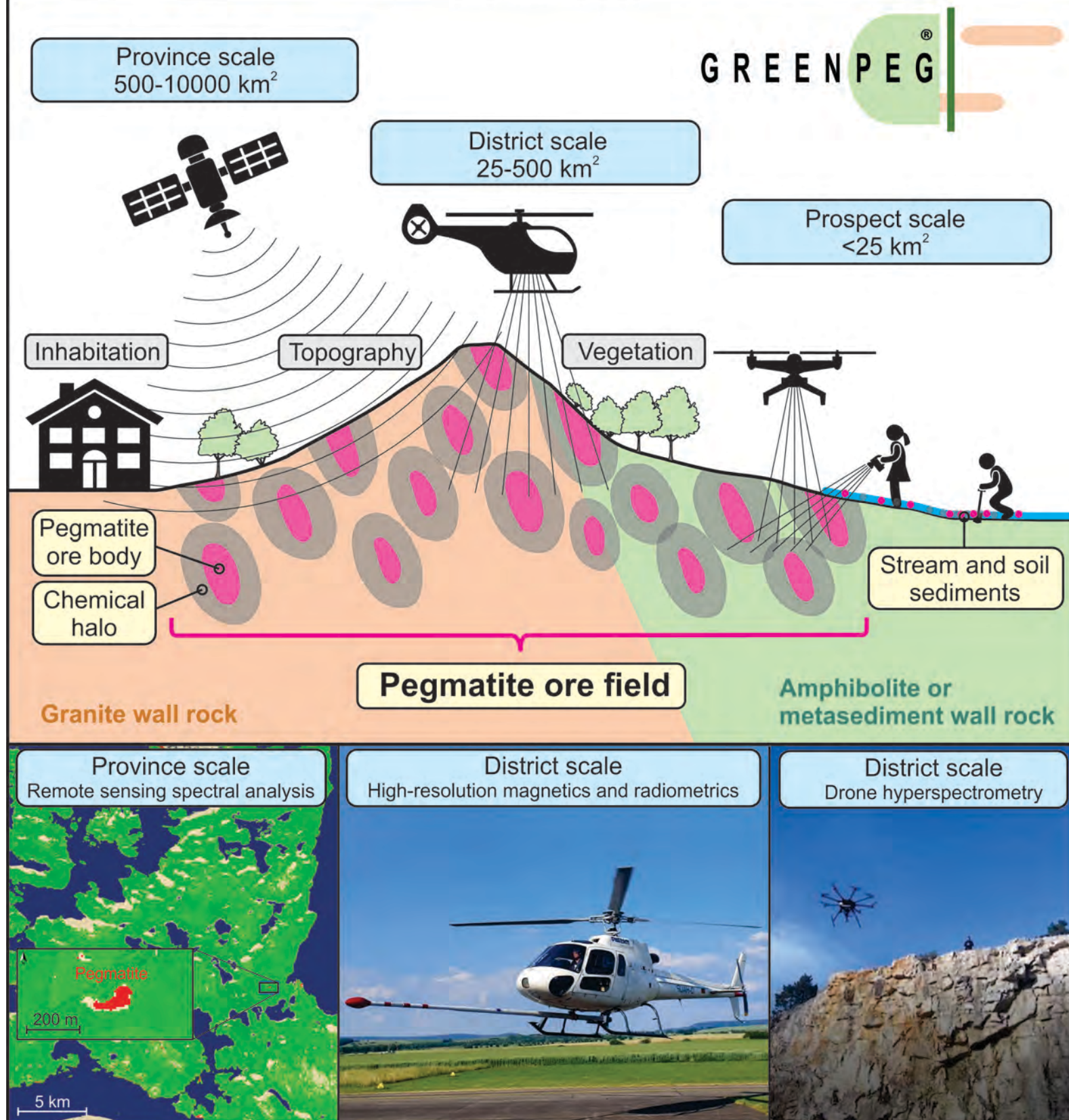
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Natural History Museum,
University of Oslo, Norway

GREENPEG - EXPLORATION TOOLSET FOR HARD-ROCK LITHIUM



Project name

GREENPEG

Short description

New Exploration Tools for European Pegmatite Green-Tech Resources

Project duration

1 May 2020 – 31 October 2024

Budget

€9 250 230 (€8 325 292 EU contribution)

TRL level

6-7

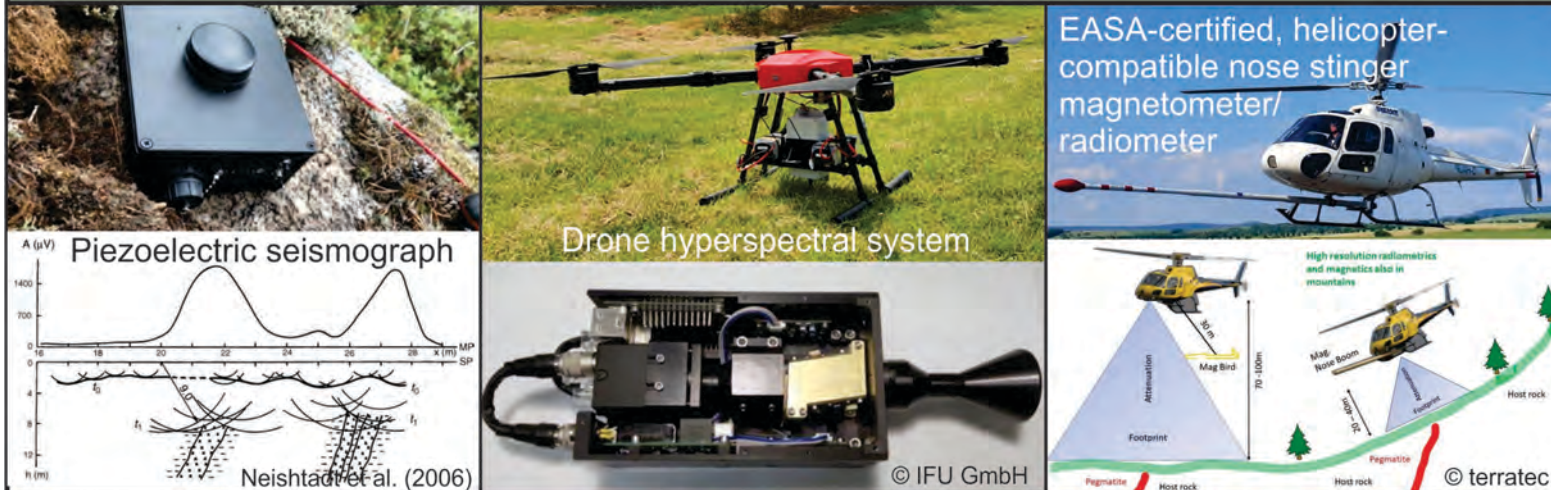
Major industrial/research partners

- European Lithium AT
- Blackstairs Lithium Ltd
- Felmica Minerai Industriais
- Terratec Geophysical Services GmbH
- Geological Survey of Norway
- University of Oslo

GREENPEG - DEMONSTRATION SITES



GREENPEG - PILOTS



GREENPEG - DATABASES

Spectral library of pegmatites and their host rocks



Petrophysical database of pegmatites and their host rocks



GREENPEG project description



Demonstration sites

- Tysfjord, Norway
- Wolfsberg, Austria
- South Leinster, Ireland

Pilots

- Piezoelectric seismograph
- EASA-certified, helicopter-compatible nose stinger magnetometer/radiometer
- Drone-borne hyperspectral imaging system (acousto-optical monochromator)

Databases

- Spectral library of pegmatites and their host rocks
- Petrophysical database of pegmatites

Core R&I targets/results

- Toolset for pegmatite exploration to enhance European exploration success and secure CRM supply chain
- Innovative exploration technology and approaches for sustainable exploration with minimal environmental and social impact
- Supported by ESG best practice methodology for societal acceptance

VECTOR



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What do you consider to be the key challenges in exploration and mining projects?

Geological pilot sites

- Irish Midlands, Ireland
- Kupferschiefer, Germany
- Jadar, Serbia (analysis of historic data only)

Core R&I targets/results

VECTOR's delivers evidence-based and accessible knowledge that integrates geoscience and social science pathways, to develop sustainable and responsible mineral exploration and mining.

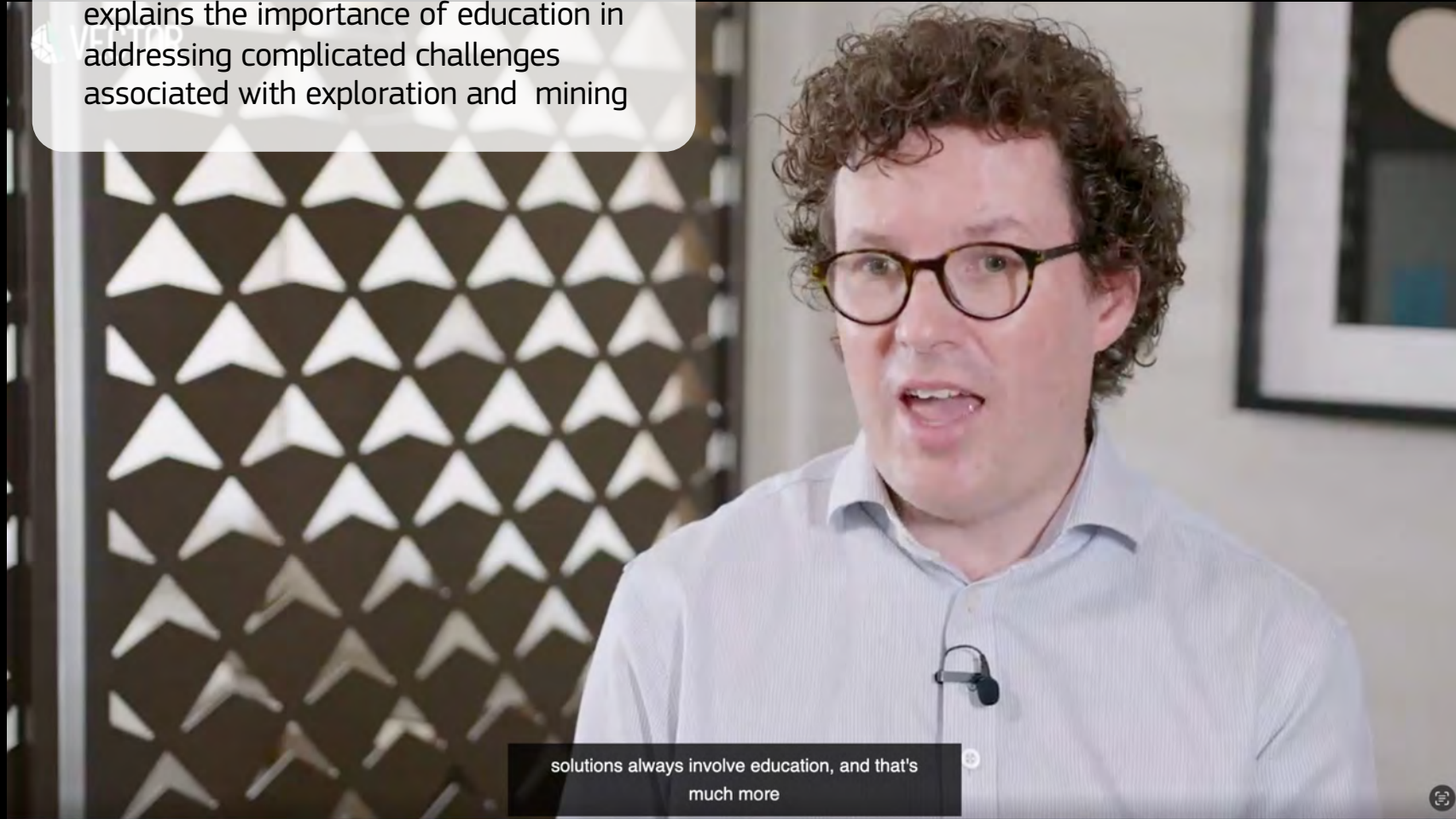
Goals:

- A geological prospectivity toolkit based on a novel workflow using machine learning-based integration of less invasive geological, geochemical and geophysical measurements.
- Identification of how differences in societal values impact attitudes towards mining projects.
- An integrated toolkit that considers both geological exploration potential, social and environmental factors.



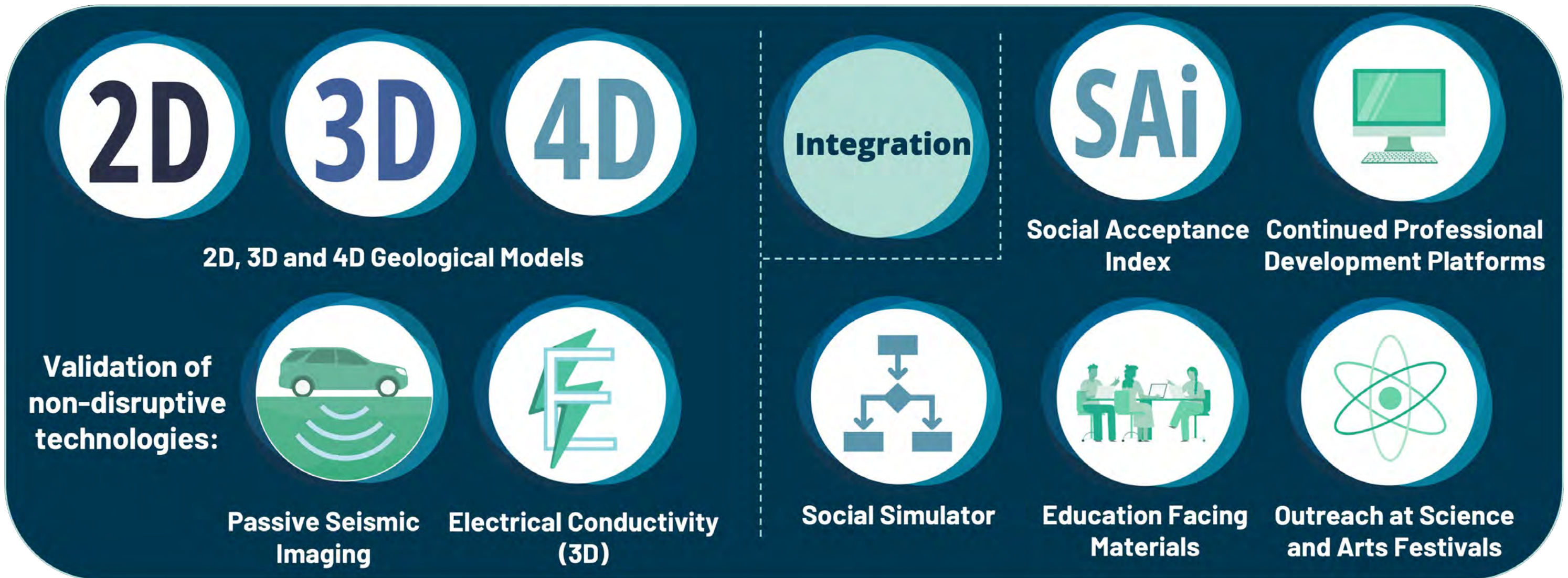
Above: VECTOR drill-core scanning campaign.

Below: VECTOR researcher Shane Bergin explains the importance of education in addressing complicated challenges associated with exploration and mining

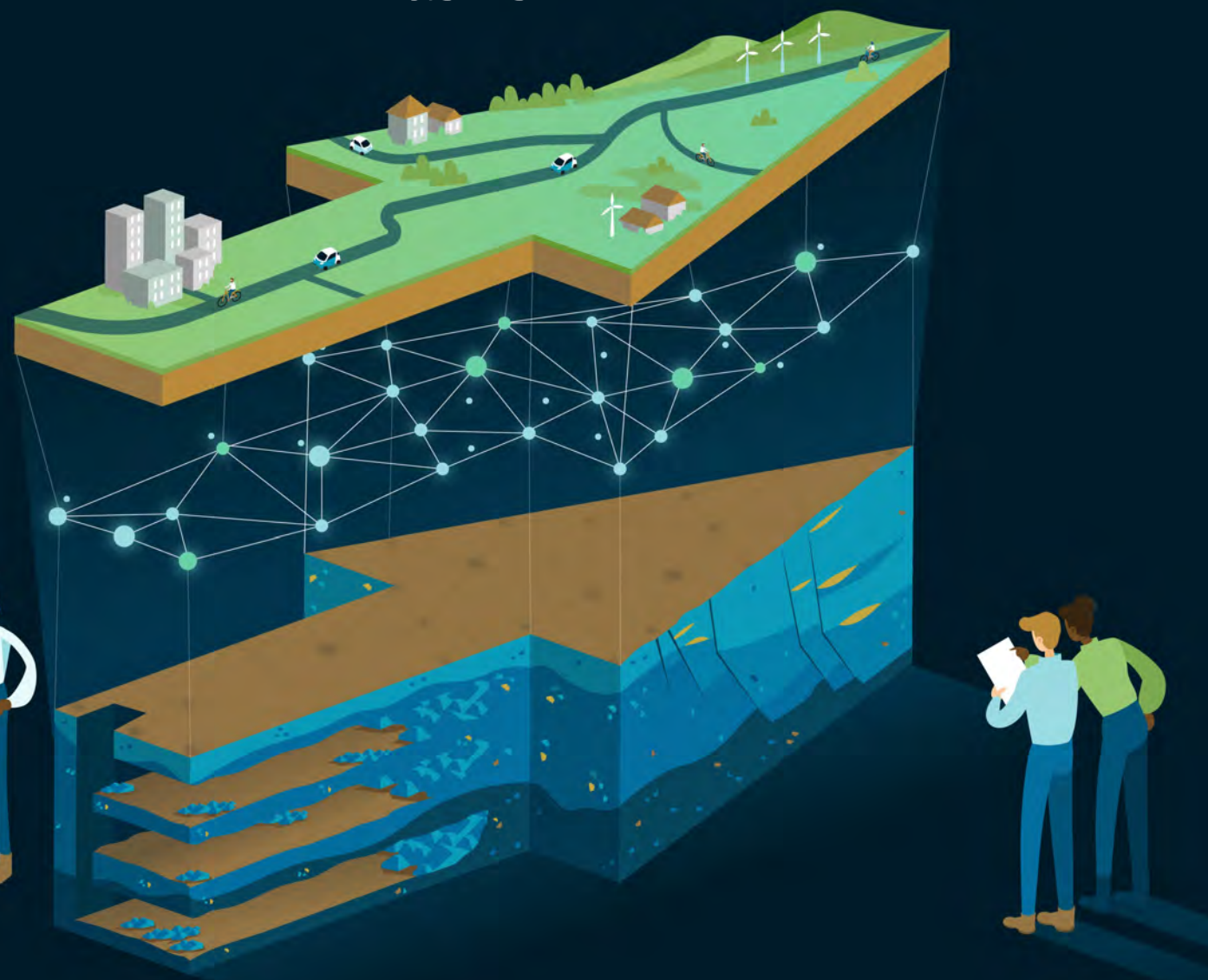


solutions always involve education, and that's much more

Project Outputs



Vectors to Accessible Critical Raw Material Resources in Sedimentary Basins



Project name

VECTOR



Short description

Vectors to Accessible Critical Raw Material Resources in Sedimentary Basins

Project duration

1 June 2022 – 31 May 2025

Budget

€7,474,006 (€5,606,679 EU contribution)

TRL level

6

Major industrial/research partners



VECTOR



Session 3:
R&I networks
& communities

ERA-MIN3

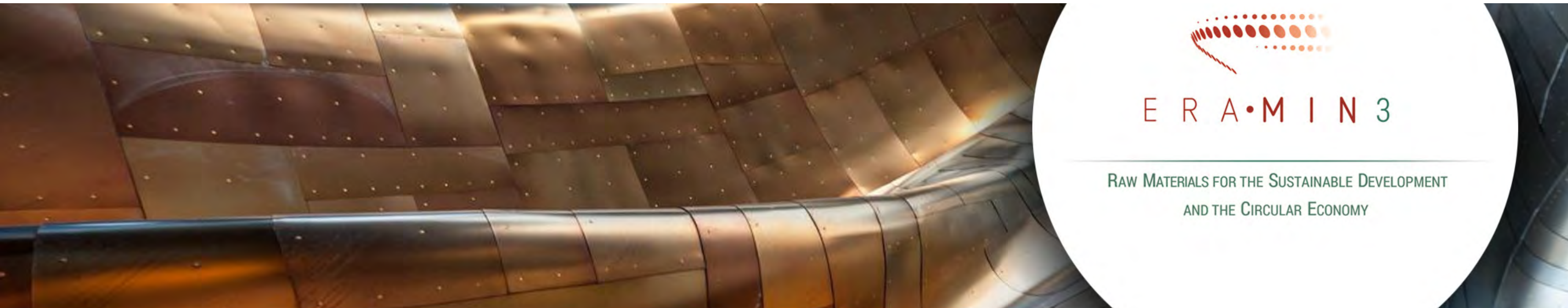


Dina Carrilho
Foundation for Science and
Technology, Portugal



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A new R&I Agenda towards a pan-European partnership on raw materials for the green and digital transition



Dina Carrilho – ERA-MIN3 project coordinator
Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) - PORTUGAL
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ERA-MIN3 - pan-European network of research funding organisations (2020-2025)



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Participating countries and regions



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EU Member States Countries

- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain

8

EU Member States Regions

- Belgium-Flanders
- Belgium-Wallonia
- Belgium-Brussels
- France - Nouvelle Aquitaine
- Italy - Calabria
- Spain- Asturias
- Spain – Basque country
- Spain-Navarra

6

non-EU countries

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Canada-Québec
- Chile
- Perú
- South Africa

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EU Associated Countries

- Norway
- Turkey
- United Kingdom



ERA-MIN is fully aligned with the Critical Raw Materials Act



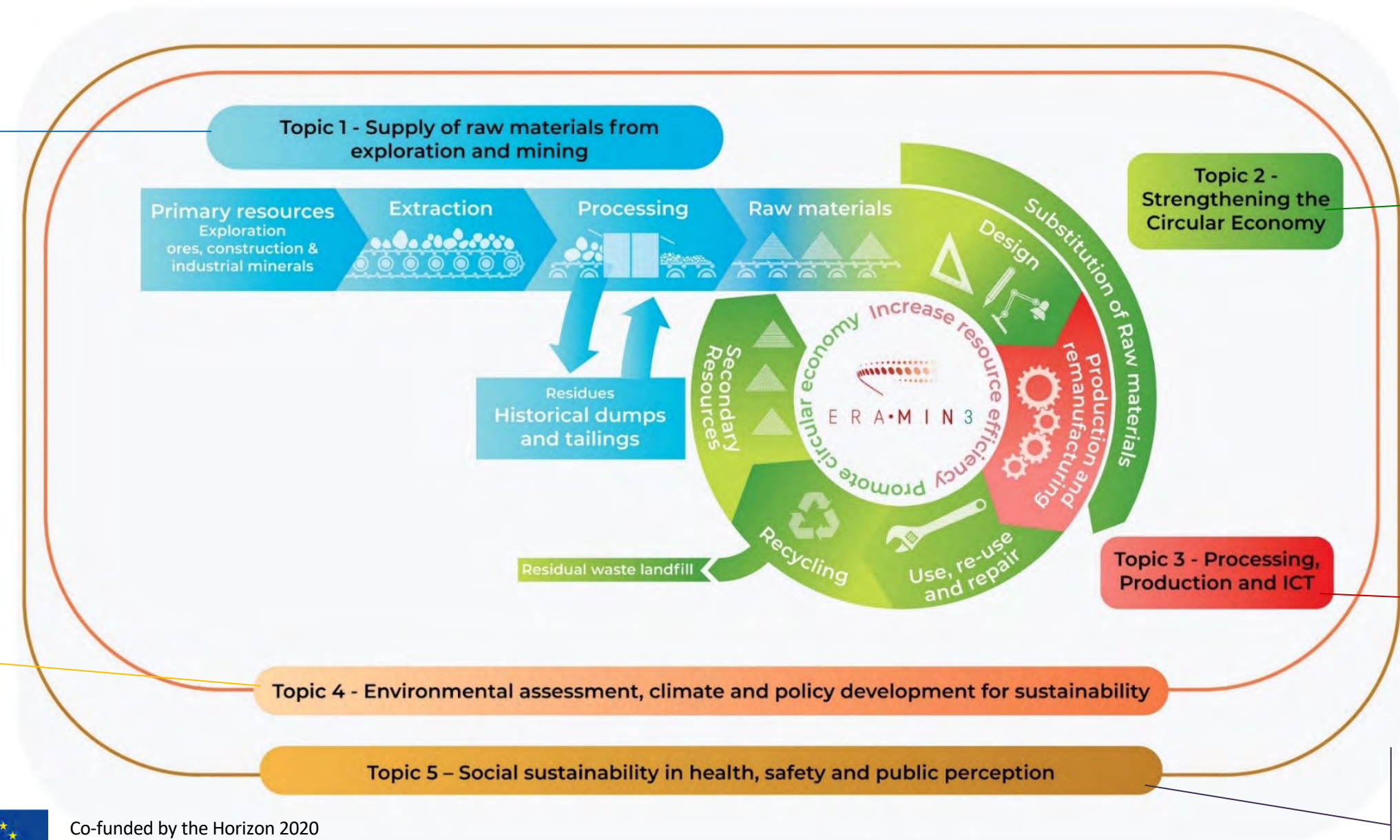
International, mutually supportive partnerships

Global engagement with reliable third countries

Research and innovation

National R&I programmes

Extraction
Geological resources
Economic resilience
Processing
Sustainable supply chains
Permanent magnets



Circularity
Recycling
Sustainable supply chains
Refining
Processing
Substitution
Permanent magnets

Green and digital ambitions

Conflict resolution
Labour and human rights
Skills partnership

Simplify permitting procedures
Sustainability



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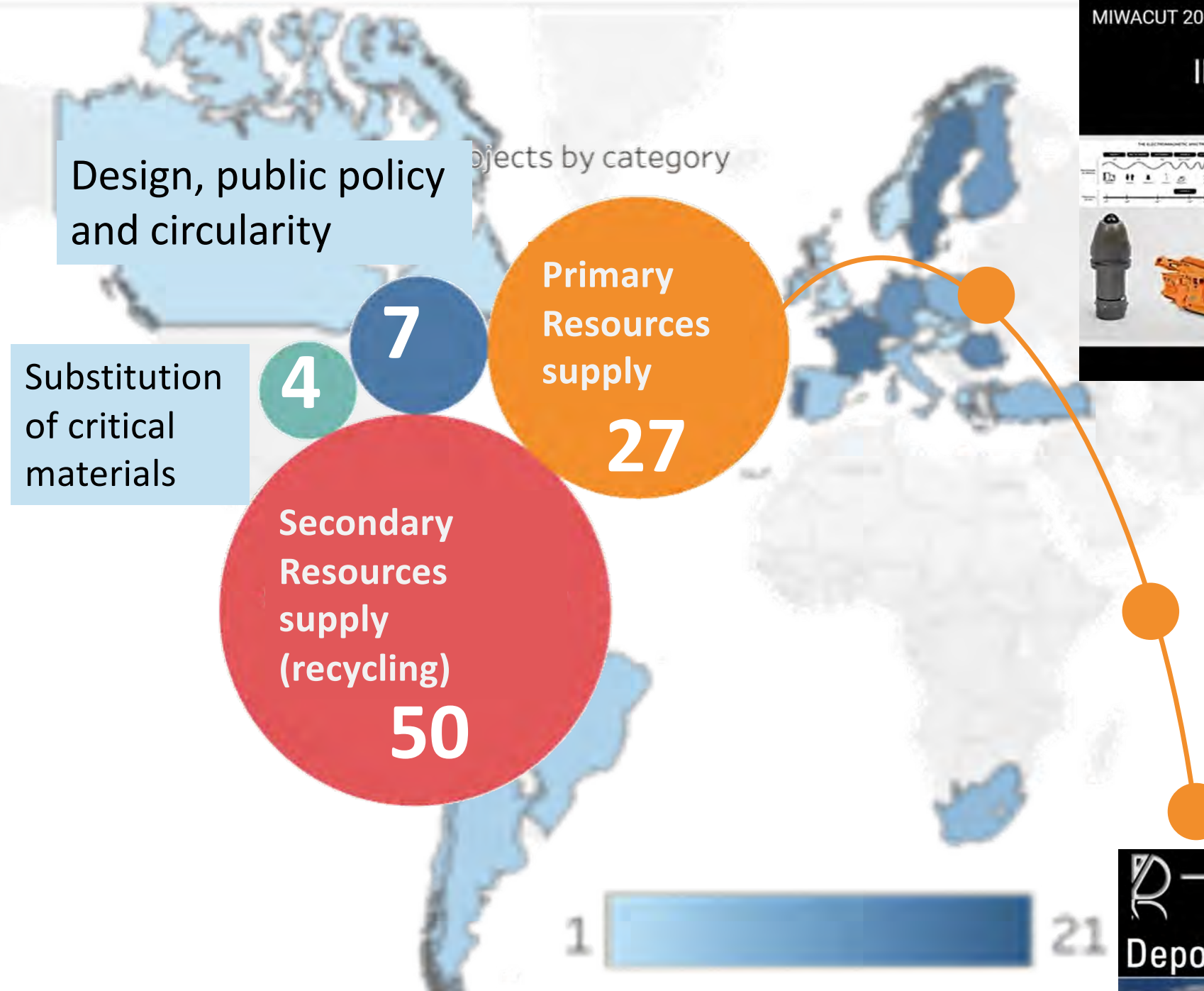
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ERA-MIN Dashboard

Examples of transnational R&I projects (2013-2023)



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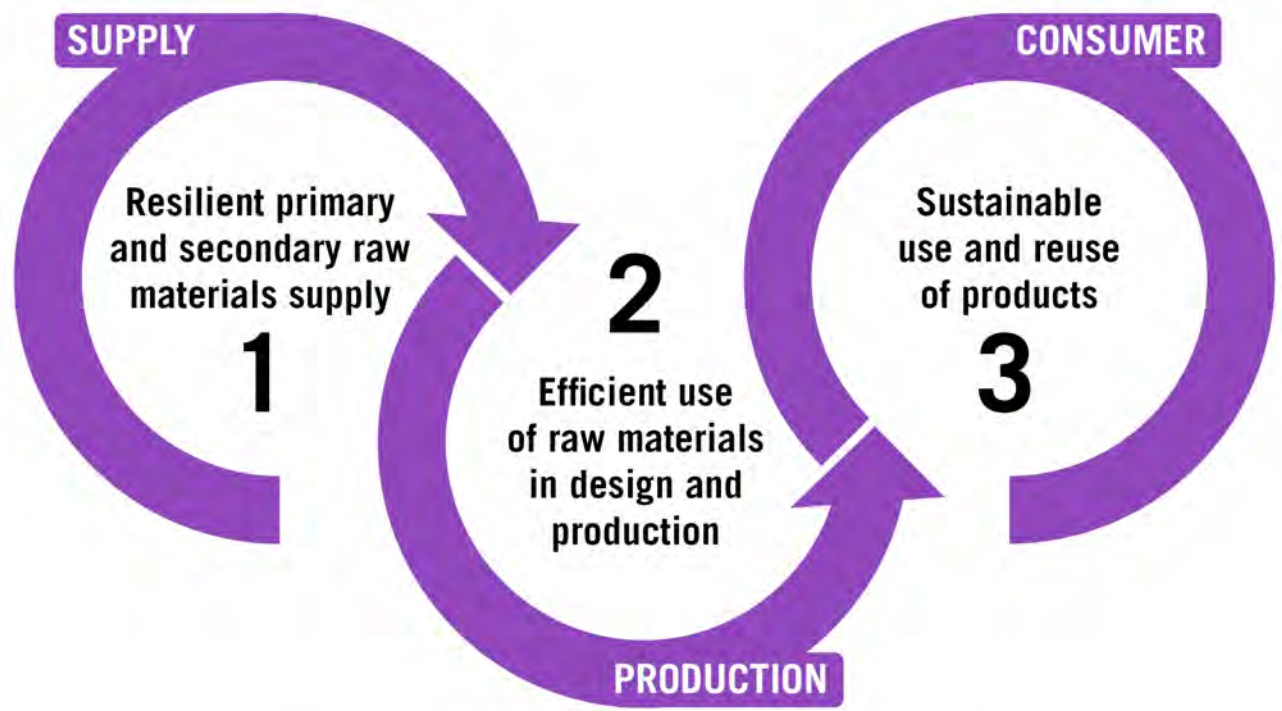
New European Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for Sustainable Use and Supply of Raw Materials (non-fuel, non-food)



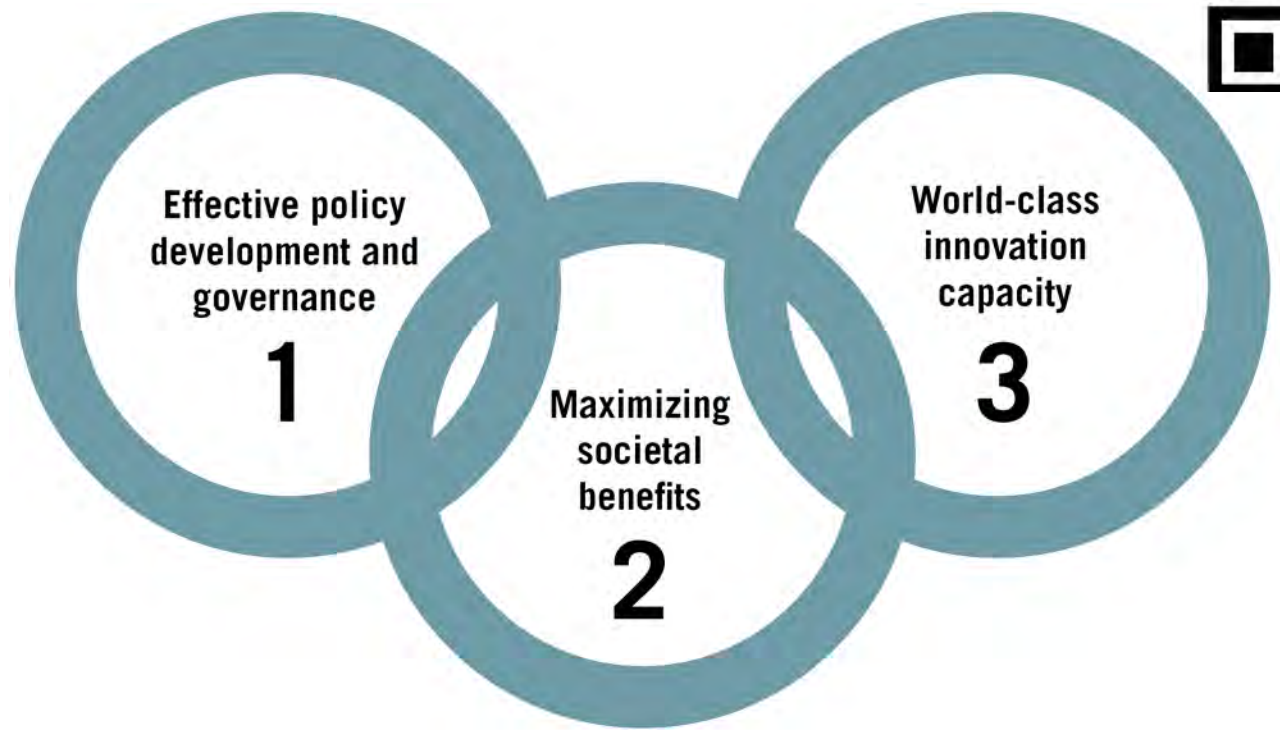
Public consultation: March 1-15 at [www.https://www.era-min.eu/ri-agenda](https://www.era-min.eu/ri-agenda)



CORE THEMES



TRANSVERSAL THEMES



Technical innovation

Close to business

Focus within economic activity



Social innovation

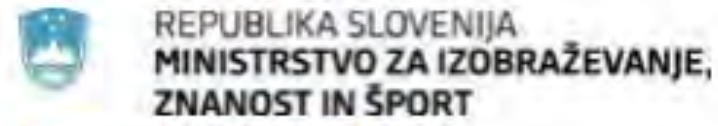
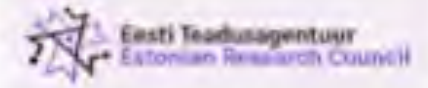
Human-centric

Focus on social and ecological sustainability



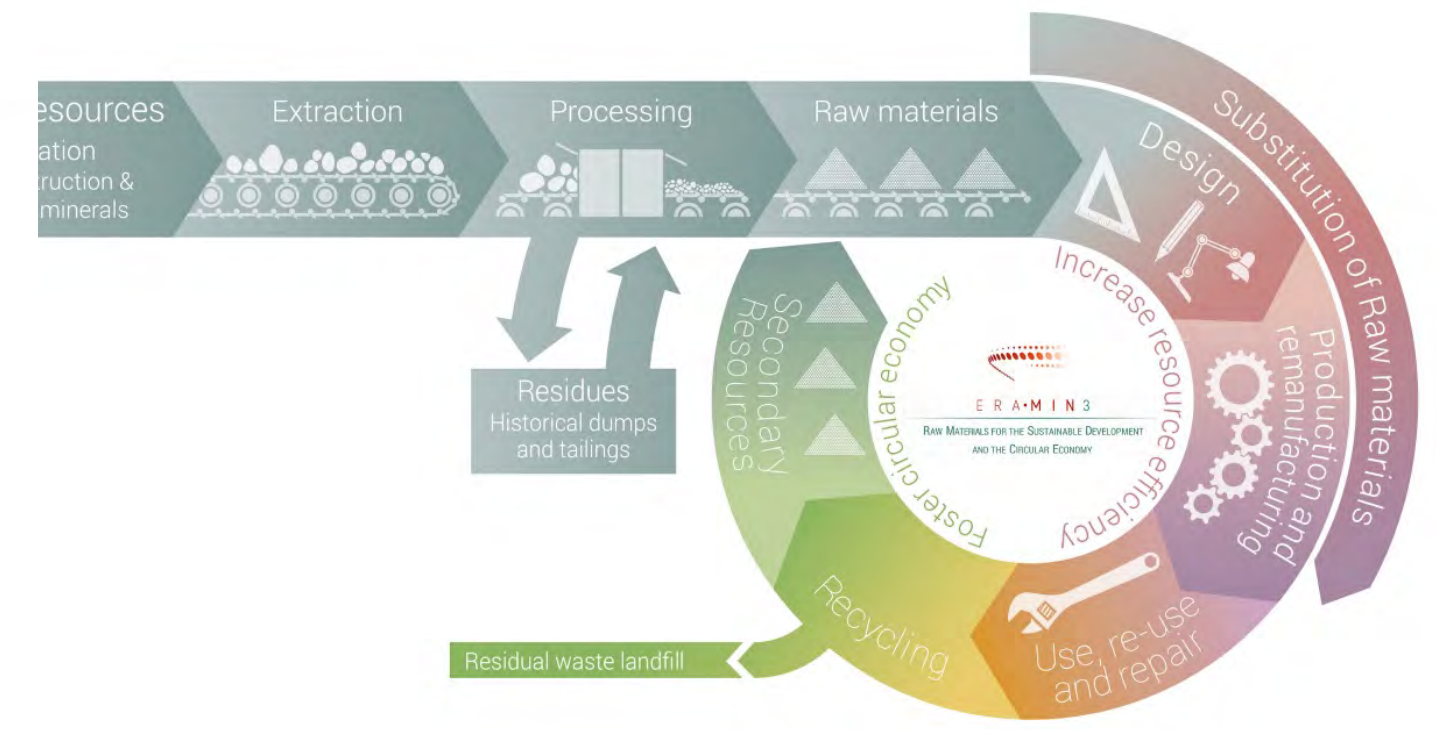
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Towards a pan-European partnership on raw materials for the green and digital transition (2025-2032)



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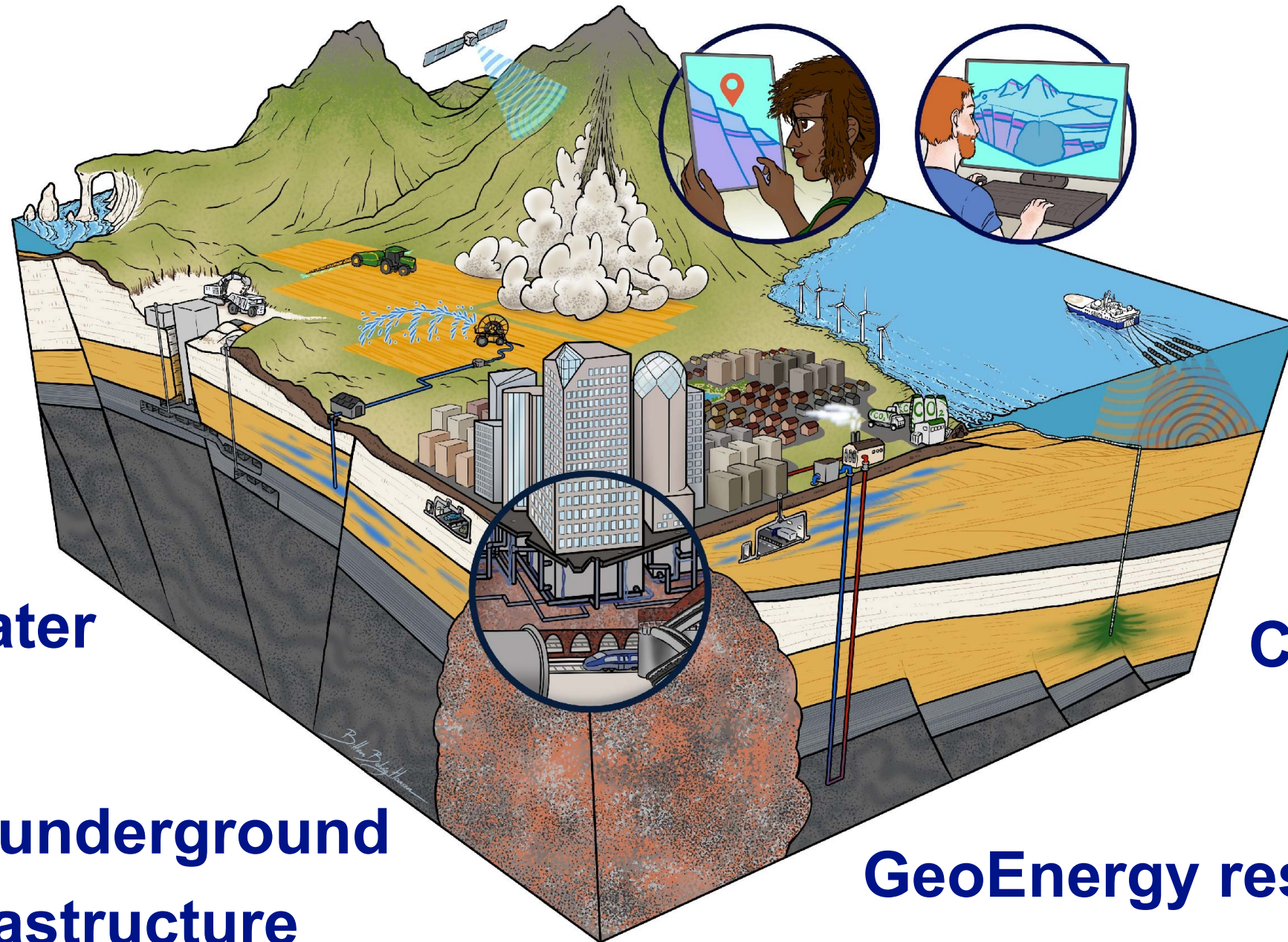


Green Deal Policy and Earth systems are interconnected

**Critical Raw
Materials**

Groundwater

**Urban underground
infrastructure**



**Onshore / offshore
windfarm siting**

Hydrogen storage

**Carbon capture &
storage**

**GeoEnergy resources –
geothermal**



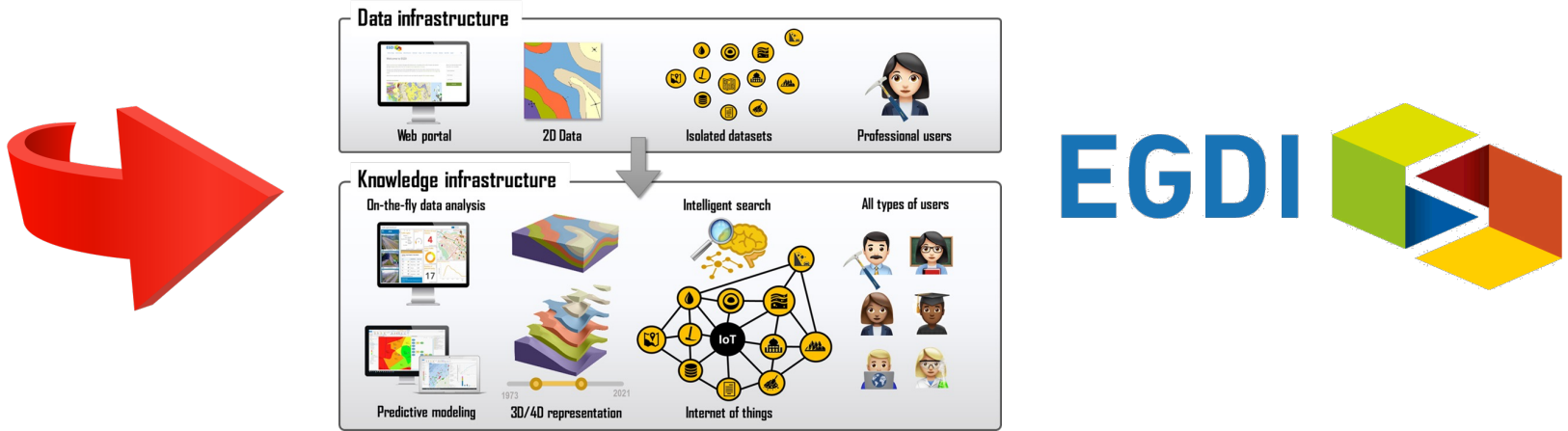


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35 Countries

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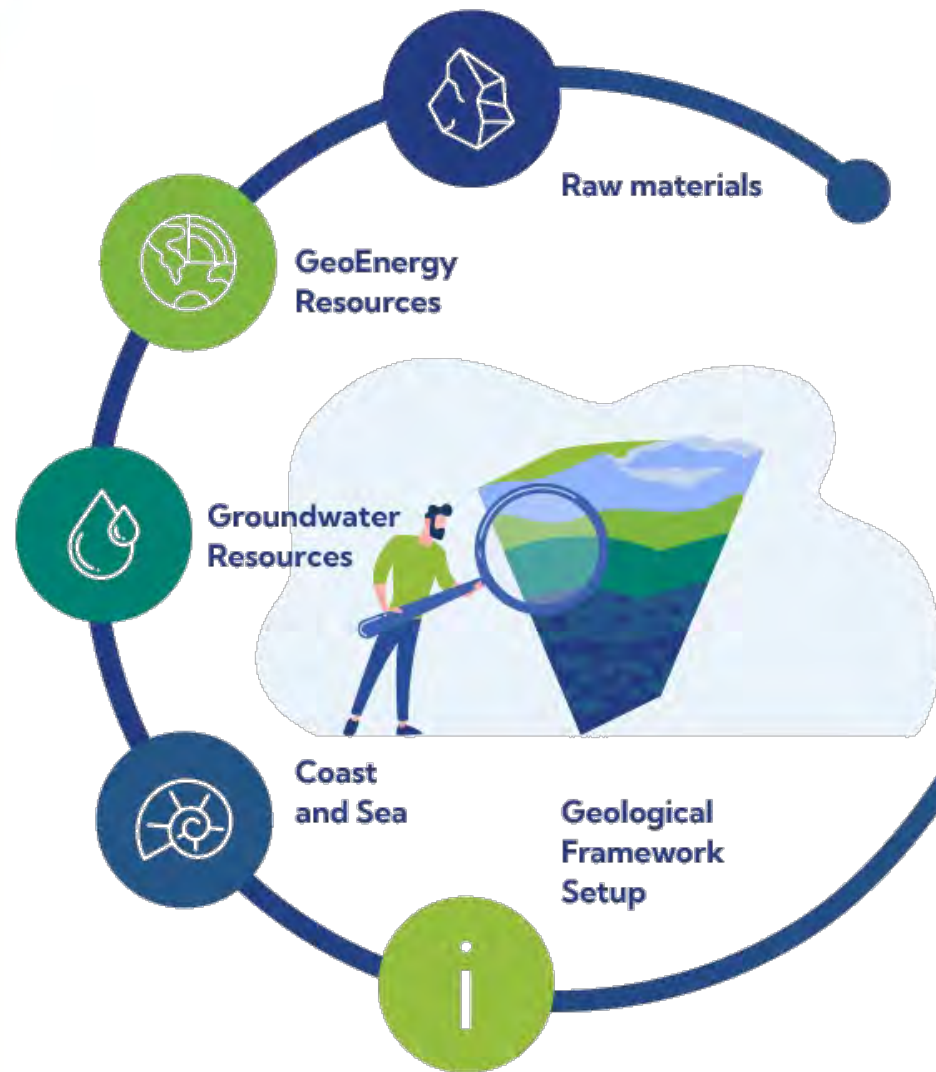
The overall objective of the **GSEU** project is to establish a **Geological Service for Europe** as a permanent geoscience data, information, and knowledge-based advisory service supporting a sustainable future for Europe.



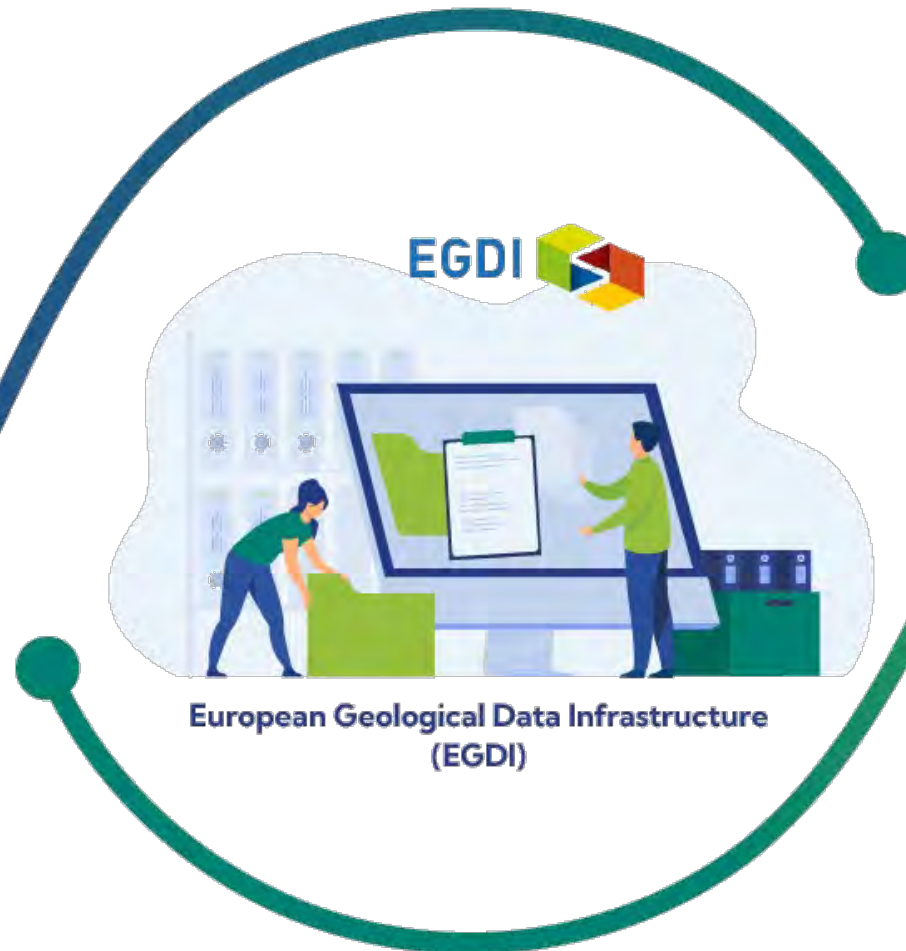
GSEU will structurally address specific challenges in the **sustainable management of the subsurface** at EU and national level.



Project Structure



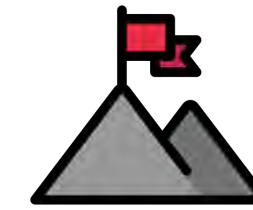
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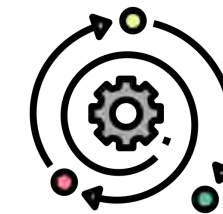
Developing Information structure



Communication, dissemination, exploitation & outreach



- Re-evaluate European resources of **primary critical raw materials in on- and offshore fields**
- Create an **International Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Resources Management (EU ICE-SRM)**
- Promote the use of the **United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC)** for resources

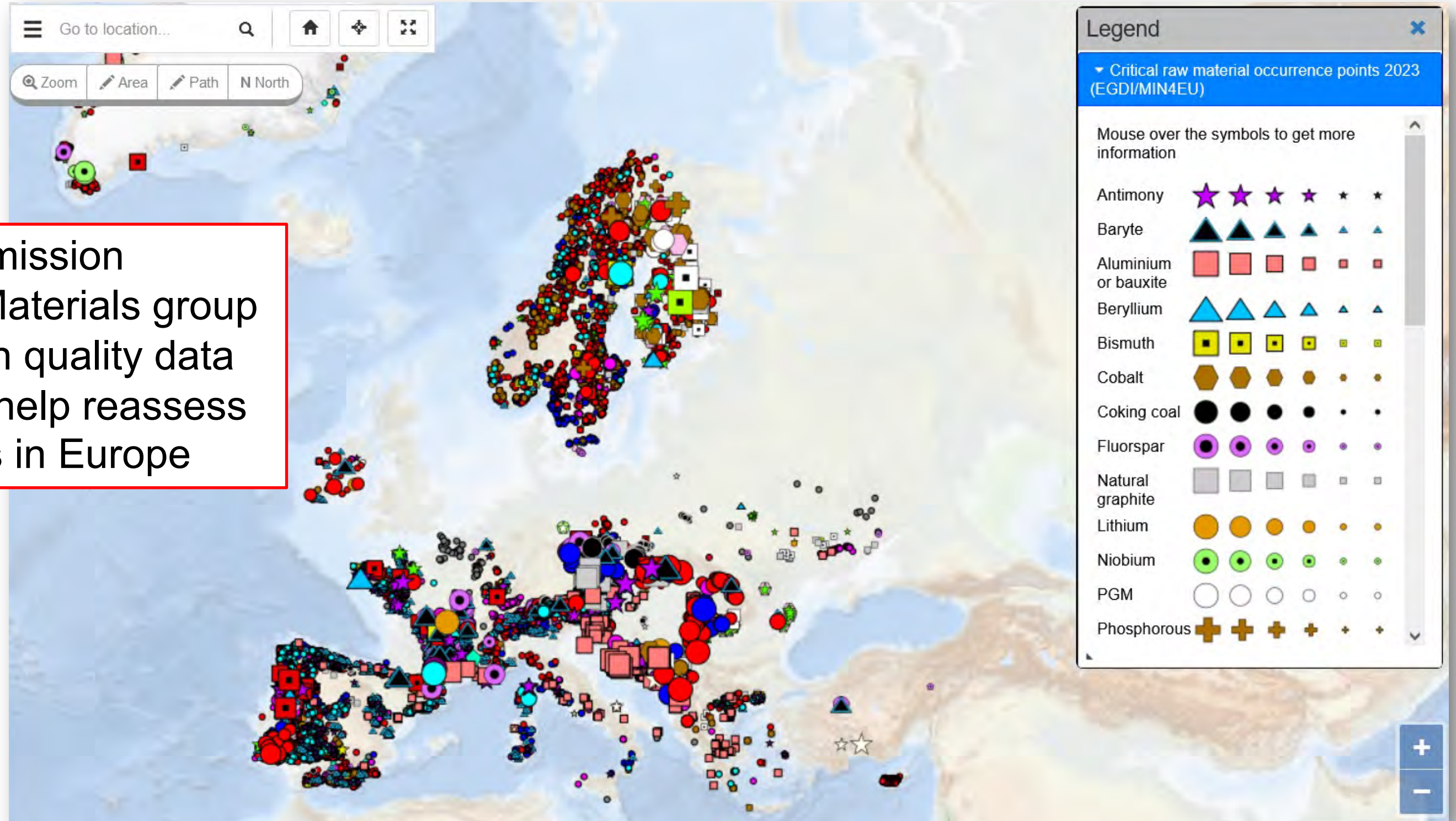


- Increase the potential for investment in **new exploration programmes** within Europe
- Increase the **sourcing of critical raw materials in Europe**
- Decrease Europe's dependence on imports

Raw Materials



Europe's potential of CRM deposits



The core mission of GSEU's Raw Materials group is to provide high quality data and expertise to help reassess CRM deposits in Europe



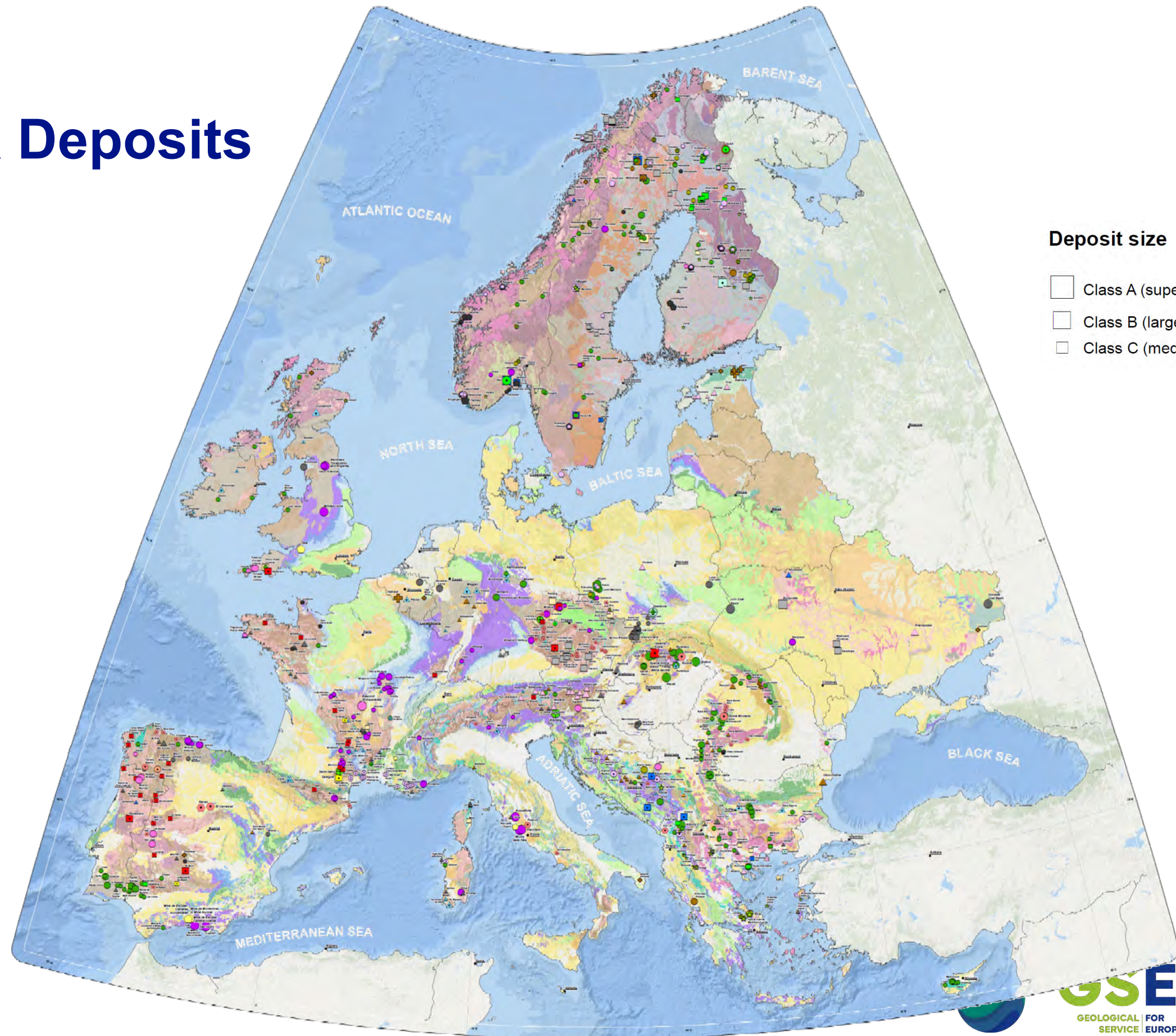
CRM Hard Rock Deposits

Commodity

- Aluminium (metal)
- ▲ Antimony (metal)
- Arsenic
- ▲ Barite (BaSO_4)
- ▲ Beryllium (BeO)
- Bismuth (metal)
- ▲ Borate (B_2O_3)
- Cobalt (metal)
- Coking coal
- Copper (metal)
- Feldspar
- Fluorite (CaF_2)
- ⊕ Gallium (metal)
- Germanium (metal)
- Graphite
- Hafnium (metal)
- Lithium (metal)
- ▲ Magnesite, Magnesium (MgCO_3)
- ▲ Manganese (metal)
- ★ Nickel (metal)
- Niobium (Nb_2O_5)
- Phosphorous
- ⊕ Phosphate (P_2O_5)
- Platinum, platinoids group metals
- Rare Earth Elements (REE_2O_3)
- Scandium (metal)
- Strontium
- Tantalum (Ta_2O_5)
- Titanium (metal)
- Vanadium (metal)
- Tungsten (WO_3)

Deposit size

- Class A (super-large)
- Class B (large)
- Class C (medium)





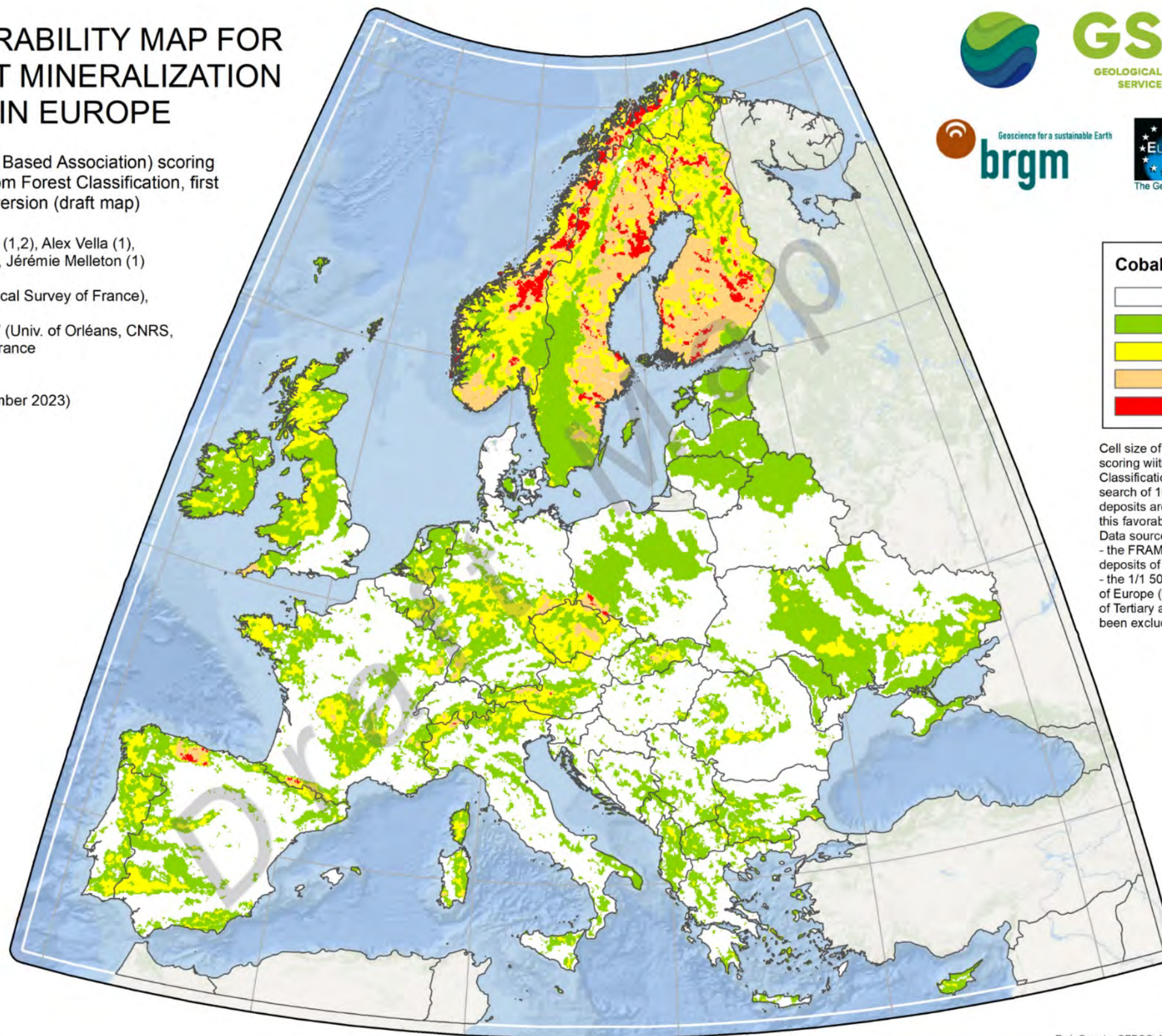
FAVOURABILITY MAP FOR COBALT MINERALIZATION IN EUROPE

DBA (Disc Based Association) scoring with Random Forest Classification, first version (draft map)

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Cobalt favourability

	Very Low
	Low
	Medium
	High
	Very High

Cell size of 5km x 5km. DBA scoring with Random Forest Classification, neighbouring search of 10km. Only known deposits are used to produce this favorabilit map.
Data sources are:
- the FRAME project database on deposits of energy critical elements;
- the 1/1 500 000 geological synthesis of Europe (Billa et al., 2008); lithologies of Tertiary and Quaternary ages have been excluded.



CRITICAL RAW MATERIAL OFFSHORE OCCURRENCES OF EUROPE

Based on the 2023 CRM list of the European Commission



Scientific coordination

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Cartographic layout

Egidio Marino & Ana Lobato

Source of data (mineral occurrences)
GeoERA-MINDeSEA, EMODnet Geology &
GSEU WP2 T2.2



Bathymetry

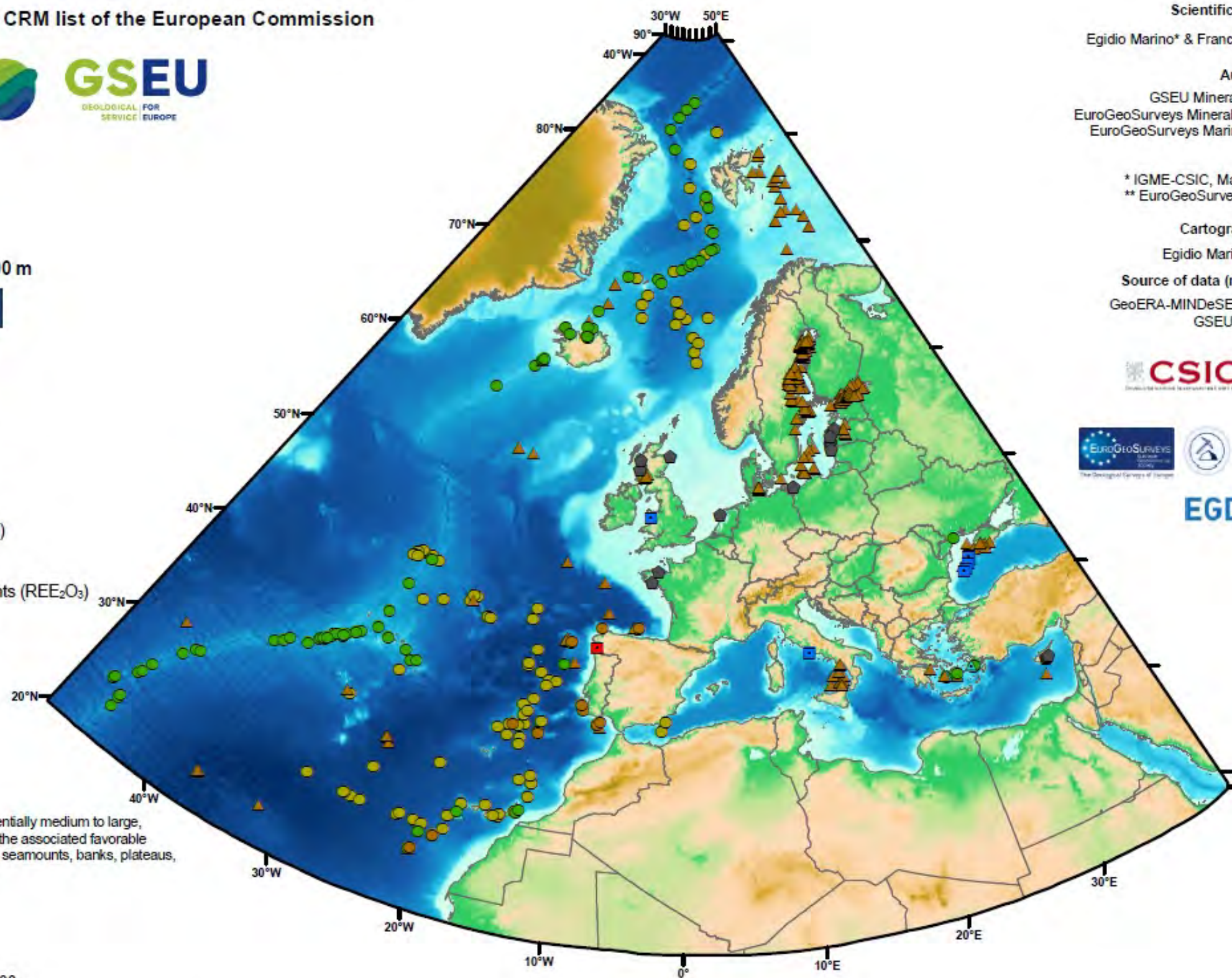


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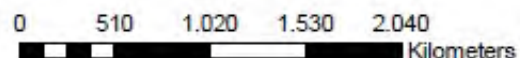
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- Phosphorous
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Size

- Occurrence
(The deposit size, potentially medium to large, depend on the size of the associated favorable morphostructure (e.g., seamounts, banks, plateaus, abyssal plains))



Scale 1:50.000.000



Polyconic Projection, Central Meridian: 16° E, FE = 0, Latitude of origin: 0, DATUM WGS84

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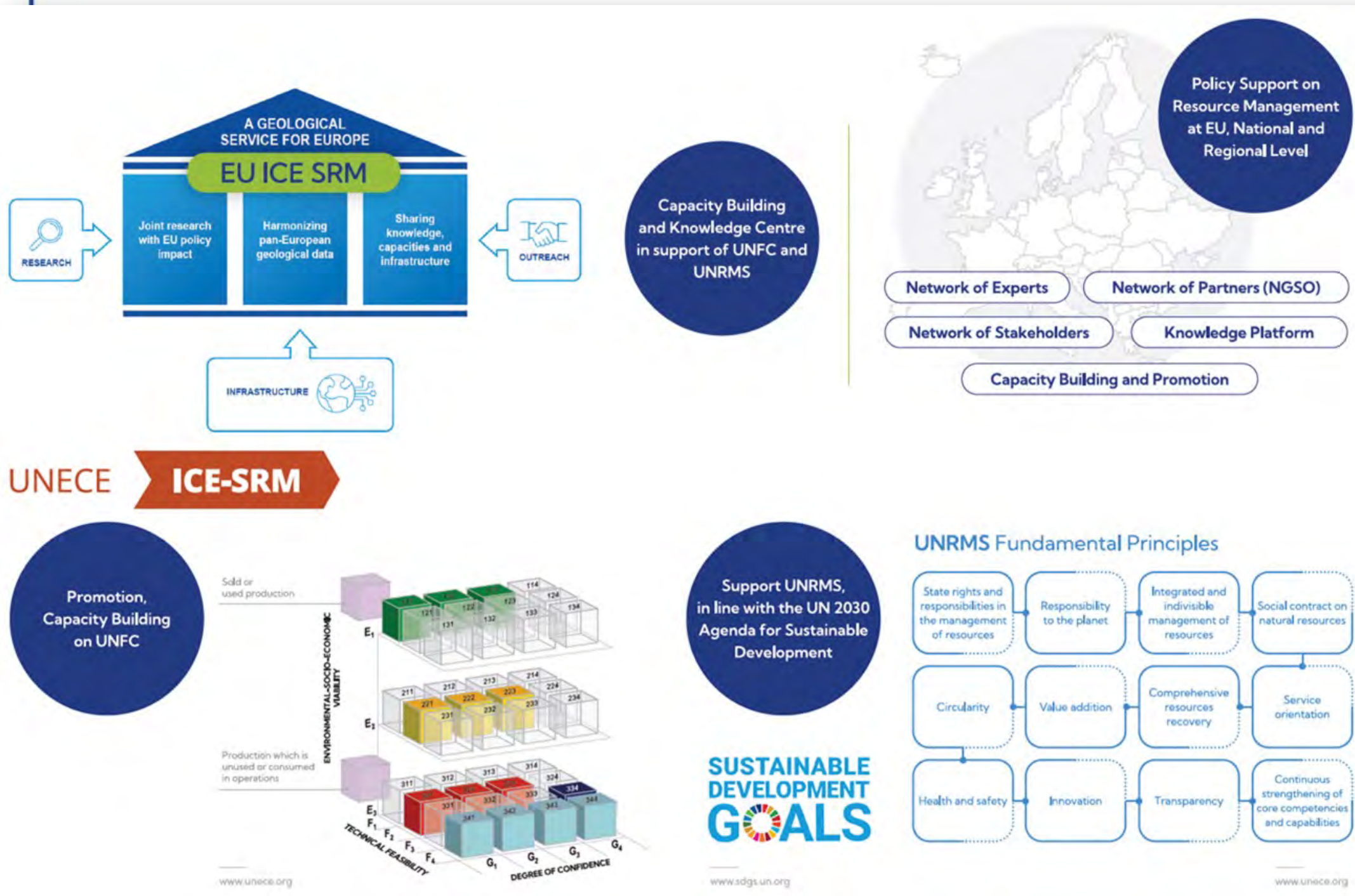
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The bathymetric data used for this Mineral Occurrences map of Europe was obtained by the





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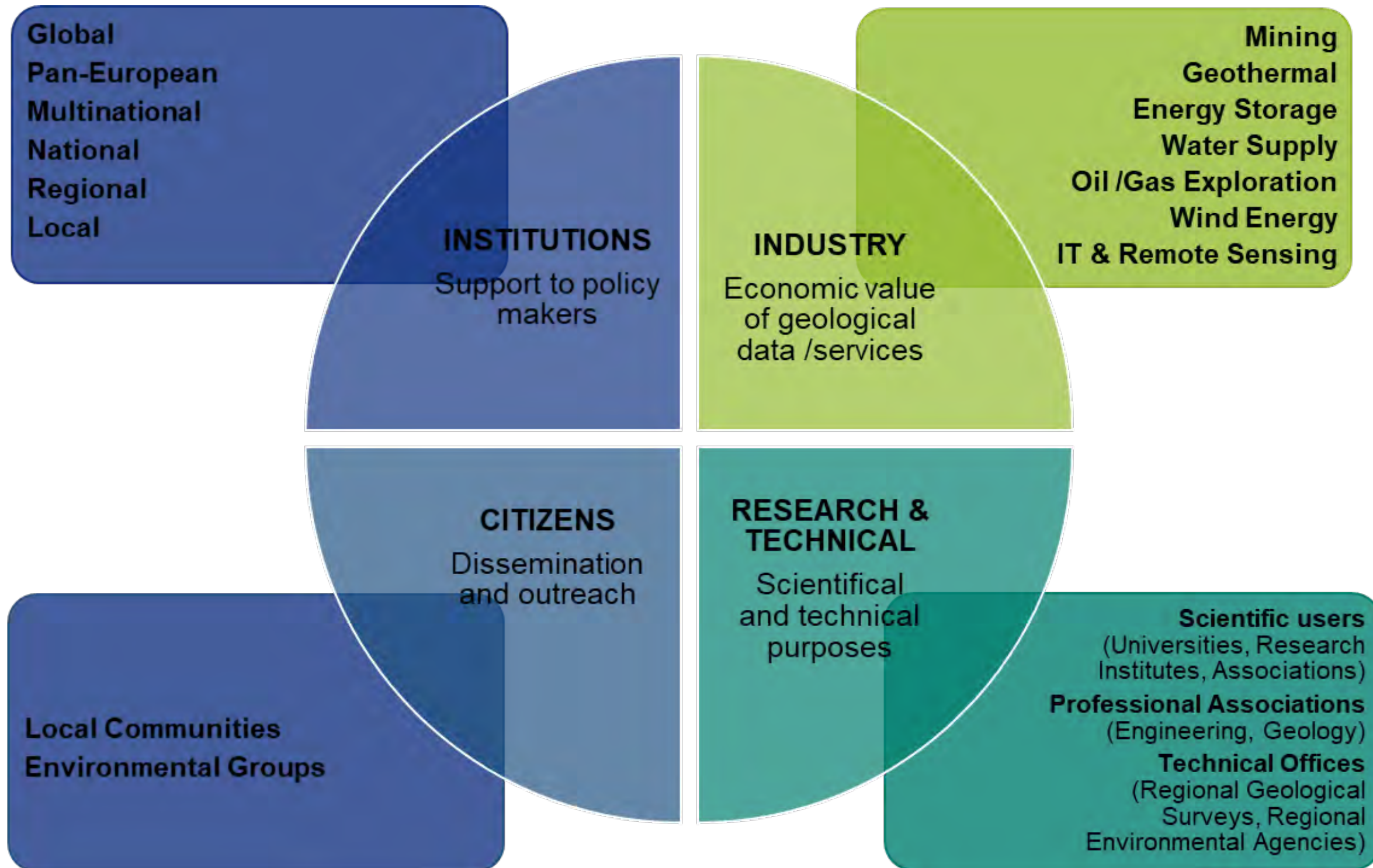


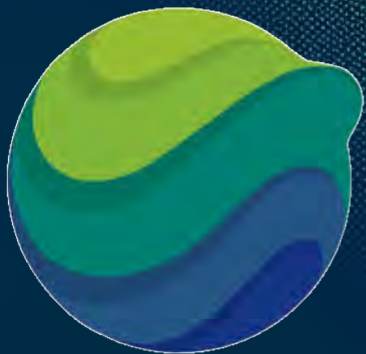
To provide accurate and high-quality reports, comparable throughout the EU and globally, each EU Member State needs **appropriately trained experts.**

The ICE SRM will support the implementation of the CRMA by establishing and maintaining a **network of experts.**



Stakeholder engagement is crucial





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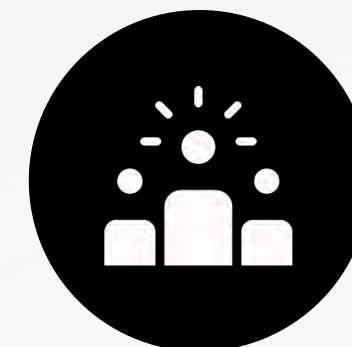
Knowledge Gap



Focus has mainly been on ferrous and base metals in Sweden hence few studies conducted on CRMs, their fertility indicators, source rocks, carriers, ...



Lithospheric footprints and structures have not been studied like elsewhere and this is needed to bring in new and global players in Sweden and to explore tier 1-2 deposits



Tech solutions and rapid-response to exploration challenges are little developed in Sweden

Where are the new search spaces and why?

A focused knowledge centre on CRMs involving broader expertise and institutions is needed to lead new discoveries and to sustainably supply the Swedish demand and technology!

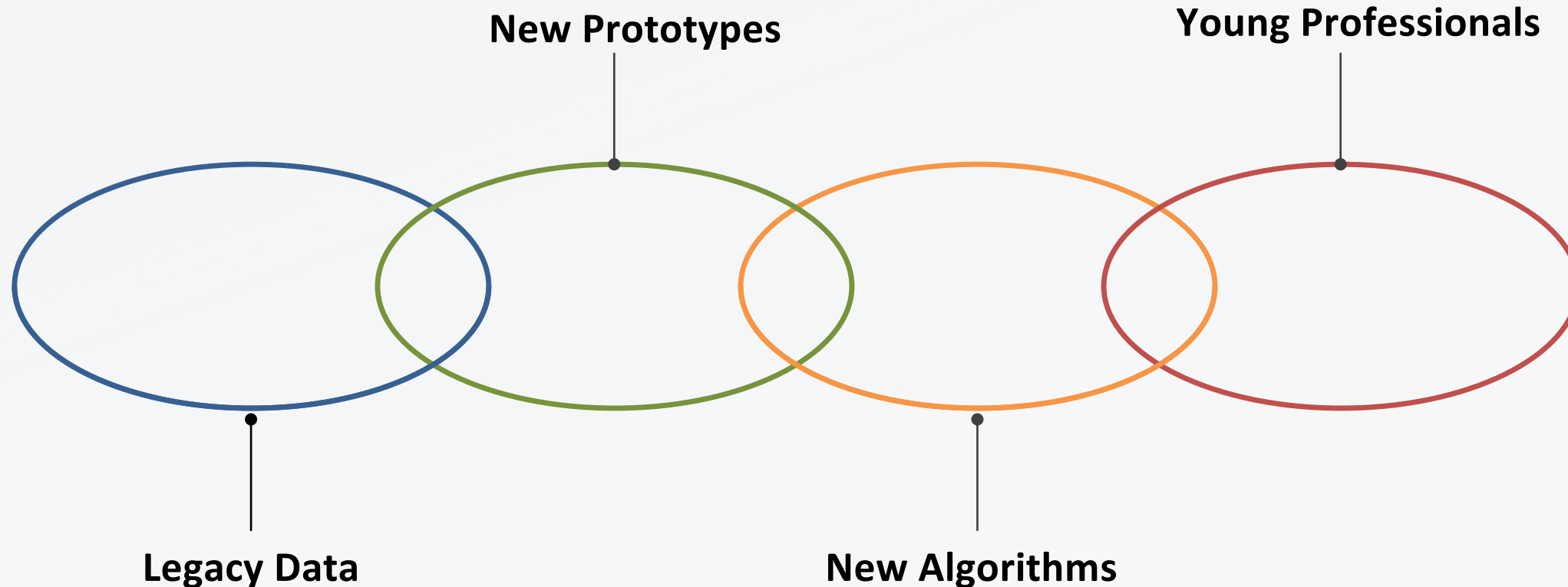
Sweden has the potential to be world-leading in innovative exploration solutions for CRMs, now more of a follower ...



Building on a Legacy



Europe needs more R&D projects like Smart Exploration



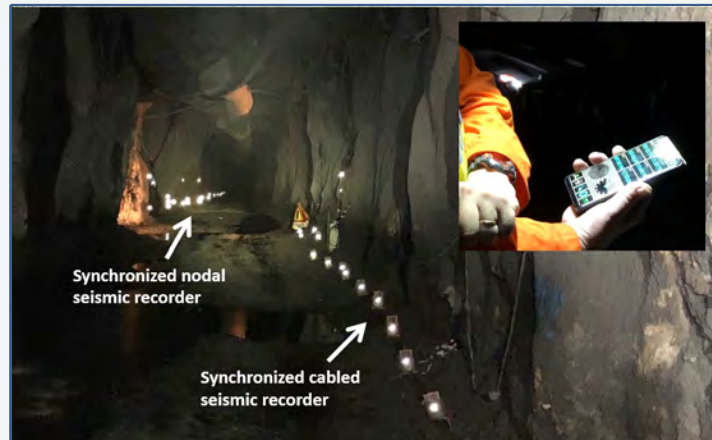
Connecting the dots ...

Research-Innovation and Actions with a focus on also Young Professionals

Smart Prototypes



GPS-time transmitter



E-Vib seismic source

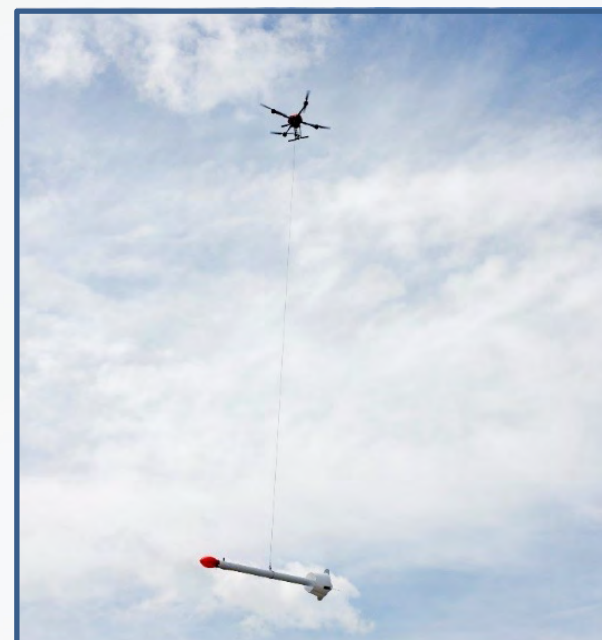


Deep penetrating HTEM



We must continue with hardware solutions ...

SMART EXPLORATION
new ways to explore the subsurface



First Break (August 2020)

Vision

Disruptive ideas and innovation for leading future of CRMs mineral exploration



Synergetic

A pool of four major universities, three tech, three mining, one consultancy and one municipality-associated entity



World-class

A fast-track hub for emerging needs of CRM exploration in Sweden, Nordic region and beyond



Excellence

Highly competent team, with a record number of publications, patents, start-ups, research grants and CRM deposit/mineral discoveries



Innovation

Measurable IPs and commercial solutions from world-class research

A dedicated hub (long-term) for high-profile science and innovation was long due!



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Hub 1
 Green Sensing Technologies
 Robotic, slimhole, geochem/petrophysics, UAV-ROV and digital platforms

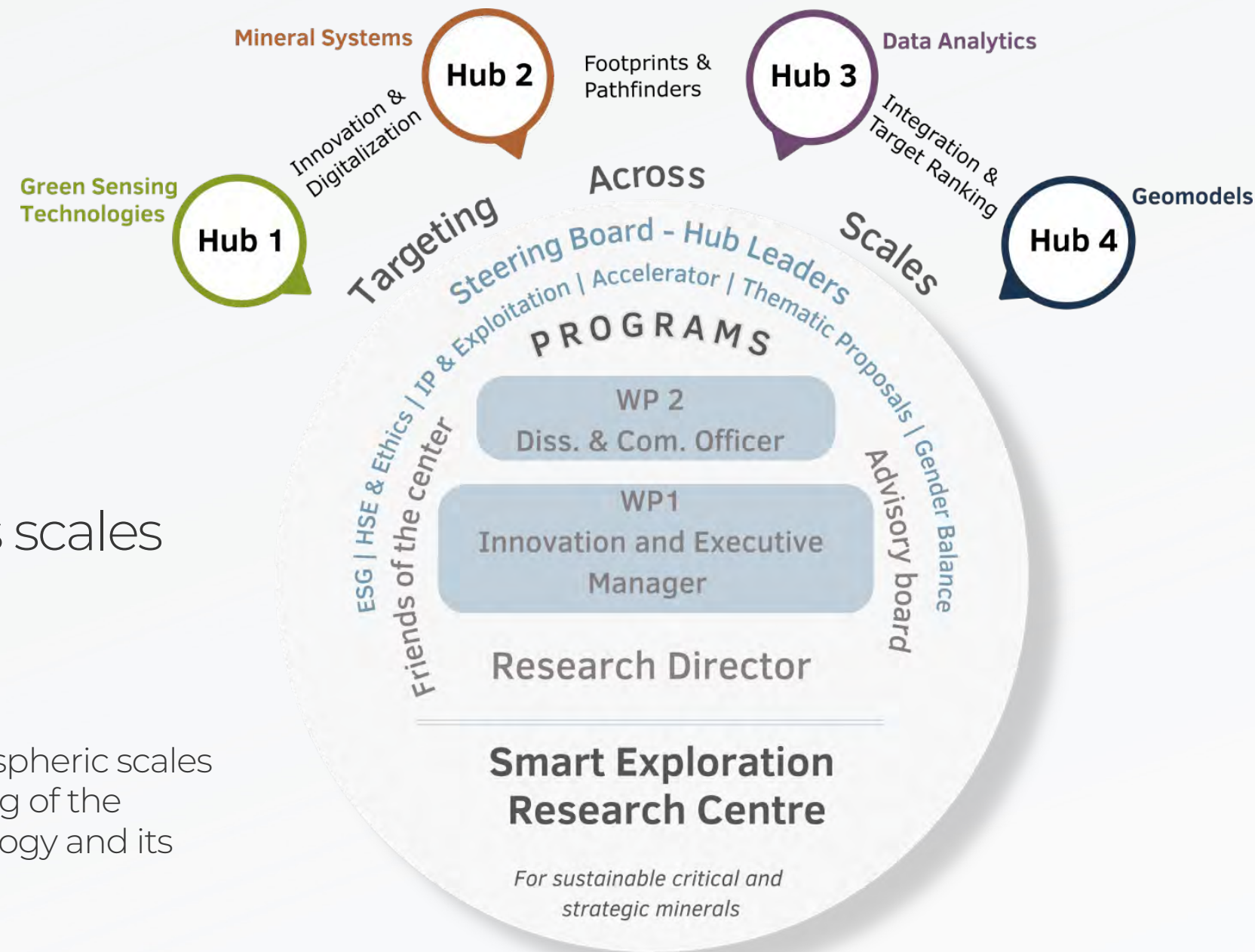
Hub 3
 Data analytics
 Standardization
 Dynamic data and model
 Machine-learning solutions
 Target ranking and vectors

Hub 2
 Mineral systems
 Lithospheric endowment & geodynamics
 Ore forming processes
 Secondary resources

Hub 4
 Geomodels
 Plugins
 Multiphysics & multichemistry
 visualization & uncertainty

Targeting across scales

Both deposit and also lithospheric scales for improved understanding of the Fennoscandian Shield geology and its endowed mineral system





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