

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Conference

GEOCENTRUM^{PL}

EU 2020 STRATEGY IN MINERAL COMMODITIES MANAGEMENT

19-20 September 2011, Warsaw, Poland



 The conference is organized by
the POLISH GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
– NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
under the auspices of GEOCENTER POLAND

The Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute (PGI-NRI) and GEOCENTER POLAND have pleasure and honour to invite you to take part in the International Conference on EU 2020 strategy in mineral commodities management which will take place on 19-20 September 2011 in Warsaw, Poland.

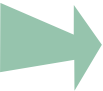
The Conference will precede the 31st EuroGeoSurveys General Assembly Meeting, organised by the PGI-NRI on 20-21 September 2011. This Meeting will take place in the year of 40th Anniversary of organization of European geological surveys. It is worth to point out that the Meeting of EuroGeoSurveys members' directors and delegates will for the first time take place in two countries: Poland and Ukraine, with the post-meeting field excursion organized by the State Geological Survey of Ukraine and Ukrainian State Geological Research Institute (SGSU-UkrSGRI).

The date of Conference falls in time of the Poland's Presidency in EU and the EuroGeoSurveys General Assembly Meeting will be held in the frame of Polish Presidency events.

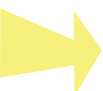
The Polish Geological Institute, the organizer of the conference, is entrusted with tasks of the state geological and hydrogeological surveys and, therefore, responsible for the country's security in supply of mineral raw materials. The Institute is also the leader of GEOCENTER POLAND, a R&D center of the Polish science and extraction industry which was established by the major mining companies and research institutions in December 2010. The members of the center are: PGI-NRI, KGHM Polska Miedź S.A., Polish Oil and Gas Company (PGNiG), PGE Górnictwo i Energetyka Konwencjonalna S.A., AGH University of Science and Technology, Maritime Institute in Gdańsk, The Oil and Gas Institute and Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin. It should be stressed that sustainable extraction of mineral raw materials is very high on priority list of GEOCENTER POLAND.

We understand that there is a wide interest among national geological surveys in EU strategy in mineral commodities management, especially competitiveness, environmental impact, innovative technologies and supply and sustainable use of mineral resources.




 ⁽¹⁾The EU has taken steps to improve its knowledge base on actual and future deposits of many important raw materials and to stimulate the extractive industry to deliver new products to the manufacturing industry (...)

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 It is also important to further enhance the knowledge base necessary for an efficient raw materials strategy. In the short term the Commission proposes to assess with the Member States the scope for increased synergies between **national geological surveys**, that would allow for economies of scale, reduced costs and increased potential to engage in joint projects (e.g. harmonised minerals database, European Raw Materials Yearbook).

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 Access to commodities and raw materials is essential to maintaining the productive capacity of the economy and securing the well being of citizens. These commodities and raw materials are sourced from across the globe as well as from within Europe. The challenge is to ensure that commodity and raw materials needs are met in a way which supports wider goals for development in source countries, environmental protection, open trade and stable markets which do not pose risks to the wider economy.

⁽¹⁾ COM(2011) 25 final. 02.02.2011. "COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS. TACKLING THE CHALLENGES IN COMMODITY MARKETS AND ON RAW MATERIALS"

THE AIMS AND SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

Sept. 19-20, 2011, Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute, Warsaw

The major aims and scope of the Conference are to highlight different ways and approaches in integrating the concept of responsible and sustainable use of mineral resources in accordance with Europe 2020 strategy.

The program of the Conference shall include presentation on the relevant topics:

1. Innovative technologies and solutions in extraction/production of ores and industrial minerals.
2. Role of substitution, secondary sources and recycling in mineral commodities policy.
3. Legal and formal solutions advantageous for sustainable use of mineral raw materials and commodities.
4. Covering demand for deficit mineral commodities in the EU Member States.
5. Developing the knowledge on mineral resources potential:
 - ✓ unified classification of reserves and resources of mineral deposits;
 - ✓ market research quality standards and statistics of industrial minerals;
 - ✓ supply/demand balance of mineral commodities.
6. Administrative framework for sustainable extraction of mineral raw materials.
7. International cooperation and assistance in production of mineral raw materials in developing countries.

Brief information on Conference program

19 September – lectures delivered by invited speakers - representatives of the European Commission, UN Economic Commission, national geological surveys and associations and non-energy extractive industries.

Panel discussion.

20 September – post-conference field trip to modern sand quarry and plant at Grudzeń-Las near Opoczno (app. 120 km from Warsaw). Presentations of innovative technologies and industrial minerals production.

Further details will be given in the Second Announcement. The registration form and the conference program will be circulated in the coming weeks and will be available at www.pgi.gov.pl

The conference language will be English.

The conference is free of charge for attendants.

The Conference venue

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