

3rd SLO Workshop – Ensuring SLO is Adaptive and Resilient

5-6 June 2019

Saxony Liaison Office

Avenue d'Auderghem 67, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels

Draft agenda

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2019

12:00-13:00 Welcome lunch and registration

13:00-14:00 Opening conversation: Politics beyond parliaments – curse or blessing?

Discussion: Politicians want politically committed citizens, but what happens when they come? What impact does a media-networked world have on politicians and public opinion? Community empowerment in Europe is growing stronger whether it is through SLO or large social and political movements such as "Fridays for Future". Is it possible to embrace this new era within Europe's existing legal and governance structure?

14:00-15:30 Session 1: Misunderstandings – how does the mining industry present itself in Europe and how is it perceived by society?

Discussion: Europe's mining sector aligns itself with the sustainability agenda through concepts such as the circular economy, the coming energy and resource transition, a zero-waste economy, etc. Ironically, these concepts also cause misunderstandings within society, most notably that no more mining or smelting will be needed. This can be seen in the current debate on the ban of lead, i.e. lead is a necessary carrier element for many CRMs and lead-metallurgy is fundamental for a true circular economy. Is education enough to overcome these misunderstandings or is something else needed?

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Session 2: European SLO strategies - What works, what doesn't?

Discussion: 18 months into the MIREU project, it is clear there are many different European approaches to SLO, from government initiatives at the regional and national levels to industry strategies. It is also clear that not every

attempt at furthering SLO is successful. Different experiences will be presented including the region of Saxony's education initiative evaluated via a SLO SWOT analysis, the findings from a 5-month case study looking at various industry practices throughout Cornwall and Bulgaria's challenges coping with its post-Soviet legacy.

CLOSE OF DAY 1

Possible testing of the SLO Board Game.

Dinner 19:30pm
Atrio Restaurant (Finnish-Italian)
Rue Stevin 132
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THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2019

8:45-9:00 Welcome and summary of Day 1

9:00-10:30 Session 3: SLO in the global context – a costly luxury for Europe or a new common global standard for mining?

Discussion: While social acceptance and mining increasingly go hand-in-hand, not all countries believe SLO is necessary or desirable. Even industry within Europe is divided as to whether SLO helps further mining or hinders business and lowers competitiveness. How does SLO help or hinder mining in Europe, China, and Latin America? Is Europe a frontrunner in SLO or is it a suicide for industry?

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Session 4: The way forward – SLO as rules of engagement

Discussion: There is a growing consensus in Europe that SLO should provide a framework complementary to the existing legislation within which society, government and industry can work together to prevent and/or solve issues. There also is an acknowledgement that too much uncertainty exists in the system and that all actors want more clarity in what is acceptable and what is not. There is simultaneously a strong demand for reliance on existing legislation as well as flexibility for innovative solutions. For European mining,

what societal values (in addition to the legislative background) are most important and how can those be woven into an SLO framework that ensures government-society-industry continuously collaborates? Fair treatment and accountability are also part of this, so to that extent, what does industry need to be accountable for and to whom, but also, does civil society need to be accountable to anyone?

CLOSE OF DAY 2

12:30-13:30 Lunch (provided by KU Leuven on behalf of the projects NEMO, CROCODILE, + TARANTULA)

OPTIONAL SESSION WITH THE H2020 Projects NEMO, CROCODILE + TARANTULA

13:30-17:00 Program to be announced.