

Innovative, Non-Invasive and Fully Acceptable Exploration Technologies

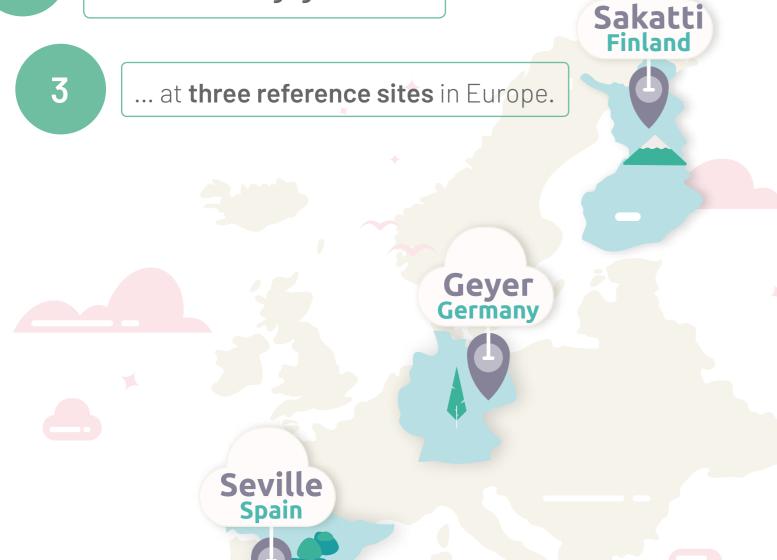


THE PROJECT IN A NUT-SHELL



Benchmarking of innovative non-invasive mineral exploration techniques...

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



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SOCIAL DIALOGUE & ENVIRONMENT











IMPLEMENTATION & BUSINESS MODEL





TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT & EXPLORATION















APPROACH



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.

ACTIVATE 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.

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