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#### WP4: METHODS AND TOOLS FOR MINERAL INTELLIGENCE



• Objectives of WP4:

Inventory and Assessment of Tools and Methods for providing Expertise to Stakeholders on Mineral Intelligence

- Two starting points:
  - What do stakeholders want to know?
  - What tools and methods are available?





- What do stakeholders want to know about minerals?
- WP2 is about making an inventory of that
- In general:
  - Supply related questions
  - Functionality: what can it be used for?
  - Prices
  - Costs of extracting / purchasing / using
  - Environmental impacts
  - Social / humanitarian aspects
  - (Geo)political aspects
  - Others supply chains, technology, ...?
- And: can we be sure about the answers?
  - Uncertainty analysis
- Further narrowing down to be done?





- What tools and methods are available?
- Overview in WP4.1, to be described in fact sheets
  - Main characteristics
  - Range of relevant applications
  - Data needs, data
  - Model used (if any)
- Classification in proposal: methods to
  - Identify and asses geological and urban mines
  - Assess society's metabolism
  - Assess economic aspects
  - Forecast or estimate future resource supply and use
- Reasons to revisit?





- What tools and methods are available?
- Availability / supply
  - Geological surveys: how much is in geological deposits? In what locations? In what concentration / what form? What is the present situation with regard to mining? How many mines, in how many countries?
  - Urban mining surveys: how much is presently in use in society? In what locations? In what concentration / what form? When will it become available?
  - Scenario analysis: How will demand develop in the future? What are supply scenarios to match?
  - Material Flow Analysis: how has primary and secondary production developed over time? Where are the mined metals now? When are they likely to turn to waste?
  - Criticality assessment: brings together supply risk and vulnerability to assess whether constraints in supply can be expected





- What tools and methods are available?
- Environmental impacts
  - Losses of metals from cycles
  - Risk analysis: fate and health hazards
  - Energy and water requirements / footprints
  - LCA: emissions throughout the life cycle. Environmental impacts of production vs environmental benefits in products
  - Local technology assessment to include local impacts from mining





- What tools and methods are available?
- Information bottlenecks to be expected:
  - Functionality / economic characteristics
  - Supply chain information
  - Non-geological stocks: product information
  - Social / humanitarian impacts?
- Cross-linkages to identify:
  - For example, can geological prospecting methods be used for urban mines as well?
- To be further discussed in WP4 meeting







- WP4.2: Application of methods in case studies
  - Small case studies (2-3 person months)
  - Synergies with other projects are quite welcome
  - Covering a broad field of stakeholder questions
  - Using different methods: descriptions of flow sheets
- Plans to be discussed in WP4 meeting
  - CML plans: (1) environmental impacts of global demand/supply scenarios for 7 major metals, and (2) prospecting the urban mine of Amsterdam, both partly financed by other projects
  - We promised four case studies, but more is no problem!







- WP 4.3: Recommendations
- Will start in 1 year time
- Main purpose: aligning stakeholder requirements with available methods and tools





- Agenda WP4 meeting February 4, 2016
- Stakeholder questions
- Longlist of tools and methods
- Fact sheets
- Inventory of case studies





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