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RAW MATERIALS INTELLIGENCE TO SERVE STAKEHOLDERS NEEDS

Primary and secondary Raw Materials are essential to Europe's economy and growth. The Minerals Intelligence Capacity Analysis (MICA) Project responds to the need to build a **Raw Materials Knowledge Base at EU level**, contributing to past and ongoing efforts by several EU projects and as part of the transitional phase towards this goal. The MICA Partners gathered together for the first time at the **Project kick-off meeting** held in Copenhagen on the 2-4 February 2016.

The overall objective of MICA is to provide stakeholders with the best possible information, in a seamless and flexible way using an ontology-based platform, the European Union Raw Materials Intelligence Capacity Platform (EU-RMICP). To reach this ambitious goal, MICA brings together a multidisciplinary team of experts, from natural and technical to social sciences, to ensure that the **raw materials intelligence** is collected, stored and made accessible **according to stakeholders needs**.

The kick-off meeting, including Work-package Workshops, aimed at presenting all the Work Packages that will carry out the activities and it introduced all the partners involved. The EU representatives presented the policy frameworks and their expectations about the project. In particular, Mr Slavko Solar from the European Commission DG GROW, said that it is expected that MICA will contribute to shape the EU policy on Raw Materials and will foster the cooperation among past, current and future projects tackling the same issues. The cooperation with the industry, the KIC Raw Materials and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is also considered as essential during the project lifetime. Indeed, representatives of those parties is a part of the Advisory Board of the MICA Project.

Background

The MICA Project will be coordinated by the **Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS)**. The consortium includes Geological Surveys (GEUS, BGS, BRGM, BGR, GTK, GeoZS), Research Institutions (F-ISI & JRC), Universities (UL-CML, UJF-LIG, NTNU, UCL ISR), Professional Associations (EFG, EGS) and two SME (MinPol, LPRC). Moreover a group of 15 European Geological Surveys is contributing to the work of the MICA project as third parties.

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