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# Sustainable development and the EU non-energy extractive industry

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# Sustainable development

- Sustainable development: “development that meets the needs of today’s generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs”
- 3 pillars: economic, environmental, social



# Communication (2000) 265 Promoting sustainable development in the EU non-energy extractive industry

- Sets broad policy lines for promoting SD by reconciling the need for more secure and less polluting extractive activities while maintaining the competitiveness of the industry
- Evaluation of COM (2000)265 to be completed by early April



# Ongoing policy actions

## *Commission Communication (2005) 474 and Staff Working Document SEC (2005) 1216*

- ❑ In-depth assessment of competitiveness: to be completed by mid 2006
- ❑ High-Level Group on Competitiveness, Energy and Environment



# Priority areas

1. Environment
2. Competitiveness
3. Social performance and employment
4. Research and Technological Development
5. Enlargement

Stakeholder  
dialogue



# (1) Environment: new legislative initiatives

- Directive 2003/105/EC amending the Seveso II Directive (96/82/EC)
- Directive 2006/21/EC on the management of waste from extractive industries
- BAT document for management of tailings and waste rock in mining activities:

<http://eippcb.jrc.es/>



# (1) Environment: voluntary actions

- ❑ Environmental management systems
- ❑ Environmental reporting
- ❑ Example of the EU Sustainable Development Indicators:  
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/steel/non-energy-extractive-industry/sd-indicators.htm>



## (2) Competitiveness

- ❑ Access to land has been identified as a major issue
- ❑ Study the design and functioning of administrative procedures in the MS, in order to encourage exchange of information and to identify best practices
- Minerals Planning and Policies study (2004):  
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/steel/index.htm>



### (3) Social performance and employment

- ❑ Further improve industry's performance in the field of health and safety
- ❑ Ensure the future supply of a sufficiently skilled and educated workforce



## (4) Research and Technological Development

- Develop a common European platform for coordinating and disseminating results, and for identifying areas for future research
  - NESMI network under FP5 (2001-2005):  
<http://www.nesmi.net>
  - European Technology Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources



## (5) Enlargement

- ❑ Enhance the competitiveness of the sector in candidate countries
- ❑ Improve the social and environmental performance of the sector in candidate countries



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- ❑ Assist new Member States and candidate countries in the implementation of the acquis and informing them about our industrial policies
  - TAIEX-sponsored workshops: <http://taieux.cec.eu.int>
- ❑ Development of an inventory of existing “hot spots” in the candidate countries
  - Pecominex: [http://viso.ei.jrc.it/pecominex\\_ext/index.html](http://viso.ei.jrc.it/pecominex_ext/index.html)



# Stakeholder dialogue

- Dialogue on all priority issues has been strengthened and intensified
- Example of the Raw Materials Supply Group

