



ORGANISATION PROFILE

URL: intraw.eu

Sector: Not for profit international association,
specialised in mineral raw materials

MISSION

To support international cooperation on mineral raw materials' research & innovation, education & outreach, industry & trade and recycling, management & substitution of strategic raw materials.

ASSOCIATION BODIES

General Assembly (all members represented)
Advisory Council (International Intergovernmental Organisations)
Board of Directors (elected by the General Assembly)

DEVELOPERS

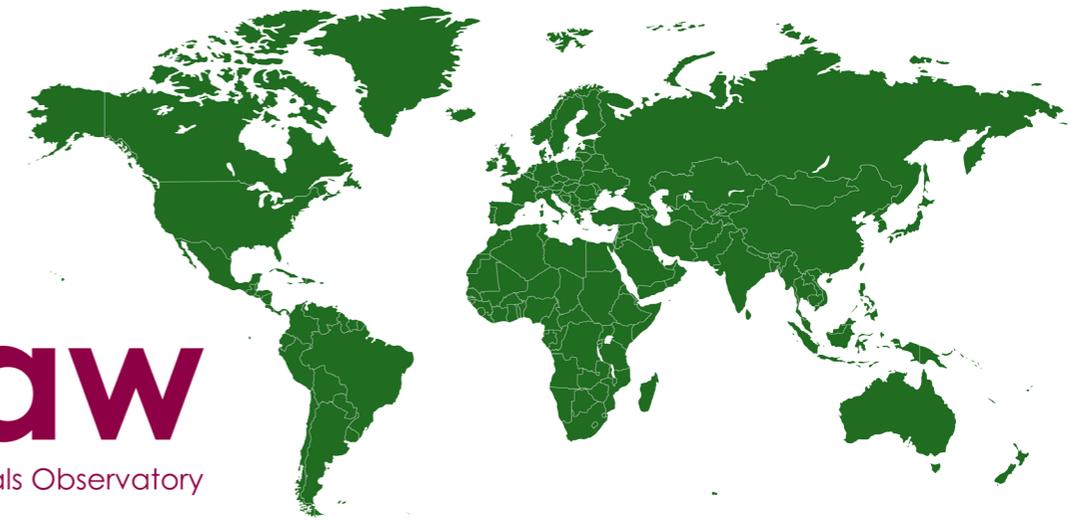
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Fostering
international cooperation
on mineral raw materials

The Observatory in short

BACKGROUND

The Observatory is a product of the H2020 funded project INTRAW* (2015-2018), developed by a Consortium of 15 organisations, with the support of 24 third parties and more than 40 Experts from Europe, Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, South Africa and the United States. The project mapped best practices on mineral raw materials policies in five reference countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, South Africa and the USA), and advanced a roadmap to foster the EU response to global challenges on mineral raw materials supply.

The International Raw Materials Observatory is a **not for profit international association**, created to support **worldwide cooperation on mineral raw materials'** research & innovation, education & outreach, industry & trade and recycling, management & substitution of strategic raw materials.

Mineral raw materials are the focus area of the International Raw Materials Observatory and **diplomacy, dialogues, independent expert analysis and foresight** are the main tools that will be used to advance international cooperation, informed policy making and better governance of mineral raw materials.

The set of values of the International Raw Materials Observatory are built around the concept of **honest broker**, acting as an **impartial international mediator** specialised in the minerals value chain to support international cooperation and exchange of best practice. To ensure its independence, the Observatory combines an offer of exclusive services to members with an offer of services to the marketplace.

Goals

- Promote **international cooperation** on mineral raw materials research & innovation, education & outreach, industry & trade and recycling, management & substitution of strategic raw materials;
- Expand **raw materials diplomacy** and disseminate **best practice** on mineral raw materials supply;
- Provide to policy makers **independent comprehensive analysis** on raw materials that is authoritative, confidential and objective;
- Help organisations along the minerals value chain improving their **sustainability**.

The International Raw Materials Observatory is a not for profit independent, honest broker, providing authoritative specialised support on raw materials cooperation, diplomacy and foresight.

Competences & services

DISTINCTIVE COMPETENCES

The Observatory will deliver useful information to agents directly and indirectly involved in the value chain of mineral raw materials. This information will be produced either as a response to external demands or as an initiative of the Executive Board. The Board ensures that the information produced by the Observatory will match superior quality and reliance on benchmarks and international good practices. The Observatory's distinctive competences are:

- Independent, politically neutral, non profit, science based organisation;
- In depth knowledge of the raw materials industry;
- Unique access to a wide range of qualified experienced specialists;
- Global network encompassing research centres, universities, companies and policy makers.

EXCLUSIVE SERVICES TO MEMBERS

As an independent and not for profit entity, the Observatory will promote institutional dialogues among different stakeholders. The promotion of dialogues is framed by two fundamental values: reliability and independency. The dialogues will be fostered both through the participation of international intergovernmental organizations in its Advisory Council and the proactive participation of the Executive Board and the Observatory staff in relevant mineral's international *fora*. The exclusive services to members include:

- **Platform for dialogues on mineral raw materials:** Exclusive high level summit dedicated to mineral raw materials with representatives of international intergovernmental organisations (UN, OECD, EU, World Bank, G7).
- **Innovation barometers and foresight reports:** Specialised periodic reports on trends that shape likely opportunities and threats to mineral raw materials provision.

SERVICES TO THE MARKETPLACE

Technological innovations, offering increasingly sophisticated products that require a diverse array of raw materials and the growing complexity of social and political interdependences of trade among nations (since no country has all the minerals needed and used by today's industries) are within the Observatory's mission and purpose. The Observatory will provide the following services:

- **Diplomacy support**, consultancy and training, knowledge transfer, organisation of raw materials diplomacy events (delegation visits, meetings, conferences, workshops).
- **Match-making (for cooperation schemes)**, «One stop shop» match-making events for the raw materials value chain (covering research centres, universities, companies and policy makers).
- **Foresight consultancy services** specialised in the raw materials value chain.

MEMBERSHIP

The Observatory is open to all stakeholders active in the raw materials value chain.

Annual membership fees depend on the size and turnover of organisations:

Micro and small organisations with less than 49 persons employed or turnover ≤ €10 million or balance sheet total ≤ €10 million	3.000€
Medium-sized organisations with 50-249 persons employed or turnover ≤ €50 million or balance sheet total ≤ €43 million	6.000€
Large organisations with 250 or more persons employed or turnover > €50 million or balance sheet total > €43 million	12.000€

