

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**. To ensure its independence, the Observatory combines an offer of exclusive services to members with an offer of services to the marketplace.



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.

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 research and analysis on raw materials** that is authoritative, confidential and objective;
- **Help organizations** 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.

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Organisation Profile

URL: intraw.eu

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

Launch date: Nov 2017

Association bodies

General Assembly (all members represented)

Advisory Council (International Intergovernmental Organisations)

Board of Directors (elected by the General Assembly)

Developers

European Federation of Geologists

American Geosciences Institute

Ambigroup

Assimagra

Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

University of Exeter

Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia

Geological Survey of Slovenia

La Palma Research Centre

MinPol

University of Miskolc

Pan-European Reserves & Resources Reporting Committee

Resources Computing International

Roadmap

Feb 2015: Start of INTRAW project

Nov 2017: Launch of the International Raw Materials Observatory

Feb 2018: First High Level Summit of the Observatory

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DISTINCTIVE COMPETENCES

- Independent, politically neutral, not for 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

- **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).
- **Economic barometers and foresight reports**
Specialised periodic reports on trends that shape likely opportunities and threats to mineral raw materials provision.

SERVICES TO THE MARKETPLACE

- **Diplomacy support**
Especially consultancy and training, 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 consulting**
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:

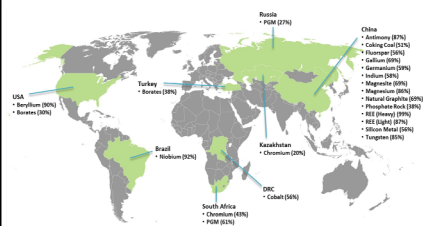
Micro and small organisations with less than 49 persons employed or turnover ≤ €10 million or balance sheet total ≤ €10 million	3.000€
Medium-sized organisations with 50-249 persons employed or turnover ≤ €50 million or balance sheet total ≤ €43 million	6.000€
Large organisations with 250 or more persons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



Mission

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Production of critical raw materials (EC, 2014)



Historical/political background

