



Webinar - Sourcing from Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) under EU compliance Standards – Guidelines for Practitioners

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Background

The European industry is in dire need for minerals and metals to increase productivity, meet various green technology demands, and stay competitive within the global economy. The green transition process in particular will increase metal demand even further, making it necessary to source from various non-European destinations.

Competition for minerals and metals from non-European sources however is fiercely contested by a number of global economies, so that all options need to be put on the table to ensure reliable and responsible supply for Europe. Africa is emerging as an important player, but the continent has also close ties with China as dominant metal buyer. Africa however features a broad scope of mining operations, and besides the globalized large-scale mining industry, the mid-tier, small-scale and even artisanal mines are, if taken together, an important source for many minerals and metals, including for critical and strategic metals, and could become an important partner for Europe's markets.

This sub-set of the mining sector however comes with its own challenges: First and foremost, its operations are under less scrutiny than is the case with large-scale mining. This fact on the one side and growing stringency with regard to ESG requirements often leads European purchasers or investors to shy away from this segment of the mining industry.

On the other hand, countless initiatives from both the private and public sector in recent years have significantly improved how the sector operates, and there are many case studies that prove the reliability of the small-scale mining sector as a supplying partner, even under strict ESG import regulations.

This webinar will bring together policy makers, representatives of ASM communities, consultants with on the ground experience and also industry representatives that have come up with different solutions to make the case for supplying responsibly from small-scale mining.



Goal of the webinar

The goal of the webinar is to raise awareness about the potential supply capabilities of the widely-spread artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) sector as well as of non-listed mid-tier mining companies for European industry, as well as awareness about the various options that allow for EU-compliant import of ASM-derived products.

Target audience

Primarily industry and industry associations, specifically purchasing, legal and compliance departments.

Focus

The focus is on mineral and metals where ASM and mid-tiers have a relative high proportion of production (in Africa, but also beyond); also, initiatives that ensure supply chain transparency, including digital options will be presented.

TOPIC	SPEAKER	TIME
Introduction to the Webinar: Background, topics, speakers	André Ufer, EIT Raw Materials	09:00 – 09:10
Session 1: Setting the scene		09:10 – 10:00
An inside view: collaborating with ASM for sustainable mineral supply chains	Monica Gichuhi, African Women in Mining Association, Kenya	09:10 – 09:30
European policy directives for ASM imports (against the backdrop of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS-DDD))	Louis Maréchal, Senior Advisor Minerals & Extractives, OECD	09:30 – 09:50
Q&A Session 1		09:50 – 10:00

Session 2: Opportunities and challenges		10:00 – 10:50
Recent trends in ASM mineral production and trade	Dr. Philip Schütte, Mining & Sustainability Unit, German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)	10:00 – 10:20
Assessing environmental and human rights in import supply chains: The status of ASM in EU-Supply Chains Due Dilligence	Mariana Granziera, Mining & Metals Lead, Kumi Consulting	10:20 – 10:40
Q&A Session 2		10:40 – 10:50
Session 3: Making it happen – good practice case studies		10:50 – 11:30
From Mine to Market: Enabling Responsible ASM Practices and demonstrating linkages to EU Producers through Digital Traceability	Iain Fraser, Head of Unit - Digital Solutions, RCS Global Emmanuel Nguéyanouba, Director Better Mining, RCS Global	10:50 – 11:10
Clean and transparent Cobalt from DRC cobalt cooperatives: Experiences and lessons learned	Norman Mukwakwami, Social Performance Manager Trafigura	11:10 – 11:30
Q&A Session 3 and General Discussion		11:30 – 12:00