

PEER REVIEW QUESTIONS

1-Feedback to the Castilla y León aids to promote R&D (particularly thinking in the mining sector).

- What are your first impressions of the presented Policy Instrument? (brain-storming adjectives).
- Does it fit to the mining sector?.

2-R&D in the mining sector

- What measures do you have in your Regions to promote R&D&i? (please distinguish between R&D and i) , is there any special aid for R&D&i in the mining sector?.
- How is the R&D&i financed in your regions? (privately, publicly, through thematic associations).
- How can we promote R&D&i in the mining sector?, does the mining sector require special measures?.
- How can we promote international R&D&i collaboration through the mining sector?
- What is in your opinion the best measure to promote R&D in the mining sector?

3-Knowledge transfer: Collaboration between Companies-Universities-Technological Centers.

- What measures do you have in your Regions to boost collaboration between Companies and Knowledge entities?, Does mining companies take advantage of them?
- What type of research is developed in Universities and Technological Centers?, basic?, company oriented?, how is financed this R&D&i?
- What type of activities is developed by your Geological Survey Institute?, some R&D?, how is financed?
- What is in your opinion the best measure to promote collaboration between companies and knowledge entities?

4-Structures to facilitate sectoral R&D&i

- How the technological surveillance is done in the mining sector?
- Do you have any Cluster or Mining Association or Competence Hub in your region? How are they financed?
- What is the role of your regional mining associations? Do they develop R&D&i of common interest?

5-Sustainability (environmental, economic and social).

Added value processing. The industrial use of Raw materials requires further processing after the extraction of mineral. These activities give to the product much bigger added value, but normally these activities go far away from the extraction site.

- Do you have special measures in your regions to fix added value processing to the territory?

- What do you think is the best measure to maintain as wealth as possible in the territory?, Would it help to achieve social license to operate?

Sustainability Certification.

- Do you have in your countries/regions some Laws to certificate sustainability in mines?
- Do you think Sustainability certification is a good way to achieve Social License to Operate?

Best technologies. Sometimes, the best efficiency technology is not the most cost-effective. Some companies exploit a natural resource through its more profitable way, but not in a responsible way.

- What do you think is the best way to make aware companies to do the best exploitation of a natural resource?
- What do you think is the best way to promote the use of the best available technologies (highest efficiency in raw materials achievement)?