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The final review meeting of the International Network of Raw Materials Training Centres (INTERMIN) Horizon 2020 Project took place virtually on 24th September 2021. The INTERMIN Consortium gathered online to meet up with their European Commission (EC) Project Officer and Reviewer for a final evaluation of the project work and results. The meeting marked the end of the fourty-two months long project, which was officially closed in August this year.

In an open atmosphere, the different INTERMIN work package leaders presented their concerned work package progress, results, and proposals for future development of the topics, and discussed them with the EC representatives. The comments and questions of the EC experts led to fruitful discussions of all attendees. Additionally, the sustainability plan of the INTERMIN Project and the INTERMIN Portal were deliberated during the meeting.

Therefore, despite the official project end, the INTERMIN Portal will still be maintained and will remain accessible to everyone for free. The entire INTERMIN Project team would like to thank the EC and the reviewers for this positive meeting. All presentations of the final conference meeting are available <u>here</u>.



The outcomes of the INTERMIN Project:

The INTERMIN Project has developed a roadmap for enhancing education and the development of skills and knowledge in the raw materials sector. Through its Portal, INTERMIN has created an international qualifications framework for the raw materials education and training sector – the first of its kind worldwide – defining knowledge and skills levels for different courses on exploration, extraction, processing and recycling of raw materials. The INTERMIN Project covers a global audience of approximately 550,000 Professionals from 5 continents.



The project has mapped raw materials skills and knowledge in the EU and the third countries, creating a novel skills catalogue, and has also identified key knowledge gaps and emerging needs considering existing and future employer's needs.

The INTERMIN Project created two networks of post grade training and educational centers, a European one **(GUIDE)** and a global one **(INTERMIN)**. The networks are accessible online for free through the <u>INTERMIN portal</u> which constitutes the most complete and comprehensive international repository of existing training courses for the raw materials sector. Prof. Manuel Regueiro y González Barros, the Coordinator of the INTERMIN Project, commented that "the INTERMIN portal lets the users perform easy searches of the more adequate training through the widely available study programs".

The INTERMIN Project is also added to the European Commission's <u>Raw Materials Information System</u> (<u>RMIS</u>). Within this, the INTERMIN Project shall be part of the Raw Materials Knowledge Gateway on EU Funded Projects.

About the INTERMIN Project:

The INTERMIN Project creates a self-sustainable long-term lasting global network of training centres for students and professionals in the primary and secondary raw materials sector. This project involves educational and research institutions on a global scale. INTERMIN has identified the key knowledge gaps, emerging needs in education & training by establishing common training programmes in the raw materials sector and has developed the roadmap for improving skills and knowledge.

The INTERMIN consortium brings together 14 organizations, alongside 5 more organizations as Third Parties (under the umbrella of the EuroGeoSurveys) and international and institutional coverage of Advisory Board members.

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