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INTRAW - Fostering international cooperation on raw materials

The EU-funded [INTRAW project](#) has been formulated with the aim of mapping best practices and boosting cooperation opportunities related to raw materials between the EU and 5 technologically advanced non-EU countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, South Africa and the United States). Each of these five “Reference Countries” is subject to similar global challenges. INTRAW will play a key role in the alignment of the Research and Innovation (R&I) activities among the EU countries, boosting synergies with international research and innovation programmes, and reinforcing the European role and scientific capabilities for the sustainable access and supply of non-agricultural and non-energy raw materials fully in line with major raw materials policy initiatives such as *Europe 2020*, the *Raw Materials Initiative* and the *Strategic Implementation Plan of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials*.

One specific objective of INTRAW is to characterise the contextual environment of the project’s five Reference Countries in relation to **raw materials research & innovation, educational and skills programmes, trade, exploration, exploitation, processing, recycling and substitution**. This, together with the mapping of corresponding policies and practices for each of these domains, will later on facilitate the comparative evaluation and cross impact analysis of the raw materials sectors between the reference countries and the EU.

The outcome of the contextual analysis is now officially launched in five reports - one for each of the Reference Countries. These reports present the countries’ historical economic development during the 20th and 21st century in general, and in relation to primary raw materials management in particular.

Three further reports focussing specifically on raw materials research & innovation, education & outreach, and industry & trade in the five Reference Countries will be the next outputs from the project to be published in the coming months. These will underpin the development of a better understanding of the achievements made in these five countries in relation to the entire raw materials value chain.

The outcome of the mapping and knowledge transfer activities that are currently conducted by the project consortium will then be used as a baseline to set up and launch the **European Union’s International Observatory for Raw Materials** as a definitive raw materials knowledge management infrastructure. The Observatory will be a permanent international body that will remain operational after the end of the project aiming at the establishment and maintenance of strong long-term relationships with the world’s key players in raw materials technology and scientific developments.

Download the country reports at <http://intraw.eu/publications>

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