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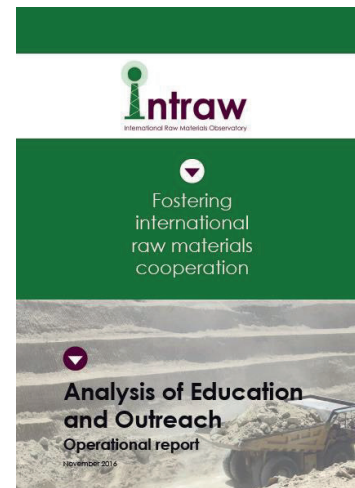
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INTRAW operational reports: identifying best practices to boost international cooperation in the raw materials sector

PRESS RELEASE | BRUSSELS | APRIL 2017 – The INTRAW project consortium recently launched three operational reports providing insights on best practices and weaknesses of raw materials research & innovation, education & outreach and industry & trade in the five Reference Countries: Australia, Canada, Japan, South Africa and the United States of America.

The EU-funded [INTRAW project](#) was launched in 2015 with the aim of mapping best practices and boosting cooperation opportunities related to raw materials between the EU and five technologically advanced non-EU countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, South Africa and the United States).

The project consortium now presents three reports that focus on raw materials research & innovation, education & outreach or industry & trade, in the five Reference Countries. These three reports 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 operational report on research & innovation describes and compares the different innovation systems in Australia, Canada, Japan, South Africa and the United States, comprising – among others - the main role players, institutions and policies that drive research and innovation in the raw materials sector. The raw materials educational context in each of the Reference Countries is mapped in the operational analysis of education & outreach. The report on industry & trade notably includes the characterisation of industrial clusters related to raw materials in these countries and the way these clusters affect trade and global competition.



The findings of these operational reports also contribute to the design of the *International Observatory on Raw Materials* that is to be launched by the end of 2017. 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.

The operational reports and their summaries are available through the project website at <http://intraw.eu/publications/>. As a next step, INTRAW will launch, in the coming weeks, three scenarios describing the world of raw materials in 2050.

INTRAW is funded under the European Commission's Horizon 2020 EU Research and Innovation Programme, for a period of 36 months (February 2015 - January 2018). Under the coordination of the European Federation of Geologists (EFG), INTRAW brings together an international consortium of 15 partners with extensive experience in research, innovation, education, industry, trade and international networking across the entire raw materials value chain.

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What is the INTRAW project?

INTRAW is a collaborative project, funded by the European Union's H2020 programme for Research and Innovation, that aims to foster international cooperation on raw materials, and enhance best practice in Europe, on raw materials research, education, trade, recycling and substitution. This will be materialised by the creation of the European Observatory on Raw Materials that will stay active after the end of the funding period. The Observatory will be a permanent international body aiming at the establishment and maintenance of strong long-term relationships with the world's key players in raw materials technology and scientific developments.

Who?

It all started with a call from the H2020 programme for setting a project to enhance raw materials diplomacy and build on best practices from five reference countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, South Africa and the US). Under the coordination of the European Federation of Geologists (EFG), INTRAW brings together an international consortium of 15 partners with extensive experience in research, innovation, education, industry, trade and international networking across the entire raw materials value chain.

What is the goal of the INTRAW project?

The mission of INTRAW is to create the European Observatory on Raw Materials, as an independent organisation that will remain active after February 2018, when the H2020 funding ends. The mission of the Observatory is to support international cooperation on mineral raw materials' research & innovation, education & outreach, industry & trade and recycling, management & substitution of strategic raw materials.

When did the project start and when is the deadline?

The funding period of this 36 months project will end in February 2018. We plan to launch the Observatory in November 2017, during the Raw Materials Week in Brussels.

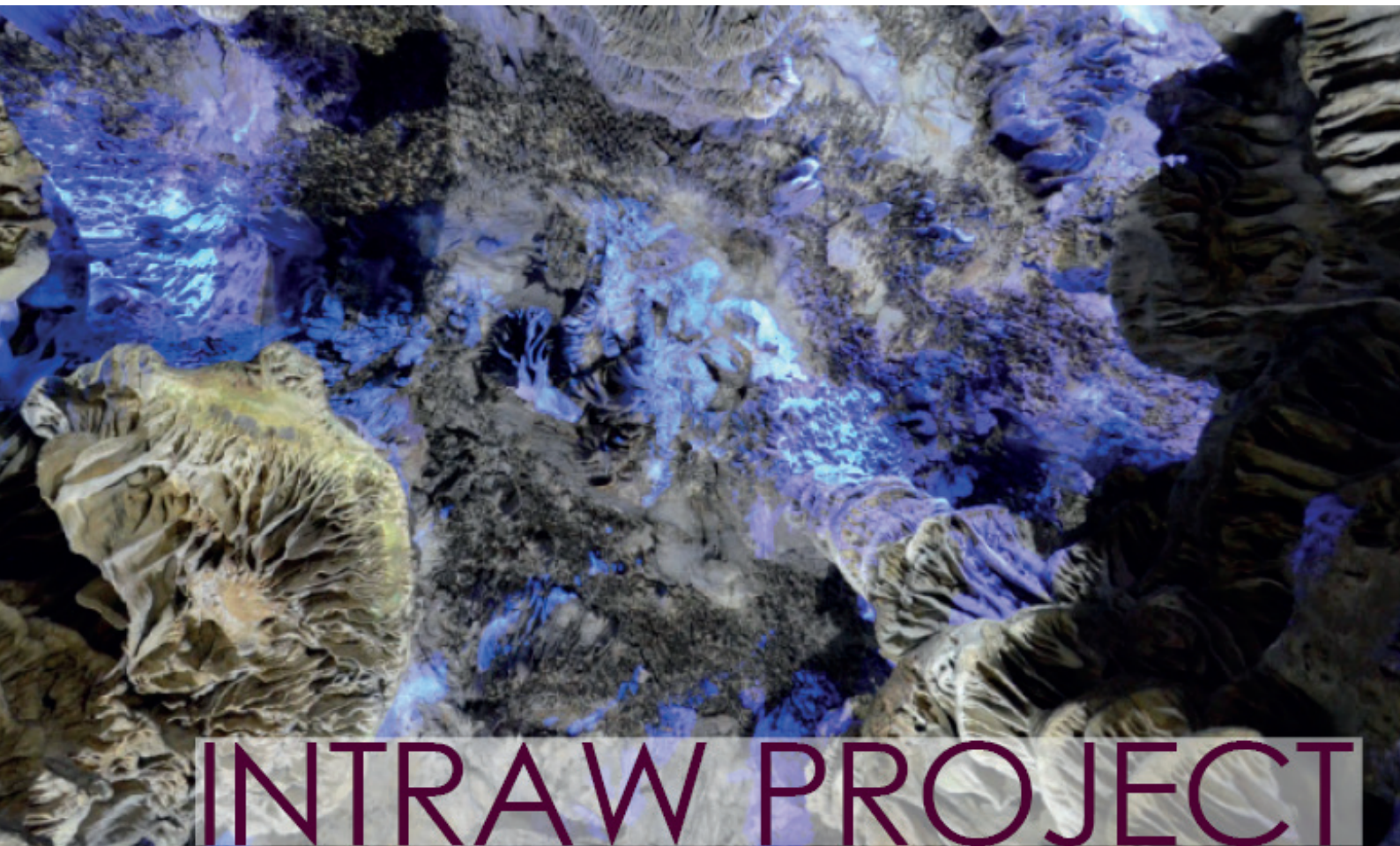
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