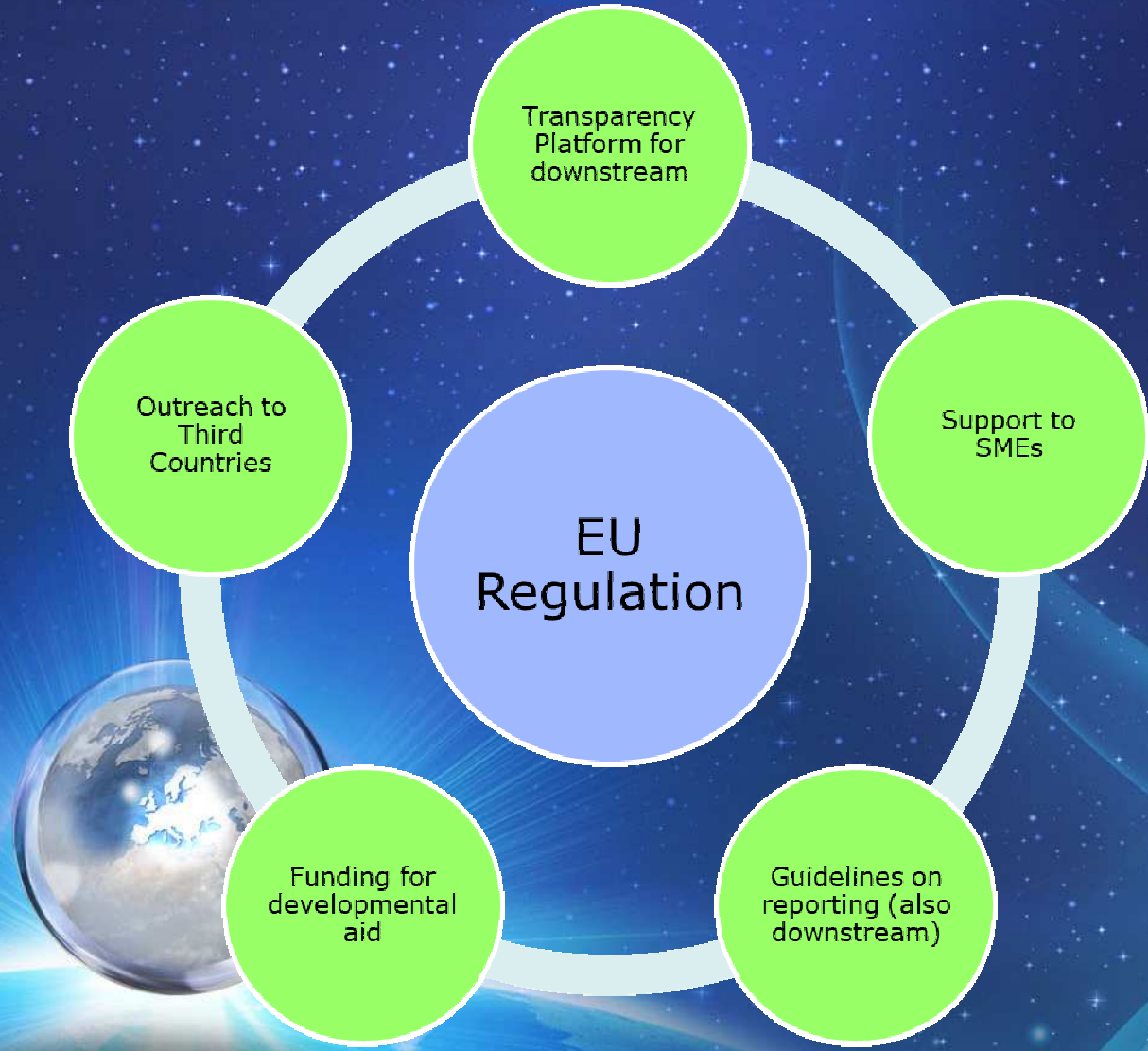


EU strategy for minerals and metals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas



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RESPONSIBLE MINERALS TRANSPARENCY PLATFORM

RMT Project status update

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- *The regulation explained*
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<http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/conflict-minerals-regulation/>



SME Support Measure

***Séminaire du 11 avril 2019 sur le devoir de
diligence des 3TG,
Paris, 11 April 2019***



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Technical details on the project:

- Budget: 0,5mln EURO
- Contract signed on 13th December 2018
- Consortium: Levin Sources, Oeko-Institut, Zabala Innovation Consulting
- Timeline: 18 months, final delivery by 13th June 2020

Management structure:

- Steering Board
- Advisory Board

Advisory and Steering Board meetings meet every 3 months and/or according to a need:

- Kick-off meeting took place on 13th February 2019
- Next teleconference is taking place on 8th May 2019

Composition of Steering Board and Advisory Board



Steering board:

EU services: DG GROW, TRADE, EEAS, DEVCO, ENV, JUST, FISMA, CLIMA, FPI

Advisory Board:

- Priority EU Member States, including France
- OECD
- European Business Associations: BusinessEurope, ORGALIME, European Federation of Jewellery, Digital Europe, etc..
- Responsible Sourcing Platforms: European Partnership for Responsible Minerals, Drive Sustainability, Responsible Minerals Initiative
- SMEs (1 or 2 having already experience in this regard)
- Some invited organisation have not responded so far (including few NGOs)

Aim



The aim of this contract is to:

- implement a comprehensive SME due diligence support system with regard to mineral and metals with a focus on 3TG.
- contribute to achieving the objectives of the Regulation (EU) 2017/821 laying down the supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating in conflict-affected and high-risk areas.
- limit and/or offset the administrative challenge facing SMEs by the Regulation.
- provide SMEs with due diligence capacity **to remain competitive** in increasingly responsible global mineral supply chains.

Priority countries, languages and scopes



- IT tool will be delivered in the following languages: French, English, German, Polish, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese
- It will be rolled-out in the following EU Member States: France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Austria, Finland, Poland, Spain
- The Portal should speak to a broad range of SMEs wanting to do due diligence independently from the minerals they source. The project might also be of interest for other supply chains, e.g. battery materials, even if their minerals are not in the scope of the Conflict Minerals Regulation

The European Commission encourages French industry to closely cooperate with the French Government, being actively involved in work of the Advisory Board, in project development and implementation.

Work Packages



Work package 1. Producing online SME Decision Support System

The contractor shall deliver an online, ready-to-use, static, multilingual, SME-friendly SME Decision Support System.

The IT tool will be presented at the Raw Materials Week 2019 (11-14 November 2019)

Work package 2. Creating Networks

- Network of entities, such as national industrial associations or chambers of commerce, which will take over the responsibility for subsequent education of European SMEs in priority countries, including France
- EU SMEs complying or willing to comply with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance and the Regulation
- Large-scale EU enterprises having in their supply chains EU SMEs which must, should or could comply with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance

Work Package 3: Implementing communication strategy

The Communication strategy introduces five Stages of implementation:

Stage 1: High-level awareness campaign of the SME Decision Support System

Stage 2: Heads-up Communications

Stage 3: Launch of the SME Decision Support System

Stage 4: On going communications on the SME Decision Support System

On 25th April 2019, 1h event in Paris during the OECD event on Responsible Sourcing is taking place. Its aim is awareness raising for the SME support measure.

Content of the IT tool



- Content of the IT system will be split in concise and user-friendly sections **for educating Trainers, educating SMEs** and thematic news, including:
 - A Due Diligence Briefing Document for SMEs
 - Leaflets
 - PowerPoint Presentations
 - Webinars
 - Animation explaining due diligence
 - Due diligence toolbox

- The online SME Decision Support System shall contain a Questions&Answers section enabling an easy understanding of the application and rationale behind it.

- SME Checklist shall be developed and made available online to find out if an SME needs to comply with the Conflict Minerals Regulation.



[Thank you!!!!](#)

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Conflict Minerals Regulation:

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Raw Materials Information System:

<http://rmis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>