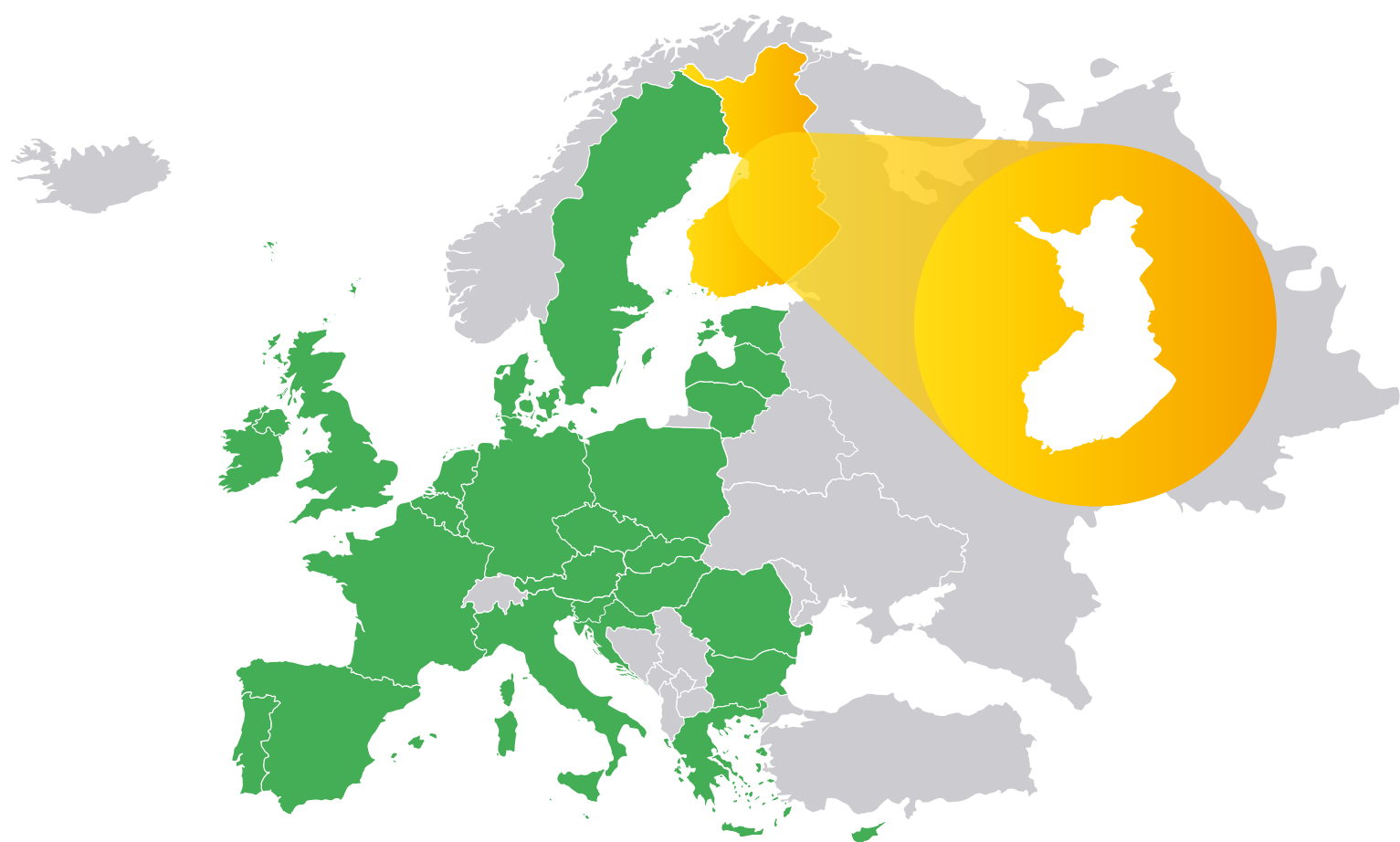


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<b>POLICY 9</b>	<b>Antiquities Act</b>
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<b>POLICY 11</b>	<b>Dam Safety Act</b>
<b>POLICY 12</b>	<b>Act on Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure</b>
<b>POLICY 13</b>	<b>Skolt Act</b>
<b>POLICY 14</b>	<b>Act on investigating major accidents</b>
<b>POLICY 15</b>	<b>Act on the Land Information System and Related Information Service</b>
<b>POLICY 16</b>	<b>Act on the Right to Transfer Stare Real Estate Law</b>
<b>POLICY 17</b>	<b>Administrative Procedure Act Law</b>
<b>POLICY 18</b>	<b>Code of Real Estate</b>
<b>POLICY 19</b>	<b>Value Added Tax Act Law</b>
<b>POLICY 20</b>	<b>Waste Tax Act Law</b>
<b>POLICY 21</b>	<b>Act on Compensation for Environmental Damage</b>
<b>POLICY 22</b>	<b>Act on Environmental Permit Authorities</b>
<b>POLICY 23</b>	<b>Environmental Protection Act</b>
<b>POLICY 24</b>	<b>Act on Jointly Owned Forests</b>
<b>POLICY 25</b>	<b>Act on Water Resources Management</b>
<b>POLICY 26</b>	<b>Forest Act</b>
<b>POLICY 27</b>	<b>Waste Act</b>
<b>POLICY 28</b>	<b>Government decision on the safety of construction works</b>
<b>POLICY 29</b>	<b>Regional development Act</b>
<b>POLICY 30</b>	<b>Act on the Sami Parliament</b>

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Minerals policy governance	
<b>Horizontal policy integration</b>	
<b>Mechanisms for ministerial coordination</b>	There exist no active mechanisms for ministerial coordination
<b>Vertical policy integration</b>	
Mechanisms for governmental organisation coordination	Joint meeting between environmental authority and FINNMIN
<b>Stakeholder Integration</b>	
<b>Mechanisms for stakeholder involvement</b>	Hearing process as part of the preparation of new legislation; online consultation process
<b>Policy evaluation</b>	
<b>Mechanisms for policy evaluation</b>	Evaluation on the implementation of the Mining Act

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	<b>POLICY 1</b>
	<b>Making Finland a leader in the sustainable extractive industry – action plan</b>
<b>Title (original language)</b>	Suomi kestävä kaivannaisteollisuuden edelläkävijäksi - toimenpideohjelma Finland som pionjär inom hållbar utvinningsindustri - ett handlingsprogram
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>	Making Finland a leader in the sustainable extractive industry – action plan
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>	2013
<b>Short description</b>	<p>Products of the extractive industry – metals and minerals, aggregates and building stones – are required to produce products, services and infrastructure essential in modern society. Demand for raw materials has increased along with global population growth, urbanisation and higher living standards. The extractive industry and the related refining, technology industry, and research and development offer significant growth opportunities for Finland. The debate on mining has intensified with the increase in mining activities, and attitudes towards mining have become more critical. While mining activities involve high expectations, there are also fears of irreversible changes and damage to nature and to other lines of business. As the industry grows, sore points have emerged, revealing the need for more extensive discussion on the conditions for the industry's operations and on development needs within the industry. Dialogue between the extractive industry and its stakeholders began in the autumn of 2012 with a round-table discussion, where a common vision was established to raise Finland's profile as a leader in sustainable extractive industry. A decision was taken to prepare an action plan towards this end. The extractive industry was viewed as a source of opportunities for Finland, provided that it is developed in a way that is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. The action plan is based on round table discussions chaired by Prime Minister Jyrki Katainen, Minister of Economic Affairs Jan Vapaavuori, Minister of Labour Lauri Ihalainen and Minister of the Environment Ville Niinistö, and on concrete proposals for measures, prepared by ten expert working groups. The plan includes measures to be taken by the industry to obtain society's support for its activities. Proposals for improving the operating conditions for the extractive industry are made with regard to administration, training and infrastructure. In addition, the action plan proposes more active, open exchange of information and experiences, along with ongoing dialogue regarding the action plan's implementation and development within the industry. Translated from the original publication in Finnish, Suomi kestävä kaivannaisteollisuuden edelläkävijäksi – toimintaohjelma, published in April 2013 by the Ministry of Employment and the Economy</p>
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)</b>	<a href="https://www.tem.fi/files/37130/TEMjul_22_2013_web_04072013.pdf">https://www.tem.fi/files/37130/TEMjul_22_2013_web_04072013.pdf</a>
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<b>Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)</b>	
<b>Responsible for the design of the policy</b>	Ministry of Employment and the Economy
<b>Responsible for the implementation of the policy</b>	Ministry of Employment and the Economy
<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>	Ms. Maija Uusisuo Development Manager Enterprise and Innovation Department/ Natural resource economy and resource efficiency Ministry of Employment and the Economy
<b>Policy instrument type</b>	Policy Strategy
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>	Finland's Minerals Strategy

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		POLICY 1	
		Making Finland a leader in the sustainable extractive industry – action plan	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)		1
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)		1
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)		1
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)		1
	DEEP SEA MINING		0
	DATA and knowledge base		1

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	<b>POLICY 2</b>
	<b>Finland's Minerals Strategy</b>
<b>Title (original language)</b>	Suomen mineraalistrategia Finlands mineralstrategi
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>	Finland's Minerals Strategy
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>	2010
<b>Short description</b>	<p>Three strategic objectives and 12 action proposals related to four distinct themes have been defined to facilitate implementation of the minerals strategic vision</p> <p>Strategic objectives:            Promoting domestic growth and prosperity            Solutions for global mineral chain challenges            Mitigating environmental impact</p> <p>The themes of the action proposals:            I Strengthening minerals policy            II Securing the supply of raw materials            III Reducing the environmental impact of the minerals sector and increasing its productivity            IV Strengthening R&amp;D capabilities and expertise</p> <p>I Strengthening minerals policy:            1 Minerals policy objectives are to be clearly defined and a stable, competitive operating environment is to be secured for the sector. The Ministry of Employment and the Economy strengthens its role as a key facilitator for the minerals sector. An expert working group is appointed to develop policy alternatives and to monitor implementation of the objectives.            2 establishing a minerals policy in cooperation with Sweden and other mining countries in the EU area. Priority is placed on the utilisation of mineral resources within the EU area; promoting good governance and infrastructure related to the utilisation of the mineral resources of developing countries            3. Improve the minerals sector's financing opportunities; continuing public support for infrastructure investments and through lending and loan guarantees for mine investments. (TEM, Finnvera plc, Finnish Industry Investment Ltd, investors, financing institutions            4. Investigate the potential of using tax incentives to promote exploration for natural resources and for efficient use of resources</p> <p>II Securing the supply of raw materials            5. Compilation, interpretation and distribution of diverse geoscientific and environmental data            6. Permit processing times are significantly reduced and permitting procedures are refined; improved cooperation between different authorities and by arranging joint hearings in the event of appeals being lodged against applications.            7. The supply and sustainable utilisation of mineral resources are regarded as integral to land use planning; priority area in regional and local government land use planning processes</p>

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		Finland's Minerals Strategy
<b>Short description</b>	<p>III Reducing the environment impact of the minerals sector and increasing its productivity</p> <p>8. The material and energy efficiency of machinery, equipment and processing technologies within the minerals sector; Incentives are created for the recycling and re -use of stockpiled waste materials, tailings, mineral products and earth materials associated with construction industries.</p> <p>9. Green economy business is promoted through cooperation between the SME sector and research institutes by combining expertise from throughout the entire minerals sector, with skills in risk management, land use planning and good governance</p> <p>10. Establish mechanisms that promote cooperation between local residents, companies and the regulatory authorities to ensure sustainable well-being of individuals and communities</p> <p>IV Strengthening R&amp;D operations and expertise</p> <p>11. Establish a research programme under the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation (Tekes), aimed at developing innovative solutions, products and services in all areas of the mineral utilisation chain.</p> <p>12. Account for the minerals sector in the education administration's long-term planning, and the significance of metals, minerals and rock materials in everyday life is emphasised as part of environmental education at different educational level.</p> <p>Teaching resources are reinforced in university training and research funding is ensured for leading research at the international level in selected fields.</p> <p>Specialized training programmes at universities of applied sciences, and technical trade schools are structured to meet future needs.</p>	
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)</b>		<a href="http://projects.gtk.fi/export/sites/projects/minerals_strategy/documents/FinlandsMineralsStrategy_2.pdf">http://projects.gtk.fi/export/sites/projects/minerals_strategy/documents/FinlandsMineralsStrategy_2.pdf</a>
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<b>Responsible for the design of the policy</b>		Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Geological Survey
<b>Responsible for the implementation of the policy</b>		Ministry of Employment and the Economy
<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>		Ms. Riikka Aaltonen Senior Adviser, Mineral Policy Enterprise and Innovation Department/ Natural resource economy and resource efficiency Ministry of Employment and the Economy
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Policy Strategy
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>		YES
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	1
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	0
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	1

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		POLICY 3
		The Network for Sustainable Mining
<b>Title (original language)</b>		Kestävän kaivostoiminnan verkosto
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		The Network for Sustainable Mining
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		2014
<b>Short description</b>		<p>The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra has created a program called Network for Sustainable Mining. The objective of this is to “establish an independent network that will play a permanent and continuous role in the field of sustainable mining”. The creation of the network is linked to the MEE’s action plan described above. The main goal of the network is “to define the prerequisites for sustainable mining in Finland”.</p> <p>In practice, the network aims at creating a neutral forum for the mining industry for interacting with and building relationships with its stakeholders.</p> <p>The creation of the network was started in the fall of 2013. Start-up team for the network included representatives of four key players, Finnish Mining Association FinnMin, Finnish Association for Nature Conservation (FANC), Finnish Metalworkers’ Union and Regional Council of Lapland. These four parties and Sitra signed the Statement of Intent (SOI) at the end of February 2014, in which the parties agreed to cooperate and build dialogue.</p>
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)</b>		<a href="http://www.euromines.org/news/newsletters/1-2014/best-practice-mineral-policy-finland">http://www.euromines.org/news/newsletters/1-2014/best-practice-mineral-policy-finland</a>
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<b>Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)</b>		
<b>Responsible for the design of the policy</b>		Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra
<b>Responsible for the implementation of the policy</b>		FINMIN
<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>		Mr. Eero Yrjö-Koskinen Secretary General The Finnish Network for Sustainable Mining
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Committee or Network
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>		Action Plan
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	1
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	0
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	1



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		POLICY 4
		<b>Green Mining - Mineral sector development program</b>
<b>Title (original language)</b>	Green Mining	
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>	Green Mining - Mineral sector development program	
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>	2011	
<b>Short description</b>	<p>The main objective of the Green Mining Programme by Tekes is to make Finland a global leader of sustainable mineral industry by 2020. The programme creates new business that requires new, specialised expertise alongside the growing field of traditional mining. A central goal is to increase the number of SMEs targeting the export market in the mineral cluster. The programme aims to achieve global leader status for the research in selected sectors.</p> <p>The central content of the programme consists of two thematic areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Intelligent and minimum-impact mines</li> <li>2) New mineral resources</li> </ol> <p>Green Mining concept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes materials and energy efficiency</li> <li>• Ensures availability of mineral resources for future needs</li> <li>• Minimizes adverse environmental and social impacts</li> <li>• Improves work and organisational practices</li> <li>• Ensures sustainable land use following mine closure</li> </ul>	
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)</b>	<a href="https://www.tekes.fi/en/programmes-and-services/tekes-programmes/green-mining/">https://www.tekes.fi/en/programmes-and-services/tekes-programmes/green-mining/</a>	
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<b>Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)</b>		
<b>Responsible for the design of the policy</b>	Tekes – the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation	
<b>Responsible for the implementation of the policy</b>	Tekes – the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation	
<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>	Mr. Kari Keskinen Program Manager Tekes - The Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation	
<b>Policy instrument type</b>	Economic instrument	
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>	Finland's Minerals Strategy	
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	1
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	0
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	1

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	<b>POLICY 5</b>
	<b>Mining Act</b>
<b>Title (original language)</b>	
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>	Mining Act
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>	621/2011
<b>Short description</b>	<p>The Mining Act regulates the exploitation of metallic and industrial minerals, soapstone and marble, whereas the Land Extraction Act regulates the extraction of gravel and sand and the quarrying of natural stone. The aim of the Mining Act (621/2011) is to enable exploration and mining activities in a socially, economically and ecologically sustainable way. The development of exploration and mining projects is ensured but environmental aspects, civil rights, municipalities' participation to decision-making, and the rights of landowners have been included in the Mining Act. The Act also takes account the Constitution, other legislation in force and special issues such as those concerning the Sámi regions in Northern Finland.</p> <p>Mining operators are subject to a number of permits. In Finland, a mining permit will be granted to the party holding a valid exploration permit for the area. In addition, the project must meet the requirements specified in other legislation. The Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes) grants and supervises the permits required by the Mining Act. The Finnish legislation provides also the guidelines and regulations for environmental impacts of mining and several permits are required.</p> <p>The objective of this Act is to promote mining and organise the use of areas required for it, and exploration, in a socially, economically, and ecologically sustainable manner. In order to fulfil the purpose of the Act, the securing of public and private interests is required, with particular attention to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the preconditions for engaging in mining activity;</li> <li>2) the legal status of landowners and private parties sustaining damage;</li> <li>3) the impacts of activities on the environment and land use, and the economic use of natural resources.</li> </ol> <p>A further objective of the Act is to ensure the municipalities' opportunities to influence decision-making, and the opportunities of individuals to influence decision – making involving them and their living environment.</p> <p>Furthermore, an objective of the Act is to promote the safety of mines and to prevent, decrease, and avert any inconvenience and damage incurred in the activities referred to in this Act, and to ensure liability for damages for the party causing the inconvenience or damage.</p>
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)</b>	<a href="http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2011/en20110621.pdf">http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2011/en20110621.pdf</a>
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>	-
<b>Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)</b>	
<b>Responsible for the design of the policy</b>	Ministry of Employment and the Economy
<b>Responsible for the implementation of the policy</b>	Ministry of Employment and the Economy
<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>	Ms. Riikka Aaltonen Senior Adviser, Mineral Policy Enterprise and Innovation Department/ Natural resource economy and resource efficiency Ministry of Employment and the Economy
<b>Policy instrument type</b>	Legislation
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>	YES

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		POLICY 5	
		Mining Act	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)		1
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)		1
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)		1
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)		1
	DEEP SEA MINING		0
	DATA and knowledge base		1

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		POLICY 6
		Land Extraction Act
Title (original language)		
Title (translation in english)		Land Extraction Act
Year (and identification number if available)		1981
Short description		The Land Extraction Act regulates the extraction of gravel and sand and the quarrying of natural stone
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)		<a href="http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1981/en19810555">http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1981/en19810555</a>
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Responsible for the design of the policy		Ministry of Environment
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		Ministry of Environment
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level		Ms. Riitta Rönk Director of Legislative Affairs Ministry of Environment
Policy instrument type		Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		YES
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	0
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	1
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	0
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	1
	DEEP SEA MINING	
	DATA and knowledge base	0

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		POLICY 1	
		Nature Conservation Act	
Title (original language)		Luonnonsuojelulaki	
Title (translation in english)		Nature Conservation Act	
Year (and identification number if available)		1096/1996	
Short description		Finland's Nature Conservation Act has been drawn up to meet the latest conservation needs, and Finland's obligations derived from EU legislation, especially from the EU Bird and Habitats Directives and the international convention on biological diversity. The aim of the act is to preserve the diversity of nature in Finland, by ensuring that the favourable conservation status of different natural habitat types and native species is maintained or restored. The act introduces a programme designed to protect areas of valuable landscapes in areas where human activity has greatly shaped the landscape for centuries. These areas are mainly selected for their aesthetic value, and any development which would change the characteristic features of their landscape will not be permitted. The act also incorporates the legislation necessary for the establishment of the Natura 2000 Network. This differs significantly from the legislation related to national conservation programmes, for example in the degree of development permissible in areas included in the network.	
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Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)			
Responsible for the design of the policy		The Ministry of the Environment	
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		The Ministry of the Environment	
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level		Ms. Riitta Rönkä Director of Legislative Affairs Ministry of Environment	
Policy instrument type		Legislation	
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		connected to EU Directives, list of endangered species, Natura 2000	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	1	
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	1	
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	0	
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	1	
	DEEP SEA MINING	0	
	DATA and knowledge base	0	

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		POLICY 2	POLICY 3	POLICY 4	POLICY 5
		Environmental Protection Act	Act on the Protection of Wilderness Reserves	Land Use and Building Act	Water Act
Title (original language)					
Title (translation in english)		Environmental Protection Act	Act on the Protection of Wilderness Reserves	Land Use and Building Act	Water Act
Year (and identification number if available)		728/2011	62/1991	132/1999	264/1961
Short description					
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Responsible for the design of the policy		The Ministry of the Environment	The Ministry of the Environment	-	The Ministry of the Environment
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		-	-	-	-
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level					
Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-	-	-	-
value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-	-	-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)		-	-	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)		-	-	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)		-	-	-
	DEEP SEA MINING		-	-	-
	DATA and knowledge base		-	-	-

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		POLICY 6	POLICY 7	POLICY 8	POLICY 9	POLICY 10
		Reindeer Husbandry Act	Radiation Act	Nuclear Energy Act	Antiquities Act	Off-Road Traffic Act
Title (original language)						
Title (translation in english)		Reindeer Husbandry Act	Radiation Act	Nuclear Energy Act	Antiquities Act	Off-Road Traffic Act
Year (and identification number if available)		848/1990	592/1991	990/1987	295/1963	1710/1995
Short description						
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Responsible for the design of the policy		-	-	-	-	-
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		-	-	-	-	-
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level						
Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-	-	-	-	-
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-	-	-	-	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-	-	-	-	-

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		POLICY 11	POLICY 12	POLICY 13	POLICY 14	POLICY 15
		Dam Safety Act	Act on Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Skolt Act	Act on investigating major accidents	Act on the Land Information System and Related Information Service
Title (original language)						
Title (translation in english)		Dam Safety Act	Act on Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Skolt Act	Act on investigating major accidents	
Year (and identification number if available)		494/2009	468/1994	-	-	-
Short description						
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)						
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		<a href="http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2009/en20090494.pdf">http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2009/en20090494.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1994/en19940468.pdf">http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1994/en19940468.pdf</a>			
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)						
Responsible for the design of the policy		-	-	-	-	-
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		-	-	-	-	-
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level						
Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-	-	-	-	-
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-	-	-	-	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-	-	-	-	-



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		POLICY 16	POLICY 17	POLICY 18	POLICY 19	POLICY 20
		Act on the Right to Transfer Stare Real Estate Law	Administrative Procedure Act Law	Code of Real Estate	Value Added Tax Act Law	Waste Tax Act Law
Title (original language)						
Title (translation in english)						
Year (and identification number if available)		937/2002	434/2003	-	1501/1993	1066/2002
Short description						
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)						
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)						
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)						
Responsible for the design of the policy		-	-	-	-	-
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		-	-	-	-	-
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level						
Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-	-	-	-	-
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-	-	-	-	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-	-	-	-	-

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	POLICY 21	POLICY 22	POLICY 23	POLICY 24	POLICY 25
	Act on Compensation for Environmental Damage	Act on Environmental Permit Authorities	Environmental Protection Act	Act on Jointly Owned Forests	Act on Water Resources Management
<b>Title (original language)</b>			Ympäristönsuojelulaki		
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>			Environmental Protection Act		
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>	1994	2000	527/2014	109/2003	2004
<b>Short description</b>			The Environmental Protection Act is based on an integrated system for environmental permits. With the integration of the environmental permits, pollution can be prevented efficiently since the environment is considered as a whole. Applications for the environmental permits are made to one authority, and all the environmental effects of the activity will be assessed during the consideration of the permit. Technological solutions that prevent pollution as much as possible and that are at the lowest possible cost will be applied to reduce emissions. The act defines more explicitly the requirements of environmental permits and the prerequisites for granting a permit.		
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)</b>			<a href="http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/alkup/2014/20140527">http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/alkup/2014/20140527</a>		
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>			<a href="http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/smur/2014/20140527">http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/smur/2014/20140527</a>		
<b>Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)</b>					
<b>Responsible for the design of the policy</b>	-	-	Ministry of Environment	-	-
<b>Responsible for the implementation of the policy</b>	-	-	Regional Environmental Authorities and Ministry of the Environment		
<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>			Ms. Riitta Rönkä Director of Legislative Affairs Ministry of Environment		
<b>Policy instrument type</b>	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>	-	-	Yes	-	-

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		POLICY 21	POLICY 22	POLICY 23	POLICY 24	POLICY 25
		Act on Compensation for Environmental Damage	Act on Environmental Permit Authorities	Environmental Protection Act	Act on Jointly Owned Forests	Act on Water Resources Management
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-	-	1	-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-	-	1	-	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-	-	1	-	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-	-	1	-	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-	-	0	-	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-	-		-	-

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		POLICY 26	POLICY 27	POLICY 28	POLICY 29
		Forest Act	Waste Act	Government decision on the safety of construction works	Regional development Act
Title (original language)					
Title (translation in english)					
Year (and identification number if available)		1996	1072/1993	629/1994	602/2002
Short description					
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)					
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)					
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)					
Responsible for the design of the policy		-	-	-	-
Responsible for the implementation of the policy					
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level					
Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-	-	-	-
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-	-	-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-	-	-	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-	-	-	-

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		POLICY 30
		<b>Act on the Sami Parliament</b>
<b>Title (original language)</b>		Laki saamelaiskäräjistä
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		Act on the Sami Parliament
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		974/1995
<b>Short description</b>		The authorities shall negotiate with the Sámi Parliament in all farreaching and important measures which may directly and in a specific way affect the status of the Sámi as an indigenous people and which concern the following matters in the Sámi homeland: (1) community planning; (2) the management, use, leasing and assignment of state lands, conservation areas and wilderness areas; (3) applications for licences to stake mineral mine claims or file mining patents; (4) legislative or administrative changes to the occupations belonging to the Sámi form of culture; (5) the development of the teaching of and in the Sámi language in schools, as well as the social and health services; or (6) any other matters affecting the Sámi language and culture or the status of the Sámi as an indigenous people.
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)</b>		<a href="http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/1995/19950974">http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/ajantasa/1995/19950974</a>
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>		<a href="http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1995/en19950974.pdf">http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1995/en19950974.pdf</a>
<b>Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)</b>		
<b>Responsible for the design of the policy</b>		Ministry of Justice
<b>Responsible for the implementation of the policy</b>		Ministry of Justice and all authorities
<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>		Ms. Camilla Busck-Nielsen Ministerial Adviser Ministry of Justice
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Legislation
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>		Yes
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	1
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	0
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	1
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	0
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	0

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<b>Horizontal policy integration</b>	
<b>Mechanisms for ministerial coordination</b>	<b>There exist no active mechanisms for ministerial coordination</b>
<b>MECHANISM 1</b>	Steering group for the implementation of the Action Plan
<b>1.1 Status</b>	non-active (end May 2015)
<b>1.2 Number of ministries involved</b>	3
<b>1.3 Ministries involved</b>	Ministry of Employment and the Economy; Ministry of the Environment; Ministry of Education
<b>1.3 Practical implications of the process</b>	
1.3.1 Purpose and objective of the mechanism	The key outcome was that all stakeholders were informed about the development of the Action Plan. The prioritization of the different actions could be discussed and decided in the group, since the Permanent Secretaries had the mandate to make decisions. This was also important because prioritization of work in the ministries was needed. The outcome of the meeting was always a memo and the common understanding of which actions were to be addressed next.
1.3.2 Representatives participating	Civil servants, chair was Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy and the vice-chair was Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment, representatives of different stakeholders
1.3.3 Regularity of meetings	twice a year
1.3.4 Process description	About 20-25 persons participated in the meetings. The chairman was the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy and the vice-chair was the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment. Not all participants of the steering group were high-level; rather different types of stakeholders that are involved in mining and exploration activities were represented in the group. When matters of their section were on the table the Ministry of Education was included.
1.3.5 Effectiveness and Outcomes	This steering group was the most important coordination mechanism. It was so effective because senior officials from both relevant ministries were present, so as the highest civil servants in these ministries they had the power to take decisions on the spot.

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<b>Vertical policy integration</b>	
Mechanisms for governmental organisation coordination	<b>Joint meeting between environmental authority and FINNMIN</b>
MECHANISM 1	<b>Joint meeting between environmental authority and FINNMIN</b>
1.1 Status	on-going (since autumn 2014)
1.2 Number of governmental organisations involved	>4
1.3 Governmental organisations involved	Ministry of Employment and the Economy; Ministry of the Environment; regional environmental authorities; national mining authority
1.3 Practical implications of the process	
1.3.1 Purpose and objective of the mechanism	Joint meeting of personnel of the environmental authority and mining association (FINNMIN) to discuss different issues.
1.3.2 Representatives participating	Civil servants from the Ministry of Employment and the Economy and the Ministry of the Environment, regional environmental authorities, and national mining authority. Representatives from the Finnish exploration and mining companies, FINNMIN.
1.3.3 Regularity of meetings	Once a year
1.3.4 Process description	This was a half-day meeting with 50-60 people, conference style but also working groups.
1.3.5 Effectiveness and Outcomes	The outcome was a better understanding on certain issues by the different parties, especially where there were contradictory views on issues, such as content and demands of the permitting documents. Discussing the development of legislation from EU Directives and the national level was also important. Creating this joint platform had the aim of making the permitting process more fluent by creating a common understanding of processes and demands.  It was effective because this was the first time these parties were talking to each other rather than communicating on paper. Ensuring a common understanding through face-to-face interaction when this is needed is very important.

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<b>Stakeholder Integration</b>	
<b>Mechanisms for stakeholder involvement</b>	<b>Hearing process as part of the preparation of new legislation; online consultation process</b>
<b>MECHANISM 1</b>	Hearing process for new legislation
<b>1.1 Status</b>	on-going
<b>1.2 number of stakeholders involved</b>	-
<b>1.3 Type of stakeholders involved</b>	NGOs, ministries and different authorities
<b>1.4 Detailed description and practical implications</b>	
1.4.1 Purpose and objective of the mechanism	This is not primarily aimed at private citizens, but at NGOs, ministries, different authorities and other stakeholders.
1.4.2 Representatives participating	-
1.4.3 Regularity of meetings	-
1.4.4 Process description	-
1.4.5 Effectiveness and Outcomes	-
<b>MECHANISM 2</b>	<b>Online consultation process</b>
<b>1.1 Status</b>	on-going
<b>1.2 Number of stakeholders involved</b>	open to anyone
<b>1.3 Type of stakeholders involved</b>	-
<b>1.3 Detailed description and practical implications</b>	
1.3.1 Purpose and objective of the mechanism	In some cases if there is a larger renewal of environmental legislation there is an online consultation for private citizens.
1.3.2 Representatives participating	-
1.3.3 Regularity of meetings	-
1.3.4 Process description	-
1.3.5 Effectiveness and Outcomes	-

<b>Evaluation</b>	
<b>Mechanisms for policy evaluation</b>	Evaluation on the implementation of the Mining Act
<b>MECHANISM 1 "NAME"</b>	Evaluation on the implementation of the Mining Act
<b>1.1 Status</b>	on-going
<b>1.2 Practical implications of the process</b>	<p>The on-going evaluation of the Mining Act from 2011 is as follows: An announcement of the evaluation was published through the ministry information channels. The public was given 2 months to send comments to the ministry. The aim of this process was to gather concrete experiences to expose technical issues in the Act or implementation of it. Approximately 50 comments were received.</p> <p>The comments are basis to the improvements that are prepared. The objective is to identify needs for technical improvements to the Mining Act, rather than fundamental changes. The Act has still been implemented in only a limited number of cases. Authorities have pointed out that some processes are unnecessary heavy. This type of issues will be addressed in the government proposal.</p> <p>The government proposal for amendment of Mining Act will be prepared by the end of the year 2016.</p>