

## *Break-Out Session 2*

# Ensuring Access to Essential Raw Materials

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# Questions



- Why is the subject so important?
- What are the unsolved problems?
- Leave the question of access to raw materials to the market?
- Is there a supply risk?
- Are marine areas included in «land»

# Challenges

- Low priority of minerals in land use planning
- The local factor:
  - Importance of local supply - Climate change – low carbon society VS. NIMBY effect - Communication with local level is difficult
  - Users conflicts (Nature – Housing and Infrastructure – Agriculture and Forest - Raw Materials Extraction) increasing
  - Transformation of EU Initiatives to local level difficult
- Preserve mineral resources for the next years
- “Top down” or “bottom up” approach?
- Strong regulation e.g. Nature 2000, Water
- Long permitting time



# Conclusions



- Aggregates Industry is an important supplier but faces a lot of burdens
- Industry: Better Production = Responsible and sustainable production
- Neighbours: Good communication will get even more important
- Regulator: Ensure access to raw materials at all levels  
Giving higher priority to locally sourced non-energy minerals in land use planning. Long term planning horizon needed.

# Conclusions



- Keep raw materials in the center of (positive) political attention
- Does the listing of aggregates as "critical" solve the problem?
- No EU competence for a Minerals Policy Directive but EU should encourage Member States to establish a minerals policy
- Use "sustainable development" for our aims – show what we have done – best practice