

# **Geological Survey of Finland Is an Expert in Geological Resources**



Impartial and objective research information and services



Key figures

Founded in 1885

450 experts

100+ peer-reviewed scientific publications

Research agency operating under the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment

In 6 locations in Finland

300+ ongoing research projects

250+ customers

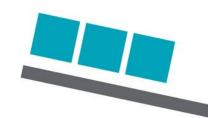
71 % cooperation with GTK has led to new innovations, solutions, or practices\*



international project activities on all continents



## Metals boost the low-carbon society



### 3 billion tonnes

The amount of metals needed for a low-carbon society by 2050\*\*

- Recycling does not cover new material needs
  - -> Global demand for sustainable mining and recycling solutions will increase
- Ore content will decrease
  - -> enrichment processes are key in the development of material, chemical, water and energy efficiency and mimimizing environmental damage



**GTK** 

## ~15 billion tonnes

The amount of coal, oil and gas\* used globally each year

- Phasing out fossil fuels will open up many new material needs
- The impacts of emissions are global, the impacts of metal mining are local

<sup>\*</sup> Gas turned into tonnes of oil equivalent (TOE) in the calculation

<sup>\*\*</sup>The Beyond 2 Degrees Scenario (B2DS): Aims to limit with a 50% chance global temperature rise to 1.75°C. above pre-industrial levels. (Hund, K., La Porta, D., Fabregas, T.P., Laing, T. & Drexhage, J. 2020.)



# National Mineral Resources Accounting

**Currently**, there are **no aggregated mineral resource figures** from European countries classified according to the same classification system.

# The benefits of having uniform resource figures

- Gives information on commercial and potentially commercial volumes
- Gives estimates of the resource potential for short to long-term accessibility to critical raw materials within the EU

#### This supports

- Critical raw material initiatives to classify projects and establish project inventories across Europe
- The goals of the European Green Deal
- The goals of the Critical Raw Materials Act

#### **And reduces**

- Raw material supply risks
- Effects of possible hostile acts
   by resources-exporter
   countries outside the EU

#### **GEODATA**

GTK MINTEC



## **Sustainable Raw Materials Supply**

The availability of the future mineral raw materials is based on exploration and research which require both major investments and geoscience expert capacity through industry—geosurvey—academia collaborative research.

In GTK, we believe that by providing:

- high-quality geological information on primary and secondary raw materials,
- harmonized information on resource quantities using the UNFC, and
- online access to geodata, enhance knowledge sharing and cooperation across Europe,

we can serve both national and European resource management and support the European Green Deal.





**GEOPHYSICS** 





GEOLOGICAL DATA

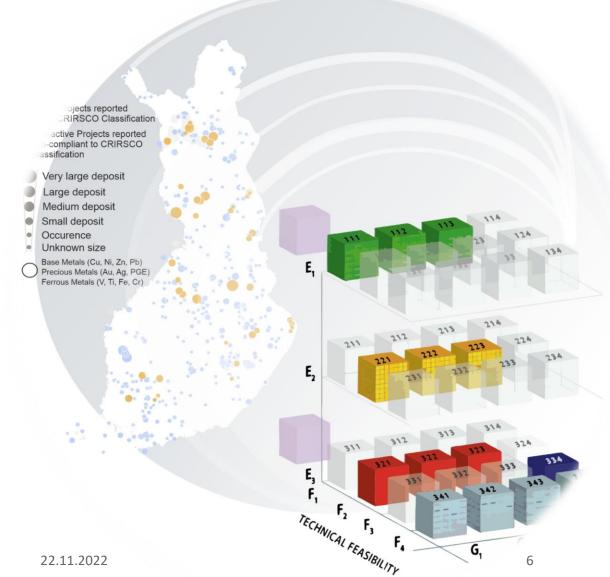
COLLECTION





Finland: National Aggregation Under the UNFC

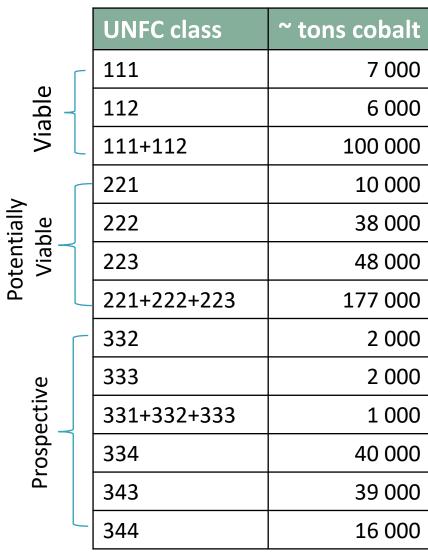
- Finland allows entities to use any internationally recognised reporting system for the national reporting.
- The statutory reporting to mining authority is annual and concerns both exploration and mining companies that are active license holders.
- In 2020, GTK integrated the UNFC as part of its mineral deposit database structure and aggregated all mineral deposits under the UNFC.
- The task preceded training of key experts and publishing a guidance document on mapping the current and historical mineral inventories according to the UNFC guidelines.

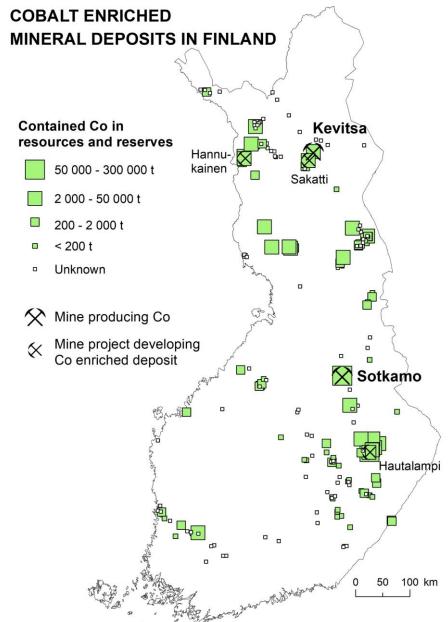




# **Example: Cobalt resources in Finland**

- Known resources
   486 000 tons Co
- Additional assumed 108 000 tons Co ("undiscovered resources")





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# GTK Mintec – Internationally Unique Pilot Plant and Research Environment for Mineral Processing

- Founded in the 1980's.
- Mineralogical research, bench-scale processing laboratory and Pilot Plant
- Processing solutions for primary minerals, geomaterials, tailings, slags and other secondary raw materials
- Pilot Plant contains crushing, grinding, beneficiation and tailings treatment as a continuous process
- Re-mining research of old tailings
- Long experience of battery-minerals processing (Li, Ni, Graphite, Co)





## Conclusion

- GTK fully supports integrated sustainable resource management and foresees the benefits of using a single system (UNFC and UNRMS)
- To achieve this, Europe needs:



Systematic, centralized, data collection of raw materials information and national harmonization to UNFC.



Coherent and consistent classification of primary and secondary raw materials projects.



Operational network for monitoring and sharing critical raw materials information.



Cooperation and synergy across the entire European Union.

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