

**From Mine to Market:
The new ISO Standard for
Ensuring Sustainability of
Raw Materials**



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Benchmarking of Sustainability Standards against EU Principles for Sustainable Raw Materials

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Sustainability Standard Systems for Mineral Resources

A Comparative Overview – 2022

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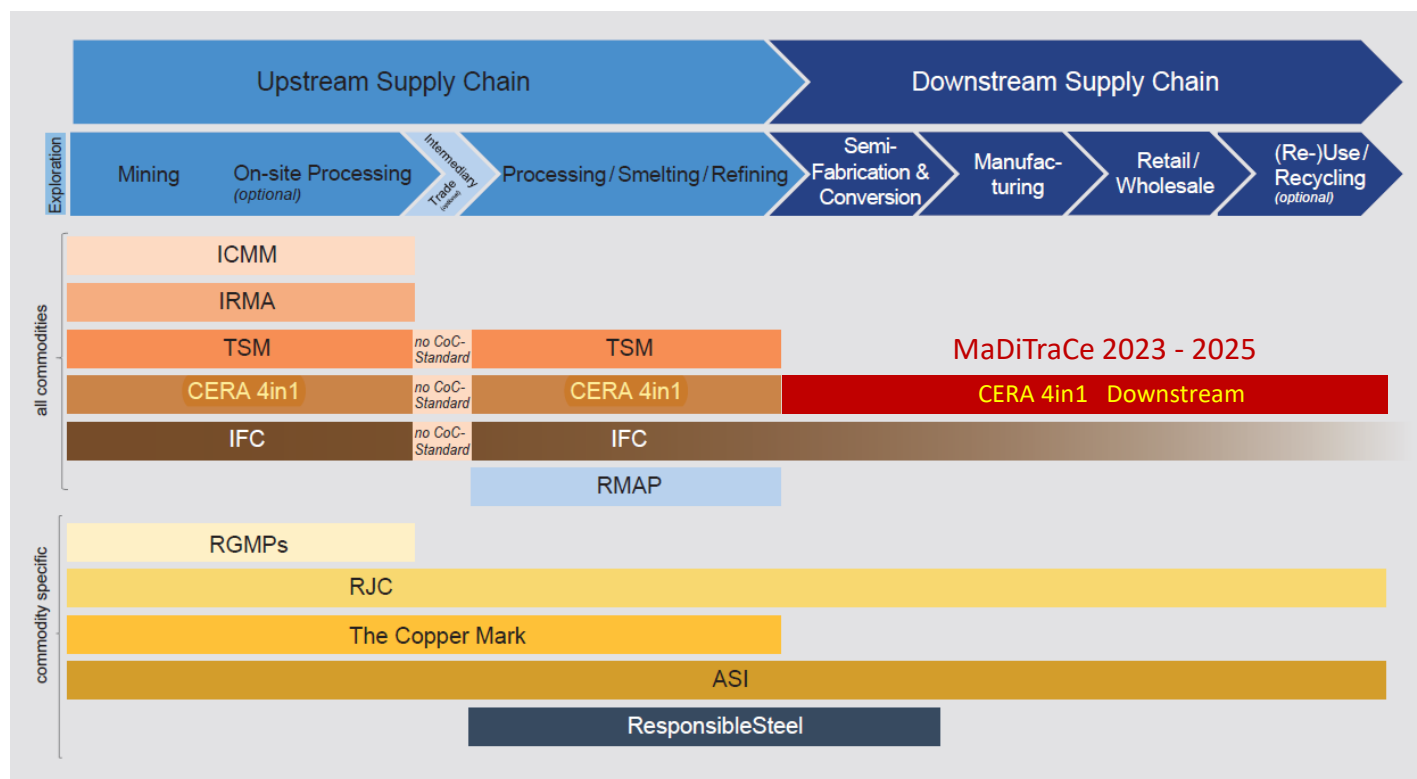
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RESULTS – Benchmarking of Sustainability Standards against EU Principles for Sustainable Raw Materials

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- None of the existing standards covers the full supply chain for sustainable raw materials.
- 5 standards cover all commodities: **ICMM** (UK), **IRMA** (USA), **TSM** (Can), **CERA 4in1** (Ger), and **IFC** (Intern. Finance Corp./World Bank).
- 3 standards cover full upstream supply chain: **TSM** (Can), **CERA 4in1** (Ger) and **IFC** (Int. Finance Corp./World Bank).
- **NEW ISO/PC Sustainable Raw Materials** (submitted) will cover full supply chain.



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Scope

- **Modular** (to amend/update **industry best practices** and **criteria**).
- Cover the **full supply chain of all raw materials** (**not mine closure/reclamation**).
- **Harmonize sustainability WG activities** through liaisons (e.g. ISO/TC 298 and 333).
- **Close gaps** in existing standards vs. **EU Principles for Sustainable Raw Materials**, e.g. define industry best practice for **Economic & Governance Principle** circular economy, resource efficiency, waste recovery, energy transition and electrification.

Proposed Structure

- 1) List of **compliance frameworks / regulations** (e.g. EU Critical Raw Materials Act).
- 2) List of **primary** and **secondary raw material value chains addressed** (non-agricultural raw materials).
- 3) List of accepted **industry best practices** related to **accepted ESG criteria** that are compliant with **EU Principles for Sustainable Raw Materials** (see BGR 2022 report), to be harmonized with global standard organizations.



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Example: Standard Benchmarking against Category III Environmental Principles



| CATEGORIES (example: III Environmental Principles, Environmental Management & Impact Mitigation) | PRINCIPLE NO (example: principle no 6) | ISSUE NO (example: issue a, out of issues a-d) | BENCHMARKED STANDARD * (to be selected by ISO committee) | TIC AUDIT CATALOGUE (independent 3 rd party auditor) | |
|---|---|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| <p style="text-align: center;">III ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Environmental Management and Impact Mitigation</p> | <p>6. Sustainable raw materials extraction and processing apply sound environmental management practices.</p> | <p>a. applying sound science- and knowledge-based environmental management of technical and economic feasibility, which is in alignment with the current legal framework in place and the European Green Deal.</p> | <p>Industry best practice 1</p> | <p>audit question 1</p> |
| | | | <p>The main negative impacts of the operations on the environment (e.g. water, air, soil) as well as resulting damages will be adequately monitored, assessed and minimised.</p> | <p>Industry best practice 2</p> | <p>audit question 2</p> |
| | | | | <p>Industry best practice 3</p> | <p>audit question 3</p> |
| | | | | <p>xxx</p> | <p>audit question 4</p> |
| | | | | <p>xxx</p> | <p>audit question 5</p> |
| | | | | <p>xxx</p> | <p>audit question 6</p> |

- * „Criteria for certification schemes: Verification and monitoring of compliance is **objective**, and include sufficient requirements and procedures to ensure **competence** and **independence** of responsible verifiers“ (*EU Critical Raw Materials Act 2023*).

Thank you!

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