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“From Land Use to Land Renewal: The Mining Sector’s Role in Nature Restoration”

Date: 11 June 2026 (TBC)

Time: 10h00 – 12h00 (2h30)

Format: Online (YouTube Live and LinkedIn broadcast)

Background

This webinar will showcase real-life examples of nature restoration carried out by the European mining sector, demonstrating how former mining sites can be transformed into safe, stable, and environmentally valuable landscapes.

The event will feature two case studies. The first, “Restoration of the Old Olympias Arsenopyrite Concentrate Storage Area of Kassandra Mines,” highlights the rehabilitation of a former mining site in Greece. The second, “From Waste to Landscape: Geomorphic Restoration and Transition Planning at the Ilmenitas Waste Rock Dump, Spain,” presents their approaches to reshaping mining waste areas into restored landscapes that can support nature and future land use.

Following the presentations, a panel discussion will bring together a range of perspectives, including representatives from the mining industry, an industry association, a policymaker, an academic, and a civil society organisation. The discussion will explore key lessons learned, ongoing challenges, and how restoration efforts can be further supported across Europe.

The webinar will conclude with an interactive Q&A session, giving participants the opportunity to engage directly with the speakers.

This event is designed for both policymakers and the wider public, offering an opportunity to better understand how the mining industry is contributing to nature restoration and environmental protection. Its objective is to highlight the actions taken by the mining sector, encourage open dialogue, and increase awareness of how restored mining sites can deliver long-term benefits for communities and ecosystems.

Program Highlights:

- **Keynote Presentations:** Learn from senior experts from Eldorado Gold and Atalaya about the mining industry’s effort in nature restoration.





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- **Expert Panel Discussion:** Join discussions with industry, policy makers and academics on reducing the environmental impact of mining.
- **Interactive Session:** Participate in a Q&A session that allows for direct engagement with speakers and panelists.

Target Audience: This workshop is designed for EU policymakers, industry leaders, environmental NGOs, and academics focused on mining and sustainability.

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1. Welcome and introductory remarks by **Rolf Kuby**, Director General, Euromines
2. **Keynote session** with case studies on the current state of recycling of mining tailing waste
 - a. **Emilio Sanjuán**, Head of Permits and Environment at Atalaya Riotinto
 - b. **Representative of Eldorado** - Head of Environmental Affairs.
3. **Panel discussion** on nature restoration practices to reduce the impact of mines even after closures with experts from the European Commission, European Parliament, journalists, and the mining industry. Q&A Session following the panel discussion and initiative presentation to engage the audience.
 - a. **Kristina Branteryd**, Director Environment & Sustainability Svemin
 - b. **Representative of NGO**, European Federation for Transport and Environment
 - c. **Representative of European Parliament**, ITRE & ENVI Committee
 - d. **Representative of Boliden**, Head of Environmental Affairs
 - e. **Representative of academia**, TBC
4. Conclusions, led by the moderator **Cynthia Mestanza**, Environmental, Health & Safety Manager, Euromines.

