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Development of UNFC guidance on national level

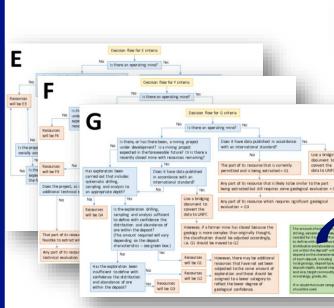
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Existing guidance-type documents



Existing guidance and guidancetype documents:

Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and United Kingdom

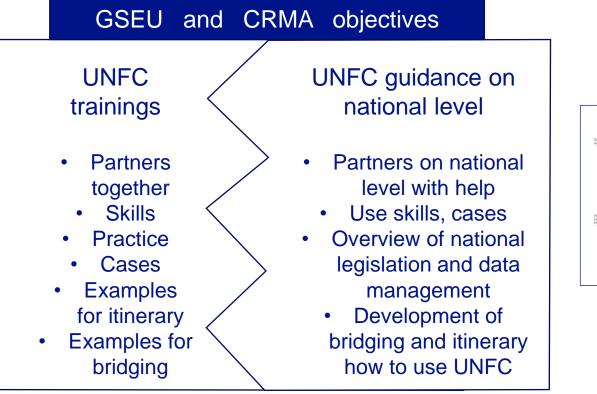
Significant developments: Portugal, France, Austria, Ukraine.

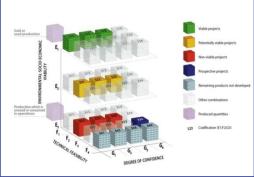


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Link between UNFC trainings and development of UNFC guidance on national level









Three necessary steps in development of the national guidance:

1) Preparation phase

- Get acquainted with UNFC (training of NGS plus other stakeholders)
- Translate basic UNFC documents into national language
- Define working group for the mapping procedure
- Prepare list of definitions of the national system categories (legislation)
- Identify sources of data for UNFC E, F and G axis on national level

2) Mapping phase (see level 2)

- Compare definitions
- Identify thresholds between categories that fit the UNFC

3) Application plan

• Needs to involve Ministries, Mining Authirities, etc.



Existing guidance documents as an inspiration

Examples for identification of data sources of UNFC E, F and G categories, relevant authorites (D2.1, 2023)

UNFC methodology is summarized Austria (GeoSphere) Czech Republic (CGS) Finland (GTK) France (BRGM) Hungary (SARA) Norway (NGU) Portugal (LNEG) Slovenia (GEOZS) Sweden (SGU) United Kingdom (BGS) Ukraine*

UNFC E,F, G categories are summarized Austria (GBA-GeoSphere) **Belgium (VPO)** Czech Republic (CGS) Croatia (HGI-CGS) Cyprus (GSD) **Greece (HSGME)** Finland (GTK) Hungary (SARA) Italy (ISPRA) Norway (NGU) Romania Slovakia (SGUDS) Spain (IGME) Sweden (SGU) United Kingdom (BGS) Ukraine (GIU)

Barriers and solutions Austria (GBA-GeoSphere) Belgium (VPO) Czech Republic (CGS) Croatia (HGI-CGS) Cyprus (GSD) Greece (HSGME) Finland (GTK) Hungary (SARA) Italy (ISPRA) Norway (NGU)

Romania Slovakia (SGUDS) A good base for a guidance on national level



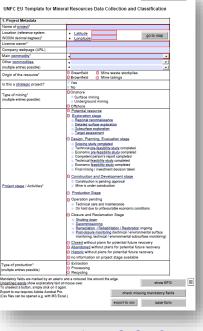
Helpful tools in developing the national UNFC guidance

UNECE Guidance for national guidance documents???

Basic UNFC documents (Level 2) in search for best fit between UNFC and national definitions.







proposal for DG GROW



Why to propose UNFC Guidance on the national level? UNECE Perspective

• Aim of the Guidance?

Voluntary recommendations how to classify according UNFC Why? National mineral inventory? Building common understanding on national level terminology, definitions, translations to English, tables, Stakeholders /practitioners, users, .../

- Existing documents and its structure (incl. Poland, Ukraine, ...)
- The content of UNFC National Guidance should fit national needs / obligations
- Should UNFC Guidance include basic rules of national inventory?



UNFC Guidance on National Level / UNECE Draft Proposal

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- Exploration
- Monitoring Supply Risks

Recycling

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Recommended Figures

- General Relationships between Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, as set out in the National Template
- Diagrammatic representation of the UNFC classification

Recommended List of Tables

- UNFC Classes, Sub-Classes, Categories and Sub-Categories (from UNECE, 2021)
- Standard mapping of National Classification Template aligned estimates to UNFC categories
- Specification of the UNFC-E-axis and corresponding National Classification Template considerations
- Specification of the UNFC- F-axis and corresponding National Classification Template considerations
- Specification of the UNFC-G-axis and corresponding National Classification Template considerations

Reference:

- UNFC 2019
- CRIRSCO Template & UNFC Bridging document
- UNFC Guidance Europe
- Poland Mineral Book 2022
- Application of the UNFC resource code in Finland / Practical guidelines
- Minventory report
- United Nations Framework Classification for Resources Case Study from Austria Sand and Gravel Resources in Greenfield Areas
- MINLAND: Deliverable 4.1: Existing valorisation and classification schemes and valuation methods for mineral land use practices



Using basic UNFC documents – Guidance for Europe

Minimum UNFC Categories	INSPIRE Name (Mi	Code ine Status)	INSPIRE Code ListDesc	cription				
E1 F1.2 G1,2,3	under dev	elopment	Under development.					
	under cor	nstruction	Under construction.					
E1 F1.3 G1,2,3	pendingap	proval	A mine waiting for the exploitation :	authorization, genera	lly given by a	State Mining		
			MinimumUNFC	INSPIRE Cod	e Name]
E2 F2.1G1,2,3			Categories	(Explorat	ion		INSPIRE Code ListDescription	
E4 50	feasib		-	Activity	0			
E1 F2	feasib					The aim of this ph	ase is the delineation of the envelope of an orebody. Logging of cores,	
E2 F1 E2 F2.1G1.2,3	feasib evaluation						alized sections to better understand the distinctive features of the	
EZ FZ.101,2,3	depc	E3.2 F2.2	2G1,2,3	resource ass	essment	deposit, the physi	cal properties of the ore, and finally to lead to a first (still	
	depe						ulation of the resource.	
	mining					The assessment of	the resource using percussion drilling, sometimes on a grid with a wide mesh.	
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	mine wo			23503511	Categories	Activity)		
	reconnais				E3.2 F3 G4	not operating	A mine is not operating.	
						subsurface	Subsurface exploration using the low costs techniques	
	geostatistica				F3.1	exploration excavation	(trenching, destructive drilling, etc.), of resources appraisal.	
	geostatistica			core drillingass		excavation	Detailed geological mapping of the area(s) of interest. Detailed surveys (often on a grid) with the most appropriate method, to confirm delineate and charac	cterize geochemical anomalies identified during
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						percussiondrilling	Detailed surveys (often on a grid) with the most appropriate method, to confirm and better delineate a	and characterize geophysical anomalies identified during
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				uno resource		geology	betailed geological mapping of the area(3) of interest.	
		E3.3 F	2.3G1,2,3			detailed geochemistry	Detailed surveys (often on a grid) with the most appropriate method, to confirm and better delineate a	and characterize geochemical anomalies identified during
				not opera			the previous phase.	
				closed		detailed geophysics	Detailed surveys (often on a grid) with the most appropriate method, to confirm and better delineate a	andcharacterize geophysical anomalies identified during
				abandor		detailed heavy	the previous phase. Detail prospecting in a local scale with a hand-held washing tool, usually shaped like a plate or a flat	cone at the bottom of which the densest fractions of a
				historie		mineral sampling	soil, a	cone, at the bottom of which the densest indeaons of a
				HISTOR			stream sediment is collected.	
					F3.3	regional reconnaissance	Regional investigation to identify anomalies (geochemical, geophysical, mineralogical) and discoveroccurrences.	
					10.0	regional	Drafting of a very preliminary geological map with the main formations and the main structures, inclu-	ding the
						geology	location of discovered mineral showings.	-
						regional geochemistry	The detection of abnormal concentrations of chemical elements in superficial water, soils, or organism	ns, usually accomplished by instrumental, spot-test, or
							rapid techniques which are applicable in the field.	
						regional	Exploration technique based on the detection of	
						geophysics regional heavy	anomalous physical characteristics of a ground. Prospecting with a hand-held washing tool, usually shaped like a plate or a flat cone, at the bottom of	f which the densest fractions of a soil, a stream sediment
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Using basic UNFC documents – Guidance for Europe

Example for identification of data sources of UNFC E,F and G categories, relevant authorites (D2.1, 2023)

	UN	NFC Classes Defined by Categories and Su		National/regional data				
	ed	Sold or used	production					sources and used databases
	Produced	Production which is unused or consumed in ope		for E,F,G categories by raw				
	TOC	or consumed in the Project operations is categorized as E	3.1. These can exist for all Cla	asses ofre	coverable		INSPIRE	material data provider
	н	quantities '					Code	organizations (mainly GSOs
		Class	Sub-class		Categori	es	List	or other Authorities)
				E	F	Ga		here: Hungarian answers briefly
		<u>Viable Projects</u> Estimates associated with Viable Projects are defined in many classification systems as Reserves, but there are some material differences between the specific	On Production	1	1.1	1, 2, (3)	operating continuously operating intermittently	E: Inventory of mining areas where data can be found for exploration areas
		definitions that are applied within different industries and hence the term is not used	Approved for Development	1	1.2	1, 2, 3	under development	and mines with permissions (Technical Operational Plans: TOP) and mine
		here, '	Justified for Development	1	1.3	1, 2, 3	pending approval	plots and on other mining activities (extraction, suspension, closure). With more details: The State Geological,
		Potentially Viable Projects	DevelopmentPending	2 ^b	2.1	1, 2, 3	feasibility evaluation of the ore deposit	Geophysical and Mining Data Store (e.g. original exploration reports).
		Not all Potentially Viable Projects will be developed	Development OnHold	2	2.2	1, 2, 3	care and maintenance retention	F: Inventory of mining areas (see E category especially regarding TOPs).
Total products	S	<u>Non-Viable Projects</u> Non-Viable Projects include those that are at an early stageof evaluation in addition to those that are considered unlikely to become Viable developments within the Foreseeable Future. ⁶	DevelopmentUnclarified	3.2	2.2	1, 2, 3	resource assessment (geological interpretation, approximate calculation ofthe resource)	The State Geological, Geophysical and Mining Data Store (incl. exploration reports and other documents of geoscientific survey).
Tota	Known Sources		DevelopmentNot Viable	3.3	2.3	1, 2, 3	closed abandoned/ historic	Regarding E and F categories: Basically there are no missing data types at SARA. At most contact is necessary to Environmental Authorities
	Know	Remaining Products not developed from identified Project Remaining Products not developed from identified Projects or P become developable in the future as technological or environme conditions change. Some or all these estimates may never be dev	– rospective Projects may ntal-socio-economic	3.3	4	1, 2, 3		or to Municipalities in some specific cases (complex cases, results of public hearing/SLO) or internet search are solutions (e.g. for feasibility studies).
1		and/or environmental-socio-economic constraints. '		3.2	3.1	4	subsurface exploration	G: Mineral resource inventory.
		Prospective Projects		3.2	3.2	4	detailed surface	E,F: There is insufficient basis for
	<u>Fiospecirve Fiojecis</u>			5.2	3.2	4	exploration	concluding on reasonable prospects from environmental, social and economic point
	ss al			3.2	3.3	4	regional reconnaissance	of views.
	Remaining Products not developed from Prospective Projects		ects	3.3	4.1	4		G: Mineral resource inventory and project results on potential assessments
	ote			3.3	4.2	4		(predictive mapping). Geological and
	P			3.3	4.3	4		geophysical and other earth scientific survey project results.



Using UNFC pdf Template (Sebastian)

- The CRM Act calls for templates to be developed and used for (a) applications for the recognition of Strategic Projects, (b) progress reports related to Strategic Projects, and (c) reporting of Member States pertaining to mining projects, exploration, monitoring, strategic stocks and circularity.
- The UNFC Europe template for PRM was developed as a concerted effort by the UNFC Coordination Team (UNECE, EC DG Grow, GSEU) with significant contributions from GSEU experts. It is supposed to become the designated tool for the systematic collection of comprehensive data and metadata on European mineral resource projects which have been classified according to UNFC.
- The template defines a minimum set of criteria to be addressed when collecting the data.
- The template currently comes as a user-friendly PDF form which allows data export to CSV format, but could easily be further developed into a web-based data collection form.
- It is expected to be used for the provision of data on critical raw materials (CRM) in the frame of the European CRM Act. It also represents a valuable basic data collection tool for serving data of different resource types to the database of the European Geodata Infrastructure (EGDI).
- The purpose of the template is to ensure that the collected data is uniform and complete, ready to be entered into this database, and to support CRMA objectives.
- The template was tested: Hungary for baryte (SARA), in Finland for lithium (GTK) and in the United Kingdom for lithium and tungsten (BGS) and in Austria for a lithium project (GeoSphere).
- GSEU partners contributed to the UNFC template: Zoltán Horváth (SARA), Sebastian Pfleiderer (GeoSphere Austria), Tom Bide and Eimear Deady (BGS), Antje Wittenberg (BGR), Meta Dobnikar (GeoZS), Guillaume Bertrand (BGRM), Pasi Eilu and Janne Hokka (GTK) and Francisco Javier González Sanz (IGME-Spain). (Details: GSEU WP2 T2.4. "UNFC Report").



Using UNFC pdf Template

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UNFC EU Template for Mineral Resources Data Collection and Classification

1. Project Metadata	
Name of project*	
Location (reference system:	Latitude go to map
WGS84 decimal degrees)*	Longitude
Licence owner*	
Company webpage (URL)	
Main <u>commodity</u> *	•
Other commodities	•
(multiple entries possible)	•
Origin of the resource*	O Greenfield O Mine waste stockpiles O Brownfield O Mine tailings
Is this a strategic project?	Yes No
Type of mining* (multiple entries possible)	Onshore Surface mining Underground mining Offshore
<u>Project stage</u> / Activities*	Potential resource Exploration stage Regional reconnaissance Detailed surface exploration Substrace exploration Target assessment Design, Planning, Evaluation stage Scoping study completed Technical pre-feasibility study completed Competent person's report completed Technical feasibility study completed Construction is pending uprevalue Mine is under construction Operation pending Technical care and maintenance Onstruction stage Sobit operation Technical care and maintenance On hid due to unfavourable economic conditions Closure and Reclamation Stage Shutting down Decommistioning Remediation / Restoration ongoing Remediation / Rehabilitation / Restoration ongoing Reservery Abandoned without plans for potential future recovery Historic without plans for potential future recovery One to information on project stage available
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Comment.							
	3. UNFC Classes of Resources						
Main commodity" UNFC Resource Resource quantity Metal content Metal content							

2. Classification Background Information

		-	-		
Main commodity*	UNFC	Resource	Resource quantity	Metal content	Metal content
	class*	quantity (kt)	in other unit	in kt	in other unit
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-					
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Other	UNFC	Resource	Resource quantity	Metal content	Metal content
commodities	class	quantity (kt)	in other unit	in kt	in other unit
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4. Information on the person who performed this UNFC classification						
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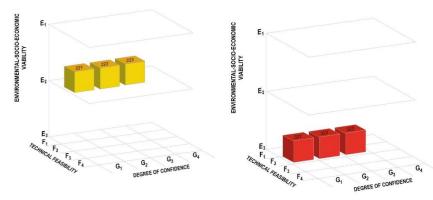
Using UNFC pdf Template

Benefits:

- Most important UNFC relevant information
- UNFC classes are preliminary shown, expert, or evaulator can decide on the final UNFC class
- Map viewer helps for the evaulator (visual support)
- E-instructions in the text next to the template
- Separated document as a summary is available in the Nextcloud: <u>https://geuscloud.geus.dk/index.php/apps/files/files/1069960?dir=/</u> GSEU-WP2/T2.4%20-%20UNFC/UNFC%20Template%20for%20RMs

3. UNFC Classes of Resources								
Main commodity*	UNFC	Resource	Resource quantity	Metal content	Metal content			
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Hints for translating the documents

- Translation of the UNFC Guidance for Europe (2022) for all official EU and European languages: may be useful for national purposes (e.g. trainings, national use of the UNFC), but may require capacity.
- Preparation of a shortened template for translations taking into account national and regional circumstances: Shortening may cause loss of information.
- Minimum: identification of national and regional UNFC circumstances based on comparison with UNFC Guidance for Europe (partially done: D2.1. (Delivery 2.1 of the GSEU WP2 Project...)
- Important:
 - To be aligned with
 - INSPIRE codes
 - UNFC (2019)
 - UNFC Pdf template
 - Easy to use
 - Introduction to UNFC would be useful
- Other:.

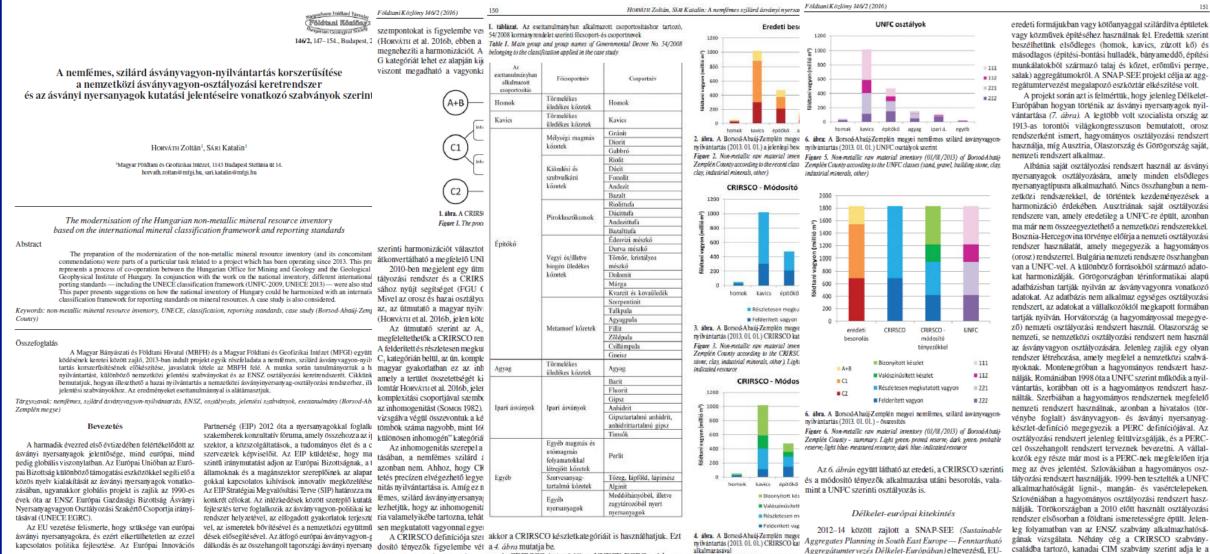


Development of UNFC guidance on national level from Geological Surveys (and Mining Authority) point of view that can facilitate the development of UNFC guidance on national level via trainings and stakeholder consultations on national / regional levels



Hungary

It was first a publication in 2016. (in Hungarian with English summary)



készletté minősíthető át. A hazai A CRIRSCO kategóriák a UNECE-EGRC módszere ván olyan információkat, amely (UNECE 2013, Horvátti et al. 2016b, jelen kötet, VII. tábhasználható lenne, azonban ha e lázat) alapján egyszerűen megfeleltethetők a UNFC van érvényes Műszaki Üzemi 1 osztályoknak, ezt az 5. ábra szemlélteti.

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Hazánk mellett Románia, Szerbia és Törökország is

rendszeresen képviselteti magát a UNECE-EGRC (az ENSZ

jelentését (PARKER et al. 2015, SNAP-SEE).

séges eredetű, szemcsés vagy darabos agyagok, amelyeket Európai Gazdasági Bizottságának Vagyonosztályozással

Figure 4. Non-metallic now material inten támogatott projekt, amely a nemfémes, szilárd ásványi

Light green: proved reserve; dark green: pri foglalkozott. Az aggregátumok természetes vagy mester-

nyersanyagok egyik nagy csoportjával, az aggregátumokkal

Zemplén County according to the CRIRS

Modifying Factors (sand, gravel, building sti

resource; dark blue: indicated resource

Hungary

Prior 2022 it was a developing story.

Bridging Document

between

the Hungarian Mineral Resource Classification System for selected mineral commodities

and

the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC-2020)

and

the Family of the Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards (CRIRSCO) including the the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves ('the JORC Code') Pan-European Reserves and Resources Reporting Committee ('the PERC Code')

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Mining and Geological Survey of Hungary Budapest, 2020

(unofficial working material)

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Hungary After 2022 in the frame of the GSEU it has changed...

Plan for development of an updated UNFC guidance on national level Content

Introduction: Why UNFC guidance is important on national level? (CRMA, UNECE, GSEU objectives)

Background: Short description of the national activity with UNFC (past and recent projects, etc.)

National resource management system: brief description with reference on the legislation, the role of Ministry, GSO, MA, other Aurthorities. How UNFC can be linked to national resource management?

Introduction to international reporting codes (e.g. CRIRSCO: JORC, PERC, other)

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- Historic Estimates

References, Glossary, Enclosure (1-few UNFC cases on national level?)



A core table identification UNFC E and F classes of projects based on inventory of mining areas (G category is from mineral resource inventory)

	UNFC code	Description of cases with valid licences (TOP)	UNFC name
1	E1.1., F1.1., G1+G2	Mining plot with extraction TOP (Technical Operation Plan).	viable project
2	E1.1., F2., G1+G2	A newly established mining plot that does not have a TOP yet . Within 5 years from the date when the authority decision on establishing the mine becomes final, the licensee must submit the extraction TOP.	viable project
3	E2., F2.2., G1+G2	Mine that currently has no TOP, but neither tendering, nor new licensee, nor mine closure are not the case. In this case, the mining authority obliges the licensee to submit a TOP.	potentially viable project
4	E2, F2.1., G1+G2	Mine or mineral deposit that has TOP for development or mine for which tendering is in progress. After cancellation of the mining right by the authority the mining right can be obtained again through a tender.	potentially viable project
5	E2, F2.2., G1+G2	Mine that has TOP for suspending mining activity . After suspending the activity, extraction can be restarted at any time.	potentially viable project
6	E3.3, F4, G1+G2	Mine that has TOP for mine closure and mine where mining activity has been permanently stopped. E.g. the landscaping and reclamation tasks are carried out; or mine where implementation of the mine closure TOP has already been approved by the mining authority.	non-viable project
7	E3.1, F2.3, G1+G2	Mine without licensee, after failed tendering. The mining right was tendered on two occasions but both were unsuccessful.	non-viable project



Czech Republic



Project report

CGS Project Number: 389700

Methodology for the implementation of the UNFC system in the legislative framework of the Czech Republic.



Project leader: RNDr. Zbyněk Gabriel, CSc.



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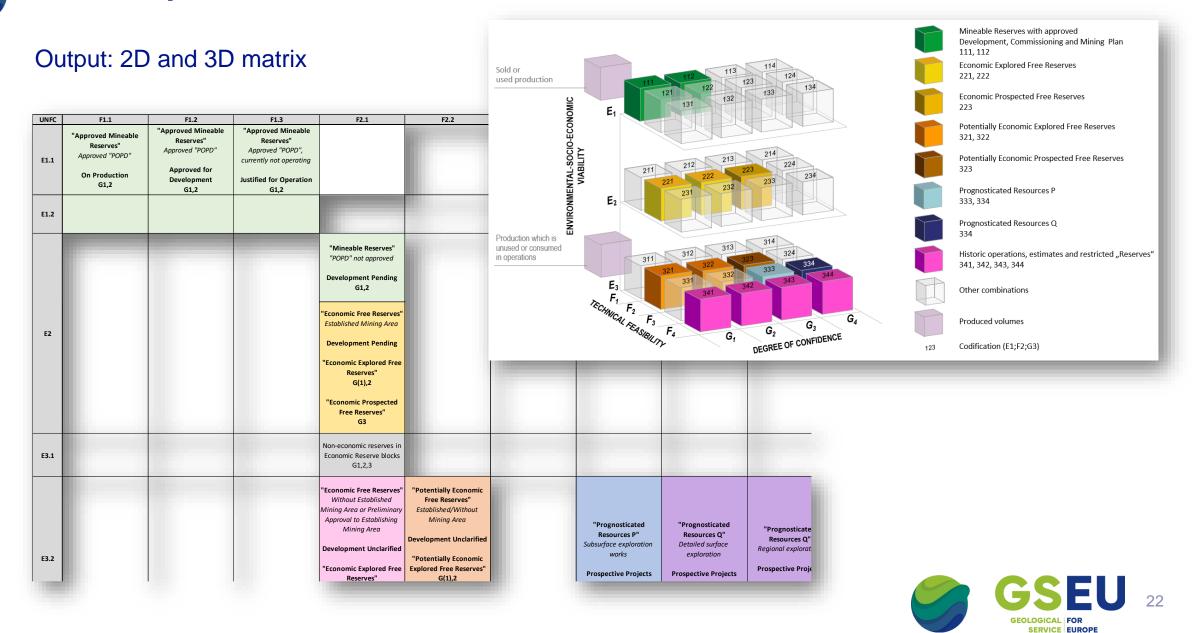


Conversion table

ech Mining Law Categories	UNFC Category	UNFC Sub-category	Reasoning
Approved Mineable Reserves Approved Commissioning, Development and Mining Plan	111, 112	E1.1 F1.1 G1,2	Mineable Reserves at an operated deposit that has all necessary approvals for mining activities. Czech Mining Law definition of "Mineable Reserves" is approximate to CRIRSCO definiton of "Reserves". In UNFC the CRIRSCO Reserves are E1F1G1,2.
In operation Approved Mineable Reserves Approved Commissioning, Development and Mining Plan In development	111, 112	E1.1 F1.2 G1,2	Mineable Reserves at a deposit in commissioning/development that has all necessary approvals for mining activities. Czech Mining Law definition of "Mineable Reserves" is approximate to CRIRSCO definiton of "Reserves". In UNFC the CRIRSCO Reserves are E1F1G1,2.
Approved Mineable Reserves Approved Commissioning, Development and Mining Plan Currently not operating	111, 112	E1.1 F1.3 G1,2	Mineable Reserves at a deposit that has all necessary approvals for mining activities which i active but currently not operated. Czech Mining Law definition of "Mineable Reserves" is approximate to CRIRSCO definiton of "Reserves". In UNFC the CRIRSCO Reserves are E1F1G1,2.
Mineable Reserves Commissioning, Development and Mining Plan not approved Currently not operating	221, 222	E2 F2.1 G1,2	Active projects that do not have approved Commissioning, Development and Mining Plan, but have already calculated "Mineable Reserves". E2: "Development and operation are expected to become environmentally-socially-economically viable in the foreseeable future." F2.1: "Project activities are ongoing to justify development in the foreseeable future." G1 and G2 are aknowledged in the CRIRSCO template for Reserves and Measured and Indicated Resources.
Economic Explored Free Reserves Established Mining Area	221, 222	E2 F2.1 G1,2	Active projects that have Established Mining Area, but do not have approved Commissioning Development and Mining Plan. E2: "Development and operation are expected to become environmentally-socially-economically viable in the foreseeable future." F2.1: "Project estivities are engained to justify development in the foreseeable future." "Explored Recence



Czech Republic



Development of UNFC guidance on national level (Austria-Sebastian)

- Since INSPIRE is mandatory in all of Europe, everything that is said in the UNFC Guidance for Europe, is valid for Austria as well.
- We (have to) use the same data sources like everybody else for deciding on the E-, F- and G-axis categories.
- The Austrian Mining Act and the resulting process of licensing (including environmental and social considerations) will not change the way we apply the Guidance Europe document at the national scale. And it will not add any country-specific detail which would go beyond the Guidance Europe document.
- The only thing which may have an effect on how to do UNFC specifically in Austria is access to land (which is actually specific to each of the 9 federal states in Austria). Spatial planning of land-use priorities is indeed something which is country-specific. For example, are NATURA2000 areas categorically off-limits for mining or not? This is different from member state to member state. Unfortunately, many land-use issues here are decided on a case-by-case basis. So it is hard to give general guidance.
- What is very country-specific are data gaps and data access. In the GeoSphere there is no sufficient access to data to do UNFC on deposits which are (or have recently been) active. So all we can do here at GeoSphere is resource estimates of historic mines or greenfields and – regarding UNFC – classify along the G-axis.



Austrian Standard G 1050 "Classification of Resources and Occurrences for Solid Mineral Raw Materials"

Classes of Assessment

mining assessment :	Class E: resource worthy of economic extraction Class S: sub-economic resource (potentially economic in the foreseeable future) Class N: resource not assessed studies include market analysis
mining geological assessment :	Class U: deposit unworthy of economic extraction (i.e. not a resource) Class N: deposit not assessed studies consider socio-economic factors and legal, technical and economic conditions
geological assessment:	Class Y: occurrence of purely geo-scientifically significance (i.e. not a deposit) Class Z: occurrence not sufficiently investigated studies investigate grades, depth, thickness

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• Classes of Economic Usability

resources:	Classes rE:	marketable part of economic resource
	Classes RE:	total economic resource including products unused or consumed in operations
	Classes RS:	sub-economic resource
	Classes RN:	resource without mining assessment

occurrences:	Classes OU:	deposit unworthy of economic extraction (i.e. not a resource)
	Classes ON:	deposit not assessed
	Classes OY, OZ:	natural mineralization



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• Classes of geological certainty

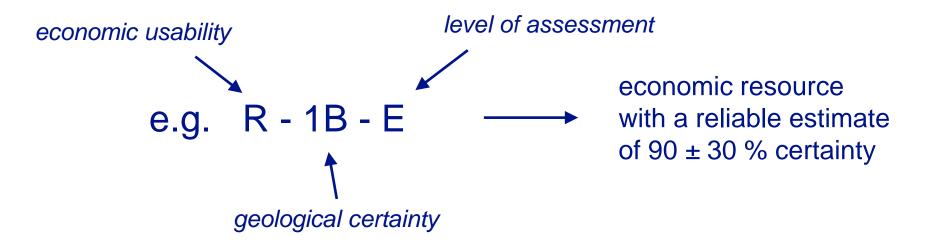
Class 1: reliable estimates: 1A certain (certainty 90% ± 20%) - 1B probable (90% ± 30%) - 1C indicated (90% ± 50%) (depending on data density) volumes estimated on the basis of outcrops, trenches, shafts, adits or drillings

Class 2: preliminary estimates: assumed by analogy to neighboring, similar deposits volumes estimated on the basis of regional geology and some outcrops; needs further exploration Class 3: tentative estimates: existence and size of speculative nature volumes estimated on the basis of geological extrapolation, geophysical or geochemical indications or statistical analogies



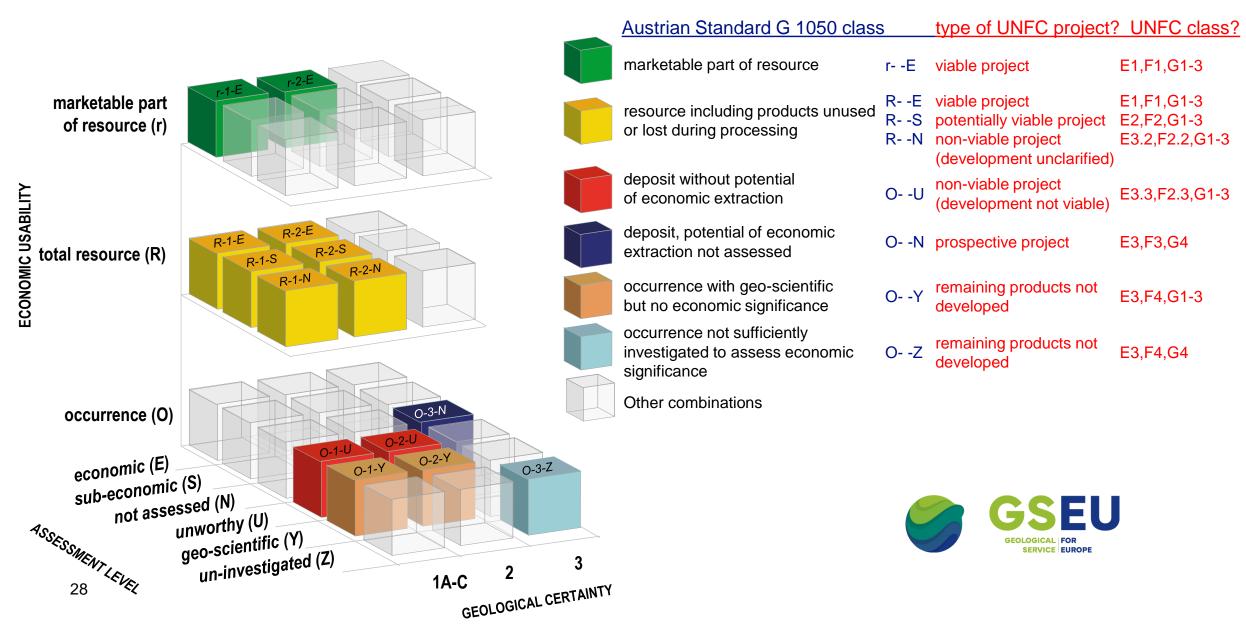
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• Codification





TOWARDS A NATIONAL GUIDANCE TO MAP G 1050 TO UNFC



Development of UNFC guidance on national level (Finland-Janne and Tuomas)

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Proposal – for the development of UNFC guidance on national level (Germany - Antje)

Content

German Network of UNFC interested

- Pool of Experts from authorities, State Geological Surveys and industry
- Cooperation with BDG (German professional association of geoscientists)

Overview of mineral resource and reserve classifications in use

- Spatial mapping of classification systems, local specialities
- UNFC classification Description
- UNFC Guidance for Europe

□ Most common reporting standards and its bridging to UNFC

PERC/CRIRSCO Standard Classification - Description

Legal framework

- Mapping relevant legal framework (Bundesberggesetz, Landesgesetze, Umweltgesetze)
- Developing a methodology for conversion
- Providing case studies (e.g. based on cases of potential Strategic Projects)
- **Proposal of recommendations, guidelines, assistance (e.g. workshops on implementation)**
- **Development of federal database utilising UNFC**

Note

There is no mandate to develop a guidance. Moreover the competence on raw material management is with the 16 German States. However, a Federal Mining Act (BBergG - https://www.gesetze-iminternet.de/englisch_bbergg/englisch_bbergg.html#p0290) exists. Yet, it does not require any reporting or classification on the national raw materials inventory.



Development of UNFC guidance on national level (Norway - Janja)

- Guidance for the Application of the UNFC for Mineral Resources in Finland, Norway and Sweden
- The mineral strategy on mapping the Norwegian resource potential
- NGU will prioritize mapping in areas that are considered to have critical mineral potential and increase the availability of geological data from such areas.
- Strengthen NGU's work on mineral mapping aimed at critical metals and minerals, ٠ and complete the geophysical surveying of Norway...
- The Geological Survey of Norway will implement the UNFC standard in the national resource databases
- UNFC-Classification of Norwegian Mineral Resources (NGU)
- UNFC Training, dissemination, exchange of experiences with other geological surveys
- Data compilation and interpretation
- UNFC classification, Implementation of the UNFC in NGUs resources database, ٠
- Collaboration with the project "Modernisering av ressursdatabasene" to establish services for application of UNFC in the resources database (data registration, storing, displaying),
- Harmonisation of the workflow to the ongoing EU project Geological Service for Europe (GSEU)



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Development of UNFC guidance on national level (Slovenia - Duska)

Title of doc: Introduction to methodology of UNFC classification and » bridging guidance« for Slovenia

Content

- The aim of UNFC classification
- 3-D concept of UNFC classification
- Legal framework and relevant institutions in Slovenia
- National data of mineral reserves and resources
- National mineral reserves classification system and harmonisation with UNFC
- Public awareness of »bridging« Slovenian mineral reserves classification into UNFC



Joint approach to develop UNFC guidance on national level

- UNFC training experience, notes and training materials help to prepare the first or an updated UNFC guidance on national level.
- "The National UNFC Guidance should be the outcome of discussion on national level (between experts national administration, industry and other stakeholders)...we can only make suggestions and give advice." (Slavko Solar)
- In the frame of the GSEU project partners have good opportunity to develop guidance (report on it February 2025).
- The first draft of the UNFC guidance proposal document on national level prepared by WP2 T2.3. and T2.4. partners can effectively contribute to the national level trainings and stakeholder consultations.
- UNFC guidance on national level should be short, transparent, easy to use, and should be based on relevant UNFC documents
- The preliminary content that may be changed according to national/regional circumstances:
 - 1. Introduction: Why UNFC guidance is important on national level? (CRMA, UNECE, GSEU objectives)
 - 2. Background: Short description of the national activity with UNFC (past and recent projects, etc.)
 - 3. National resource management system: brief description with reference on the legislation and roles
 - **4. UNFC:** Short introduction to the UNFC with reference on basic UNECE UNFC documents

5. UNFC methodology

Project based approach

- Data source for E category
- Data source for F category
- Data source for G category
- Mining Projects, Viable Projects, Potential Viable Projects
- Prospective Projects, Non Viable Projects, Historic Estimates

