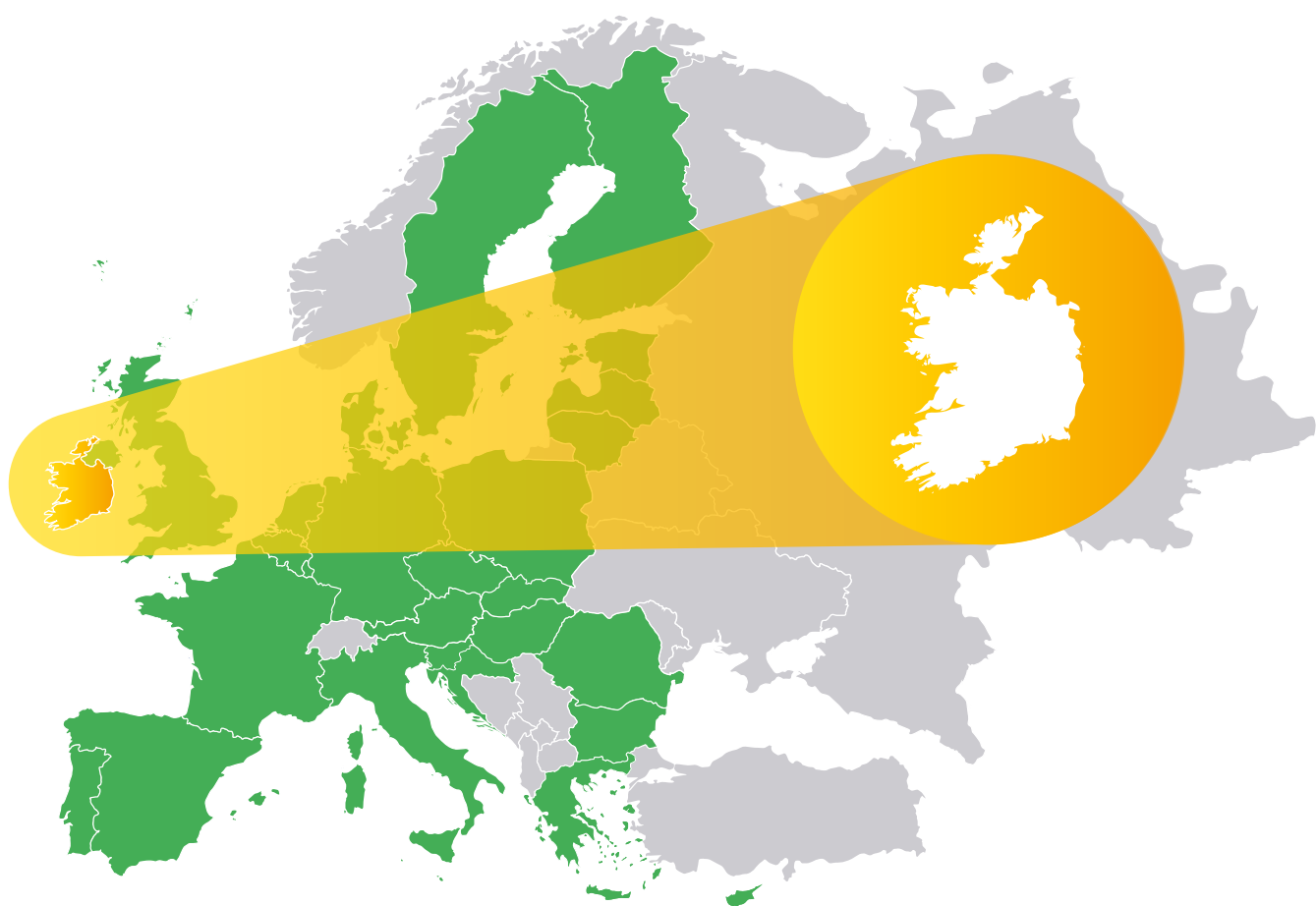


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Minerals policy governance	
<u>Horizontal policy integration</u>	
Mechanisms for ministerial coordination	Ministerial working groups (Ministerial coordination on minerals policy would take place on cross cutting issues, where minerals policy has an impact or an effect on other policy areas. Any Ministerial decision which required Government approval would be considered by all Government Ministers)
<u>Vertical policy integration</u>	
Mechanisms for governmental organisation coordination	Regulatory impact assessment
<u>Stakeholder Integration</u>	
Mechanisms for stakeholder involvement	Regulatory impact assessment of the 2015 Bill; Revised and beyond legal compliance stakeholder involvement process
<u>Policy evaluation</u>	
Mechanisms for policy evaluation	The Department reviews and evaluates its policy on a regular basis. Some of the Provisions in the 2015 Bill are broad and enabling. They will be brought into effect by regulations, which can evolve and adapt as necessary. The legislation will be reviewed regularly.

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		POLICY 1	
		Minerals Development Bill	
Title (original language)			
Title (translation in english)		Minerals Development Bill	
Year (and identification number if available)		2015	
Short description		<p>The Minerals Development Bill was published in July 2015. The Bill consolidates and modernises legislation on exploration and extraction of minerals, and seeks to replace a number of pieces of legislation from 1940 to 1999. The Bill provides a modern regulatory regime for exploration and mining.</p> <p>The purpose of the Bill is to make better provision for the prospecting for, and development, management and control of, the mineral resources of the State. The Bill has now completed all stages in the Seanad. You can follow the Bill's progress through the Houses of the Oireachtas - Minerals Development Bill 2015 [Seanad] (Number 69 of 2015) - Tithe an Oireachtais</p> <p>An Explanatory and Financial Memorandum was published with the Bill and a Regulatory Impact Assessment for the Bill was also carried out. (see http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/en-ie/Pages/Legislation/Minerals-Development-Bill-2015.aspx)</p>	
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)			
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/Minerals%20Development%20Bill%20as%20published.pdf	
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)			
Responsible for the design of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level			
Policy instrument type		Legislation	
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		Yes	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	0	
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	0	
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	0	
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	0	
	DEEP SEA MINING	0	
	DATA and knowledge base	0	

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		POLICY 2
		Mineral Development Acts
Title (original language)		
Title (translation in english)		Mineral Development Acts
Year (and identification number if available)		31 (1940); 7 (1960); 12 (1979); 15 (1995); 21 (1999)
Short description		The Acts, deal with definition of minerals, mineral ownership, prospecting licences, State Mining Leases etc. The Minister has the exclusive right to work privately owned minerals and provides for permitting of the working of those minerals by third parties, subject to payment of compensation to mineral owners. Clarification is given on State ownership of certain minerals and addresses the transfer of the right to compensation. Renewals of Prospecting Licences and application fees for State Mining Facilities are also addressed. Part 9 of the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 contains provisions relating to the rehabilitation of lands affected by former mines, and for the compulsory acquisition of lands for the purposes of such rehabilitation. (see http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/en-ie/Pages/Legislation/Minerals-Development-Acts.aspx)
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/MINERALS_DEVELOPMENT_ACT_1940.pdf
		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/MINERALS_DEVELOPMENT_ACT_1979.pdf
		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/MINERALS_DEVELOPMENT_ACT_1995.pdf
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/Mineral_development_act_1999.pdf
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)		
Responsible for the design of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level		
Policy instrument type		Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		Yes
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	1
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	1
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	1
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	1
	DEEP SEA MINING	0
	DATA and knowledge base	0

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		POLICY 3	
		Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	
Title (original language)			
Title (translation in english)		Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	
Year (and identification number if available)		2006	
Short description		Part 9 of the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 contains provisions relating to the rehabilitation of lands affected by former mines, and for the compulsory acquisition of lands for the purposes of such rehabilitation. (see http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/en-ie/Pages/Legislation/Minerals-Development-Acts.aspx)	
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)			
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/Energy%20-Miscellaneous%20Provisions-%20Act%202006.pdf	
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)			
Responsible for the design of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level			
Policy instrument type		Legislation	
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		Yes	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)		0
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)		1
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)		0
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)		1
	DEEP SEA MINING		0
	DATA and knowledge base		0

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		POLICY 4	
		Petroleum and Other Minerals Development Act	
Title (original language)			
Title (translation in english)		Petroleum and Other Minerals Development Act	
Year (and identification number if available)		1960	
Short description		Regulates petroleum and other minerals.	
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)			
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/Petroleum_and_other_Minerals_Development_Act_1960.pdf	
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)			
Responsible for the design of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level			
Policy instrument type		Legislation	
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		1940 Act	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	0	
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	0	
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	0	
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	0	
	DEEP SEA MINING	0	
	DATA and knowledge base	0	

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		POLICY 5	
		Mines and Minerals Act	
Title (original language)			
Title (translation in english)		Mines and Minerals Act	
Year (and identification number if available)		54 (1931)	
Short description		Previous mines and minerals act.	
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)			
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1931/act/54/enacted/en/html?q=mines+and+minerals+act	
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)			
Responsible for the design of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level			
Policy instrument type		Legislation	
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		Yes	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	0	
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	0	
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	0	
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	0	
	DEEP SEA MINING	0	
	DATA and knowledge base	0	

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		POLICY 6	
		Minerals Development Regulations	
Title (original language)			
Title (translation in english)		Minerals Development Regulations	
Year (and identification number if available)		SI 340 (1979); amended 1994	
Short description		In addition to primary legislation, Regulations have been made under the Minerals Development Acts. The Regulations cover matters such as fees, information to be provided with PL applications, procedures for claiming compensation etc. (see http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/en-ie/Pages/Legislation/Minerals-Development-Regulations.aspx)	
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/Minerals_Development_Regulations_1996.pdf	
		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/Minerals_Development_Raegulations_1994.pdf	
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1979/si/340/made/en/print	
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)			
Responsible for the design of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level			
Policy instrument type		Legislation	
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		1940 Act	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)		1
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)		0
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)		0
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)		0
	DEEP SEA MINING		0
	DATA and knowledge base		0

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		POLICY 7	
		Minerals Development (Application Fees for certain state mining facilities) Regulations	
Title (original language)			
Title (translation in english)		Minerals Development (Application Fees for certain state mining facilities) Regulations	
Year (and identification number if available)			1996
Short description		Regulates the Application Fees for certain state mining facilities. ????	
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/Minerals_Development_Regulations_1979.pdf	
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)			
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)			
Responsible for the design of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level			
Policy instrument type		Legislation	
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		Yes	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)		0
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)		0
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)		0
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)		0
	DEEP SEA MINING		0
	DATA and knowledge base		0

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		POLICY 8	
		Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	
Title (original language)			
Title (translation in english)		Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	
Year (and identification number if available)		2006	
Short description		Part 9 of the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 contains provisions relating to the rehabilitation of lands affected by former mines, and for the compulsory acquisition of lands for the purposes of such rehabilitation. (see http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/en-ie/Pages/Legislation/Minerals-Development-Acts.aspx)	
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)			
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/Lists/Legislations%20Documents/Exploration%20and%20Mining/Energy%20Miscellaneous%20Provisions-%20Act%202006.pdf	
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)			
Responsible for the design of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level			
Policy instrument type		Legislation	
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		Yes	
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	0	
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	1	
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	1	
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	1	
	DEEP SEA MINING	0	
	DATA and knowledge base	0	

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	POLICY 1	POLICY 2	POLICY 3	POLICY 4	POLICY 5	POLICY 6	POLICY 7	POLICY 8
	Land Act	Foreshore Act	Acquisition of Land (Reference Committee)	National Monuments Act	Air Pollution Act	Waste Management Act	Planning and Development Regulations	Planning and Development Act
Title (original language)	Land Act							
Title (translation in english)	Land Act	Foreshore Act	Acquisition of Land (Reference Committee)	National Monuments Act	Air Pollution Act	Waste Management Act	Planning and Development Regulations	Planning and Development Act
Year (and identification number if available)	42 (1923)	12 (1933)	22 (1925)	2 (1930)	6 (1987)	10 (1996), amended by 36 (2001)	SI 600 (2001)	30 (2000) and 32 (2002)
Short description								
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)	-	-	-	-				
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1923/act/42/enacted/en/html	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1933/act/12/enacted/en/html	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1925/act/22/enacted/en/html	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1930/act/2/enacted/en/html	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1987/act/6/enacted/en/html	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2001/act/36/enacted/en/html	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2001/si/600/made/en/print	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2000/act/30/enacted/en/html
Policy instrument type	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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		POLICY 1	POLICY 2	POLICY 3	POLICY 4	POLICY 5	POLICY 6	POLICY 7	POLICY 8
		Land Act	Foreshore Act	Acquisition of Land (Reference Committee)	National Monuments Act	Air Pollution Act	Waste Management Act	Planning and Development Regulations	Planning and Development Act
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	POLICY 9	POLICY 10	POLICY 11	POLICY 12	POLICY 13	POLICY 14	POLICY 15	POLICY 16
	Taxes Consolidation Act	Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts	Environmental Protection Agency Act 1	Land Act	Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act	Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (Quarries) Regulations	Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act	Waste Management (Management of Waste from Extractive Industries)
Title (original language)								
Title (translation in english)	Taxes Consolidation Act	Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts	Environmental Protection Agency Act 1	Land Act	Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act	Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (Quarries) Regulations	Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act	Waste Management (Management of Waste from Extractive Industries)
Year (and identification number if available)	1997	1 (1977) ;21(1990)	7 (1992)	42 (1923)	10(2005)	SI 28 (2008)	40 (2006)	566 (2009)
Short description								
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)								
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/39/enacted/en/html?q=Taxes+Consolidation+Act+							
Policy instrument type	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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		POLICY 9	POLICY 10	POLICY 11	POLICY 12	POLICY 13	POLICY 14	POLICY 15	POLICY 16
		Taxes Consolidation Act	Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts	Environmental Protection Agency Act 1	Land Act	Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act	Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (Quarries) Regulations	Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act	Waste Management (Management of Waste from Extractive Industries)
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Horizontal policy integration	
Mechanisms for ministerial coordination	Ministerial working groups (Ministerial coordination on minerals policy would take place on cross cutting issues, where minerals policy has an impact or an effect on other policy areas. Any Ministerial decision which required Government approval would be considered by all Government Ministers)
MECHANISM 1	Ministerial working groups
1.1 Status	on-going
1.2 Number of ministries involved	6
1.3 Ministries involved	As part of the preparatory work for the Minerals Development Bill, all relevant Ministries would be asked for observations and most of these Departments returned observations and comments There would also have been face-to-face meetings with relevant Departments to discuss cross-cutting policy areas.
1.4 Practical implications of the process	
1.4.1 Purpose and objective of the mechanism	In Ireland there is coordination between the Exploration and Mining Division in the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources with other Ministries, particularly those Ministries which have responsibility for public finances; environment, jobs and enterprise, heritage and the protection of habitats and wildlife During the development of the 2015 Minerals Development Bill there was also coordination through requesting observations from all relevant Government Departments. This is an established procedure for all legislation. There is also the requirement of undertaking a regulatory impact assessment prior to writing and introducing the Bill, which would include input from other ministries in terms of impact.
1.4.2 Representatives participating	-
1.4.3 Regularity of meetings	-
1.4.4 Process description	Regulatory impact analysis was carried out prior to the publication of the Minerals Bill and relevant statutory bodies and Government Departments would have been involved in that consultation. There is a formal mechanism in written form in which a Memo on the main provisions and impacts of the Bill is sent out for comments to all relevant Government Departments. There would also be some coordination via telephone calls, meeting / face-to-face interactions between this Department and the main relevant Departments (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Department of Finance, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), Revenue. Observations by other ministries are then considered by the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources and any changes made on foot of the observations are then submitted to government (cabinet) and signed off.
1.4.5 Effectiveness and Outcomes	The 2015 Bill provides a framework for all exploration and mining policy – since minerals policy impacts on the policy areas of many other departments, consultation is very important. This ensures that the Bill reflects all related policies as well as minimising the need for subsequent amendments when the Bill is enacted. For coordination to be successful it is important that good structures are in place for coordination – these are formal mechanisms such as Memos for government and regulatory impact assessments. We would also maintain good working relationship on a formal and informal basis with the main relevant Departments.

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Vertical policy integration	
Mechanisms for governmental organisation coordination	Regulatory impact assessment
MECHANISM 1	Regulatory impact assessment
2.1 Status	on-going
2.2 Number of governmental organisations involved	-
2.3 Governmental organisations involved	In Ireland, the Department for Environment was also the department for local government, so some of the consultation has also taken place on the Bill through mechanisms in this ministry. Local Government also consult with the Department in relation to their regional development plans and we also work with Local Government in relation to rehabilitation of old legacy mine sites. Prior to the commencement of the Bill, the Minister invited submissions through the national papers on 18 July 2005, which also gave local government and any other relevant stakeholders an opportunity to make submissions. While formal and informal consultation takes place with central Government Departments, the division would be in contact with local government also.
2.4 Practical implications of the process	
2.4.1 Purpose and objective of the mechanism	Local Government consults with the national level in relation to their regional development plans and the rehabilitation of old legacy mine sites
2.4.2 Representatives participating	Representatives of local governments/public authorities; Exploration and Mining division in the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources; Relevant Government Ministries;
2.4.3 Regularity of meetings	ad-hoc
2.4.4 Process description	(a description of the regulatory impact assessment can be accessed at: http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/natural-resources/en-ie/Pages/Legislation/Minerals-Development-Bill-2015.aspx)
2.4.5 Effectiveness and Outcomes	A formal mechanism for coordination is an effective mechanism since it is building strong relationships with local and central Government.

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Stakeholder Integration	
Mechanisms for stakeholder involvement	Regulatory impact assessment of the 2015 Bill; Revised and beyond legal compliance stakeholder involvement process
MECHANISM 1	Regulatory impact assessment of the 2015 Bill
3.1 Status	
3.2 number of stakeholders involved	variable
3.3 Type of stakeholders involved	Exploration and mining industry (including IMEG, Irish Concrete Federation, round Limestone Producers Association of IBEC, Irish Mining and Quarrying Society and the Society of Chartered Surveyors); Landowners; Environmental NGOs; local community groups / community action groups; environmental awareness campaign
3.4 Detailed description and practical implications	
3.4.1 Purpose and objective of the mechanism	The main objective of involving stakeholders in the public consultation process is to anticipate and consider different potential impacts and how the Bill could effectively deal with them in terms of costs, benefits and impacts. It is also important to inform the different stakeholders about the context of the policy and what impact the policy would have on them.
3.4.2 Representatives participating	-
3.4.3 Regularity of meetings	-
3.4.4 Process description	All key Stakeholders were included in the regulatory impact assessment of the 2015 Bill. Prior to the commencement of the Bill, the then Minister invited submissions through the national papers on 18 July 2005. In order to ensure that stakeholders were informed of the Minister's intention to update and restate the Minerals Development Act 1940-1999, a direct invitation for submissions was also made. In 2009 a further round of informal consultation took place on the basis of a summary of the Bill's main features. A working group was also set up by the former Minister between the Department and the Irish Mining and exploration group (IMEG) of IBEC (IBEC is the group that represents Irish business both domestically and internationally) to examine a wide range of issues of concern to the industry. The Bill is also in line with the conclusions of the Working Group's report. Meetings were also held with the Irish Concrete Federation, which represents the large quarrying companies. In relation to public consultation with the prospecting licensing processes, prior to the Minister making a decision to grant a prospecting licence, a notice of his/her intention to grant such a licence is published in the local paper and 21 days is given for responses (if any) to be submitted to the Minister. The Minister reviews these submission before deciding whether to grant a licence. In the case of a mining licence application, there is a thorough public consultation process via the planning authorities and the mining application processes. The Department's website also makes a lot of information publicly available regarding licensing and legislation. The Bill is published on the Department's website, as is the regulatory impact assessment and the explanatory memorandum. Members of the public can correspond/contact the section or the Minister to make representation on these matters.
3.4.5 Effectiveness and Outcomes	The concrete outcome is better informed policy and legislation which is proofed for impacts.

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MECHANISM 2	Revised and beyond legal compliance stakeholder involvement process
3.1 Status	upcoming
3.2 number of stakeholders involved	-
3.3 Type of stakeholders involved	-
3.4 Detailed description and practical implications	
3.4.1 Purpose and objective of the mechanism	To ensure we have policy which is informed by key stakeholders and that stakeholders are informed of our policy and programmes
3.4.2 Representatives participating	-
3.4.3 Regularity of meetings	-
3.4.4 Process description	The Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources is now devising its own stakeholder policy, which when finalised will be available on the Department's website.
3.4.5 Effectiveness and Outcomes	-

<u>Policy evaluation</u>	
Mechanisms for policy evaluation	The Department reviews and evaluates its policy on a regular basis. Some of the Provisions in the 2015 Bill are broad and enabling. They will be brought into effect by regulations, which can evolve and adapt as necessary. The legislation will be reviewed regularly.