

# Reducing the environmental footprint in the industrial minerals sector: Case studies & Innovation

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# ***IMA-Europe members & mission***

Industrial Minerals Association (IMA-Europe) is an **umbrella organization** which brings together nine European and one international association specific to individual minerals:

**CCA-Europe** - European **Calcium Carbonate** Association

**EBA** - European **Borates** Association

**ESMA** - European **Specialty Minerals** Association  
i.e. **andalusite, mica, vermiculite & sepiolite**

**EUBA** - European **Bentonite** Association

**EULA** - European **Lime** Association

**EUROFEL** - European Association of **Feldspar** Producers

**EUROSIL** - European Association of **Silica** Producers  
i.e. Quartz & cristobalite

**EUROTALC** - Scientific Association of the European **Talc** Industry

**IDPA** - International **Diatomite** Producers Association

**KPC-Europe** - European **Kaolin & Plastic Clays** Association

**Promote the interests of the European industrial minerals industry in all non commercial issues**

# ***Representative membership***

**In most of its member association (sections)  
IMA Europe represents 95-99% of the European producers**

## ***28 European Countries***

***i.e. 23 EU Member States + Croatia,  
Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine***

***500 companies***

***(685 mines & quarries, 750 plants)***

***42,500 employees***

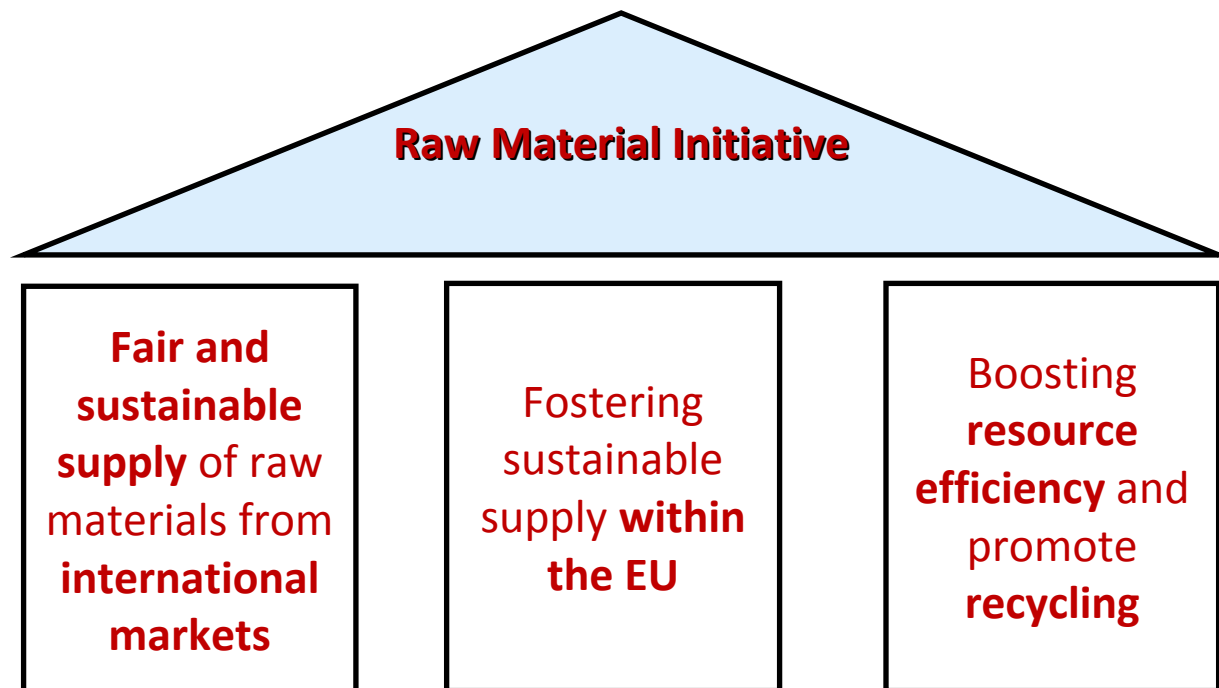
***180 million tpa,***

***EUR 10 billion turnover***

Europe 2020 Strategy - Flagships Resource Efficiency Europe  
COM(2010) 2020 (03.03.2010):

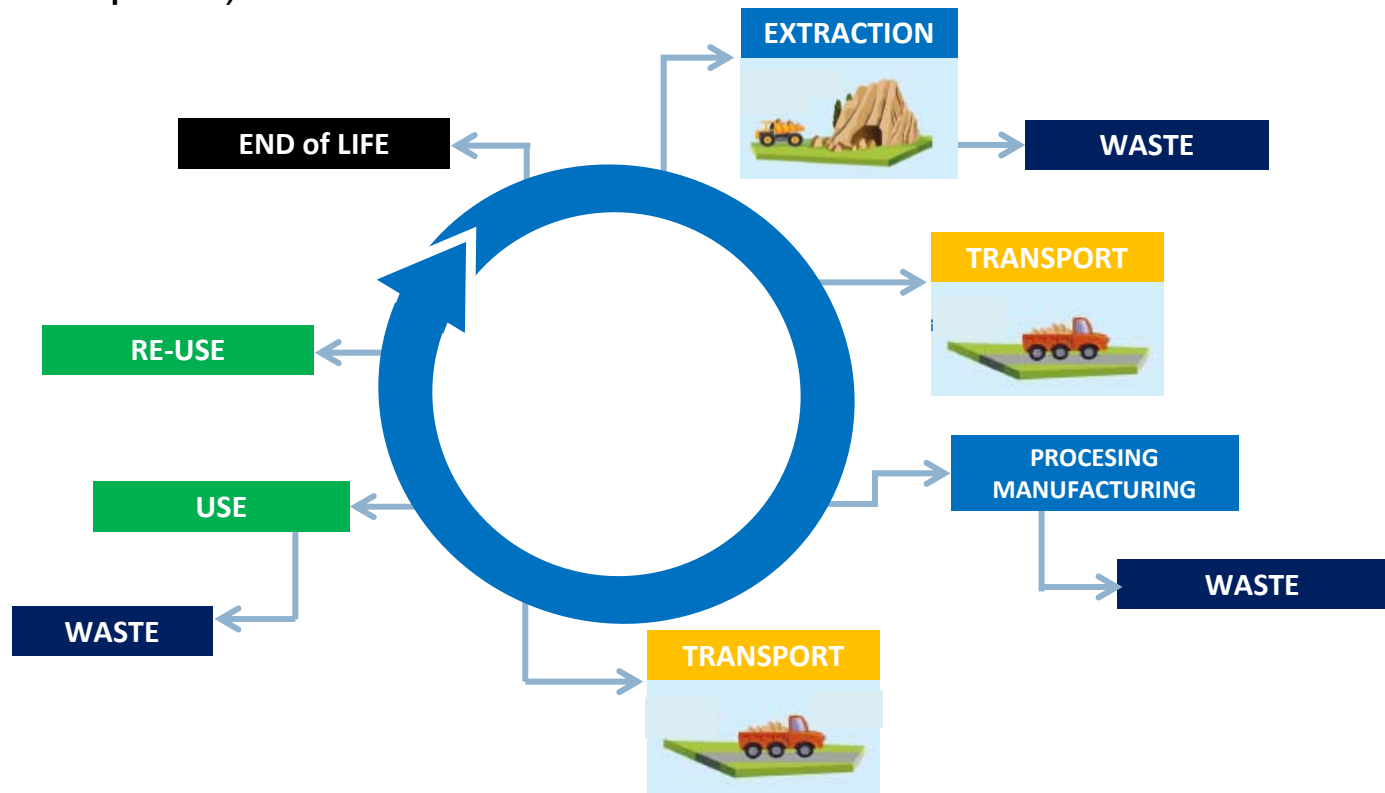
**Objective:** Resource efficient Europe; Sustainable growth; Greener and more competitive economy; Decoupling; Boost use of renewable energy.

- **A Resource Efficient Europe COM (2011) 21;**
- **Communication on Challenges in Commodity Markets and Raw Materials (02.02.11);**
- **Roadmap for a resource-efficient Europe (20.09.11);**



# Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

Life cycle thinking is an approach which evaluates the **environmental impacts** in a **holistic approach** (the raw material extraction, material processing, transportation, distribution, consumption, reuse/recycling, and disposal).



LCA helps to **identify hot spots** in the life cycle of a product, therefore **driving management decisions** and action to **minimize the environmental impact for industrial minerals manufacturing.** 5

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- Case study 4:** Recycling of **seven industrial minerals**

## ➤ IM concerned

Perlite

## ➤ Scope



Develop sustainable and innovative solutions for the extraction, processing, use and re-use of minerals, **along the entire value chain**;

The development of **micro-sized closed structure perlite (CSP)** and similar micronized perlite based particles

Development of **breakthrough perlite expansion technologies** with special insulating and mechanical properties highly exceeding those of conventional perlite;

**Improve functionality of perlite:** durability; weight

**Lower:** Cost

## ➤ Applications of concern

**Construction** products (panels, boards and bricks), mortars and functional fillers, **Manufacturing** and **Chemical** industry.

## ➤ ExPerl Consortium

Leader: **S&B Industrial Minerals**

**12 consortium members:** Universities; Applied technology; Research institutes; Specialized companies & SME; End user companies (3);

EU coverage: **Five EU countries + Israel**

## ➤ Budget:

Project Cost: **8.1 Mill EURO**

Project Funding: **5 Mill EURO (FP7)**

## ➤ Timeline:

Launched: 1.05.2009

Finalized: 30.4.2013

## ➤ Weblink: <http://www.experl.eu/>





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- 09.11.11**  
 30 Month Technical Meeting (GA/EB/WP/IPR)  
 9 - 10 Nov 2011  
 S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.  
 Athens, Greece
- 08.11.11**  
 Exploitation Strategy Seminar (ESS)  
 8 Nov 2011  
 S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.  
 Athens, Greece
- 07.01.10**  
 6 month technical meeting:  
 22 January 2010  
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➤ **IM concerned:** Diatomaceous earth, perlite and clay

➤ **Scope**  **STOICISM**

Sustainable Technologies for Calcined Industrial Minerals in Europe

Develop sustainable and **innovative solutions** for the **extraction, processing, use** and reuse of minerals, use of **waste for energy along the entire value chain.**

Reduce the **carbon footprint** of several calcined industrial minerals

Test for the **beneficiation, drying, and calcination** of industrial minerals

Evaluate new technologies for **energy efficiency in processing**  
**Transfer and/or implement** the knowledge acquired to other industrial minerals

**Resource efficient: Use less use better**

➤ **Applications of concern**

**Paints; Brewery**

## ➤ STOICISM Consortium

Leader: **IMERYS**

**17 consortium members:** Universities; Applied technology; Research institutes; Specialized companies & SME; End user companies (2); Industry association (1)

EU coverage: **Eight EU countries**

## ➤ Budget:

Project Cost: **8.6 Mill EURO**

Project Funding: **5.8 Mill EURO (FP7)**

## ➤ Timeline:

Launched: 1.01.2013

Finalized: 31.12.2016

## ➤ Weblink: <http://www.stoicism.eu>



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## STOICISM: a FP7 research & innovation project

**Major innovative research project (STOICISM) launched under FP7 for the "New environmentally friendly approaches to mineral processing"**

In mid 2011, as a response to the shortage of some minerals in global markets and the sky rocketing of commodity prices, the European Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7) launched its bids for large projects under the umbrella of Nanosciences,



Co-funded by the European Union

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## ➤ Scope

Natural drying of bentonite in open fields in Milos: Reduce energy consumption; resource efficiency; reduce CO<sub>2</sub>



In comparison to industrial drying, the natural /mild drying results in

- 1.35% energy savings,**
- 2.Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 24,000 t/a,**
- 3.Resource efficiency since does not destroy the crystalline structure of bentonite and allows blending of variable qualities**

## ➤ IMA-Europe 2012 Resource Efficiency Award:

Independent Award Jury:

- Prof. Panayotov MEP (European Parliament)
- Prof. Martens (RWTH Aachen - Academia)
- T. Pataridze (IUCN – NGOs & Towns)
- B. Johnson (Parliament Magazine - EU media)

*“Simplicity of natural drying of bentonite in S&B project results in significant and measurable results” which assist to meet the sustainable development goals and set the vision for the industry.*

## ➤ Award Ceremony

European Parliament  
November 2012





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## ➤ Scope

Calculate the recycling rate of various industrial minerals via different end use applications.

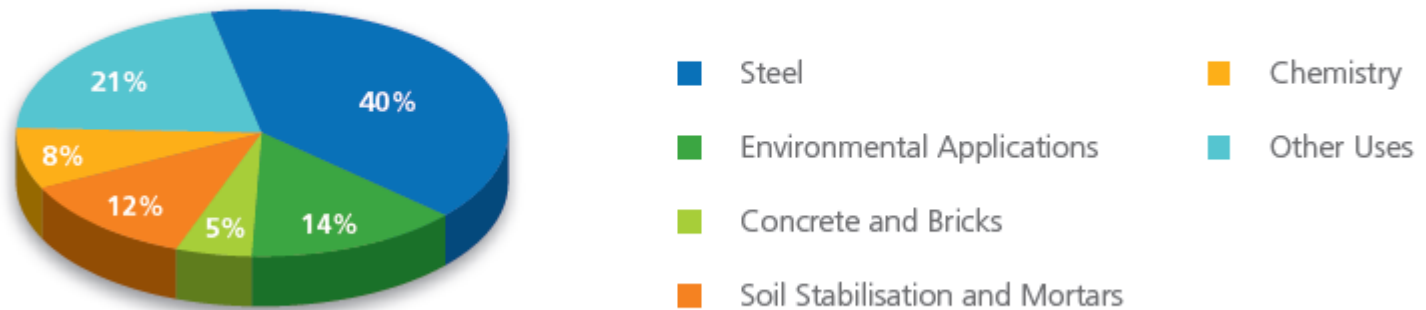
## ➤ Industrial Minerals can be and are recycled

- ✓ Bentonite (50%);
- ✓ Calcium Carbonate (58%);
- ✓ Feldspar (67%);
- ✓ Kaolin & Clay (49%);
- ✓ Lime (68%);
- ✓ Industrial Silica (73%);
- ✓ Talc (60%).

## ➤ Weblink:

<http://www.ima-europe.eu/sites/ima-europe.eu/files/publications>

## EUROPEAN LIME CONSUMPTION BY MARKET



Lime market by use category [Industry estimate]

## LIME RECYCLING RATE

The overall recyclability rate of lime can be evaluated as follows:

	Lime Markets	Application Recycling Rate	Lime Recycling Rate
Steel	40%	95%	38%
Environmental Applications	14%	90%	13%
Concrete and Bricks	5%	65%	3%
Soil Stabilisation and Mortars	12%	75%	9%
Chemistry	8%	70%	6%
Other Uses	21%		
Total	100%		68%

## EUROPEAN SILICA CONSUMPTION BY MARKET



Silica market by use category [Industry estimate]

## SILICA RECYCLING RATE

The overall recyclability rate of silica can be evaluated as follows:

	Silica Markets	Application Recycling Rate	Silica Recycling Rate
Construction and Soil	39%	85%	33%
Container Glass	17%	75%	13%
Flat Glass	17%	80%	14%
Glass (Other)	5%	25%	1%
Foundry	12%	80%	10%
Ceramics	4%	60%	2%
Other Uses	6%		
Total	100%		73%

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