



Review of cross-border collaboration between
Saxony and the Czech Republic within the framework
of the Saxon Raw Materials Strategy and
the EU Raw Materials Initiative and
Saxon efforts on smart and green mining





## Saxon Efforts: Setting the Scene









2006 – ROHSA12008 – ROHSA2 - Raw MaterialsCadastre of Saxon Ores and Spars

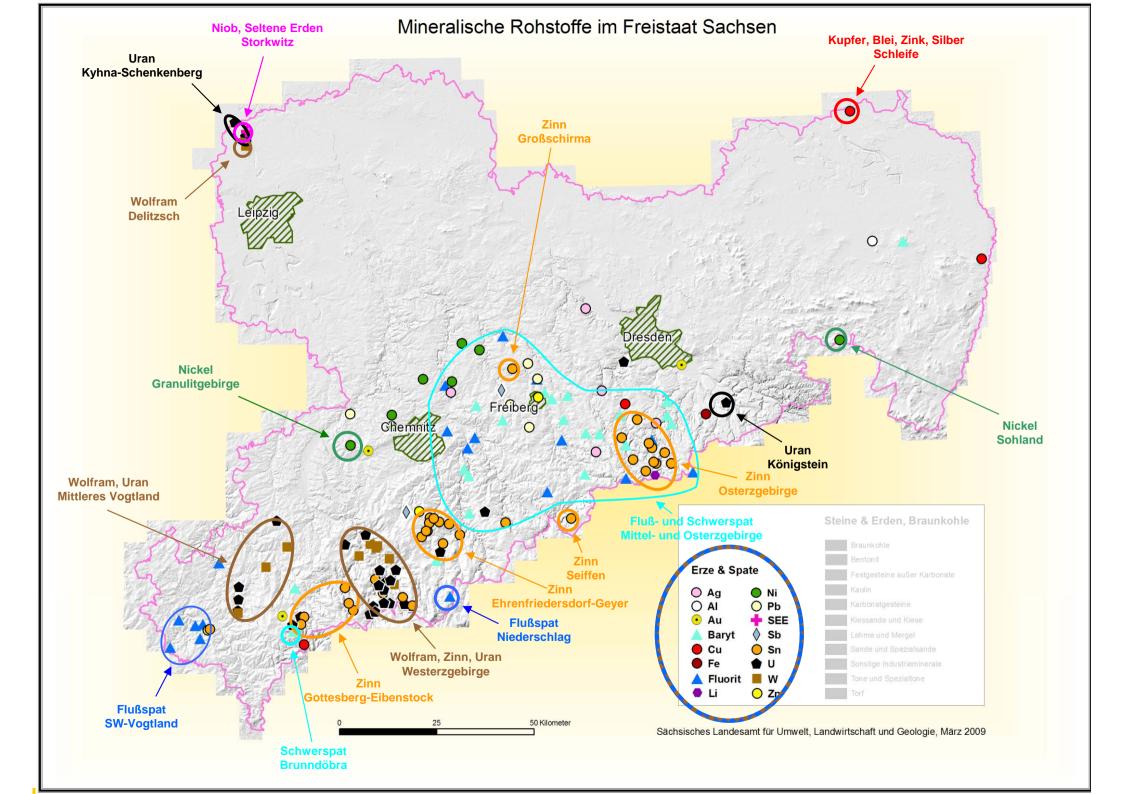
- 139 files on spar and ore occurrences
- Intro into mining in Saxony, potential
- Merging archive data sets of different locations from industry, academia, administration to briefly outline the economic raw material potential of Saxony in terms of mine development



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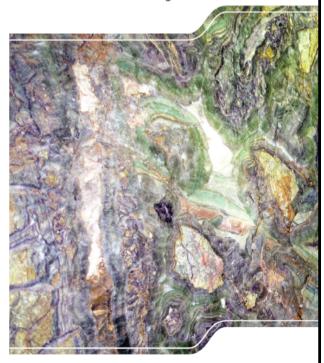
#### Freistaat SACHSEN

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#### Sachsen hebt seine Schätze

Abschlusskolloquium Projekt ROHSA 3.1

am 29. März 2017 in Freiberg





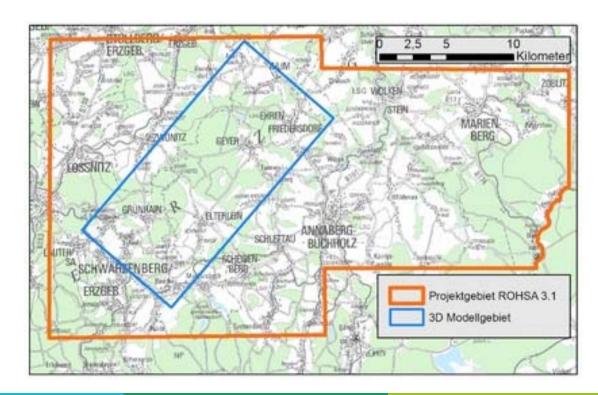


#### 2015 ROHSA 3.1

Assessment of more than 6.400 metadata sets

Filing and scan of >40000 files with more than 2.6 mio pages

Digitalization of 300 Wismut core drillings and assessment of 70.000 geophysical and approx.240.000 geochemical data sets

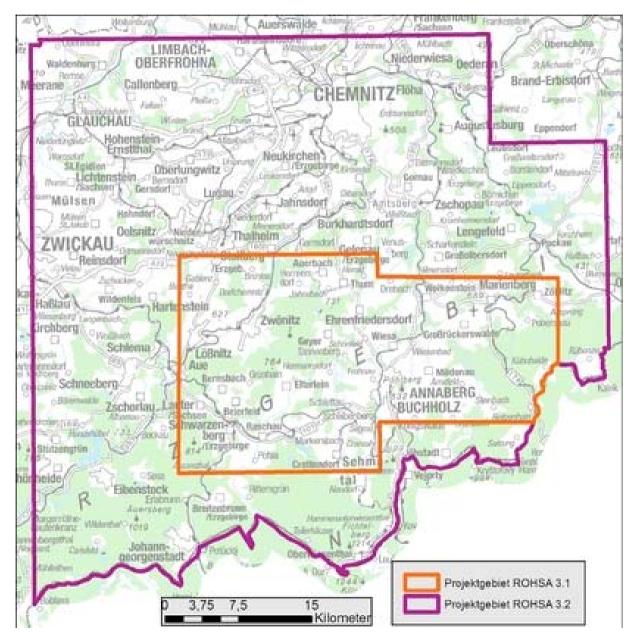






# Enhancement of the research area → defining the resource base

located in the Erzgebirge in the district of Erzgebirgskreis. It covers an area of about 110 km<sup>2</sup> between the towns of Grünhain-Beierfeld and Elterlein to the south, Zwönitz to the West, Gelenau to the north and Ehrenfriedersdorf and Geyer to the east. In the Geyer-Ehrenfrieders-dorf area significant concentrations tin, zinc, tungsten, molybdenum, copper, iron, lead, silver and indium are to be found.



## **ROHSA 3.2** → **Smart Specialisation in exploration**



### **Geophysical Exploration in the Erzgebirge**Project partners:

Helmholtz Institute Freiberg for Resource Technology (Coordinator)

TU Bergakademie Freiberg

German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources

Saxon State Agency for Environment, Agriculture and Geology (expert support)

Research area: Geyer-Ehrenfriedersdorf im mid Erzgebirge region, Saxony

Evaluation and development of modern techniques for the delineation of mineral resources to depths reaching 500 meters and to develop mathematical methods to create a realistic 3-D model of the geological subsoil from the geophysical data collected.

Aero-Electromagnetic Measurements

With airborn probes induced electric fields in the subsoil of the earth, providing information about electrical conductivity, which can be used to assist the mapping of mineralization in the rock.

Reflexion-Seismic Measurements to highlightsubsoil structures.

Transient-Electromagnetic Measurement (TEM), detects subsoil electrical conductivity down to depths of several hundred meters





## EU – Saxon Efforts: Setting the Scene





#### COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels, 4.11.2008 COM(2008) 699 final

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

The raw materials initiative — meeting our critical needs for growth and jobs in Europe

{SEC(2008) 2741}

2008

The sustainable supply of raw materials based in the EU requires that the knowledge base of mineral deposits within the EU will be improved. In addition, the long term access to these deposits should be taken into account in land use planning.











#### 2010 ROHSAB

Cross-border raw materials cadastre Saxony – Czech Republic

Re-evaluation of eight cross-border mineral occurrences

Raw material awarness building (civil society)

#### Partner:

- GKZ (lead partner)
- Regional development agency, Usti nad Labem
- Czech Geological Survey









#### Perspektivy využití lokalit po těžbě surovin Přeshraniční zhodnocení a příklady best-practise

Bergbaufolgelandschaften und ihre Nachnutzung Grenzübergreifenden Bewertung von best-practise Beispielen



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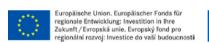
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#### 2015

Abandoned mining sites and their re-use – cross-border best practises from Saxony and Czech Republic

- Revitalisation
- Remediation
- Rehabilitation
- → Linking stakeholders
- → Defining further action







## Saxon - Federal Efforts: R&D

## **Smart Specialisation in Remediation**





## **Smart Specialisation** in Remediation

REMIX Interreg Europe

- Mine water treatment (sulphate reduction, extraction, heavy metals)
- Biological treatment technologies
- Remediation of radioactivity
- Radiation protection
- Environmental monitoring
- Flooding of mine works
- Geotextiles, dump site geotechniques
- Site development
- Extraction of valuable metals
- Re-evaluation of Wismut mining sites



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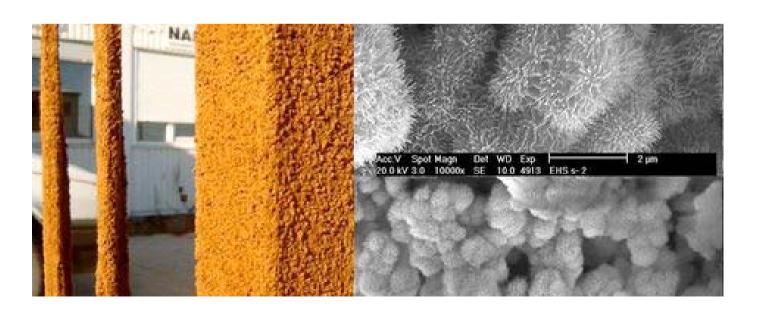


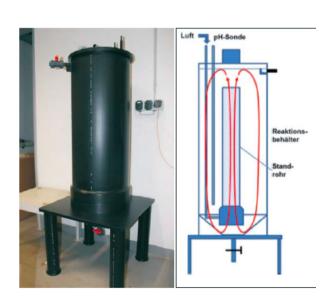
## Saxon - Federal Efforts: R&D

#### **Smart Specialisation in Remediation**



- Acid mining drainage
- groundwater management and protection
- in-situ-remediation of contaminated soil and aquifers
- Re-gain of valuable by-products from combustion ashes







## Federal Efforts: R&D



GEFÖRDERT VOM





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Innovative Technologien für Ressourceneffizienz – Strategische Metalle und Mineralien

Ergebnisse der Fördermaßnahme r³



#### Innovative Technologies for Resource Efficiency – Strategic Metals and Minerals (2012-2016)

#### **Smart Specialisation in Recycling**

**Remining** – Mining after Mining

Technology testing and setting up a Mine dump cadastre for valorisation of abandoned mine sites





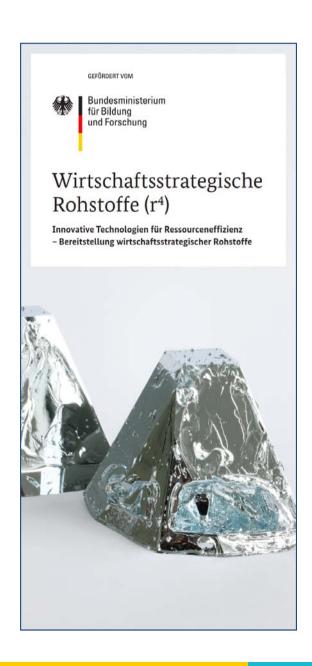
## **Economically Strategic Resources (r4)** 2015-2019

- Development of concepts for the exploration of primary raw materials
- Development of environmental friendly concepts for the valorisation of complex ores of known ore deposits
- Recovery of processing and production rejects
- Promotion of junior research

www.r4-innovation.de

#### **Smart Specialisation in exploration and processing**





## "ResErVar" Resource Potential of Hydrothermal Deposits of the Variscan

→ knowledge on deposit geology

## "AFK" New Strategies for die processing of complex ores

→ valorisation of domestic resources in the Erzgebirge



# Federal Efforts: Clustering, (trans-european) Networking, Regional smart specialisation











## Clustering and Regional smart specialisation:

**LiFG:** Development of a regional technology platform for the exploitation, procssing and recycling of Lithium

Geobiotechnology in Mining and Remediation

→ GAIN

**GAIN:** Geobiotechnological Applications for processing Industrial Nonsulfidic raw materials

 $\rightarrow$  FAME



## **EU Efforts: R&D**





**FAME** Flexible And Mobile Economic processing technologies → valorisation of domestic resources in EU (incl. Cross-border Li/Sn-deposit Zinnwald/Cinovec)

**AFK** New Strategies for die processing of complex ores → valorisation of domestic resources in the Erzgebirge (spec. Greisen and skarn occurrences)

**BIOMORE** Research on future mining techniques, including reduction of environmental impact (targeting cross-border copper shale occurrences between SN-PL)





**BioFlex** Flexible Biometallurgy Infrastructure and Expertise network

**inSPECtor** Integrated spectroscopy sensor system for laser-induced

fluorescence and hyperspectral imaging

**PreFlex** pre-treatment and physical separation of complex low

grade ores and residues

RoStar Upscaling of the RoStar ultra fine grinding mill for liberation

of high valued ores



## Roadmap of smart specialisation in mining and metallurgy in Saxony A summary



- 1. Historical background and strong commitment to mining, metallurgy
- 2. 1990: Termination of mining, start of remediation works # new market conditions strong competition → need for action:
  - a) Intensify R&D, portfolio development
  - b) Generation of niche markets
  - c) Overcome fragmentation, networking, lobbying, knowledge → GKZ
- 3. Since 1990: Financial support by public incentives (7 billion € in Wismut clean up), revitalisation of abandoned lignite mining sites, R&D on acid mining drainage ⇒ also as part of the economic aid programme for East Germany
- 4. Since 2008: RM supply crisis; paradigm change: Improvement of framework conditions, industrial clusters, valorisation of domestic mineral resources,
- 5. Since 2012: → enhancing collaborative research, industry driven research foundation of federal research infrastructure in Saxony (HZDR), portfolio change, "consulters become miners"
- 6. Since 2014 "Going EU" (Horizon 2020; Interreg, EIT…), Internationalization, business extension, attracting investors by valorisation of historic data

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# Smart specialisation: putting mine facilities underground





## Smart specialisation: Develop new extraction ways



