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# **Towards a responsible mining industry. The social dimension**

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## The Non-Energy Extractive Industries

- 350,000 employees in about 17,500 companies
- Turnover of 36.8 billion EUR
- Minerals are essential for development and therefore for the quality of life and the creation of sustainable communities

## Key priorities for the Extractive industry

- The legal framework
- Long-term raw materials policy
- Foreign affairs and trade policies
- Environmental and social policies

## Education and training

- The necessary level of skills is to be achieved by means of a robust training system and an effective policy of lifelong training
- Greater importance to vocational training, continuing training and further training
- Foreign languages and “European competence” are necessary
- Continuing training which expands the individual’s basic knowledge and adapts it to changing requirements constitutes reasonable expectations
- Access to qualifications is an essential basis for further social and economic development

## Health and safety

- Initial and continuing professional training and schooling
- Prevention of occupational hazards
- Preventive medical measures
- Labour hygiene in the Workplace
- Employees' cooperative rights and obligations