Zoï Environment Network
BETTER MINING
Information, Consultation, Mediation
What We Do

We identify risks and opportunities and present information visually so that stakeholders can engage in informed negotiations.

This service includes:

**Environmental assessment**
- of mining-relevant environmental and policy risk factors for informed decision-making

**Participatory mapping**
- and stakeholder consultation at mining sites to assess community issues related to mining

**Process facilitation**
- that is credible, neutral and informative, and that promotes better mining and eases potential conflicts

“If we had applied the Zoï toolkit for conflict prevention earlier, we may have avoided some of the present conflicts in Kyrgyzstan” – Karybek Ibraev  EITI
Zoï Environment Network
Independent, non-profit consultancy based in Geneva, Switzerland

Credible
Information based on technical and scientific analysis and supported by wide consultation of local resources and international standards

Neutral
Information brokered through stakeholder consultation by uninvolved party

Communicative
Clear and attractive information understandable to a wide audience of non-professionals and policymakers

Local
More than 20 years of field experience and extensive expert networks across Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Central Asia and the Caucasus
Zoï toolkit for the prevention and mediation of conflicts in the development of the mining sector

1. Situational Analysis
2. Stakeholder Engagement
3. Integrated Impact Assessment
4. Management Plan

For the prevention and resolution of conflicts
Addressing environmental and social concerns
Combining the best solutions from global practitioners
Hands-on and easily applicable
For governments, private sector companies and NGOs

Developed with Finnish, Swiss and Central Asian expertise, applicable world-wide
Mining conflicts can cause severe problems for mining companies, local communities, and even national economies. Implementation schedules and operational interruptions can become long and expensive while local communities can suffer from uncertainties and conflict potential. Environmental and social risks associated with mining must be managed so that operations move forward into a stable environment.

Zoï Environment Network's Better Mining is designed to help parties to mining activities express their interests and concerns in a constructive manner and to identify areas of mutual benefit.

**Kyrgyzstan**
Zoï provided environmental and health assessments and trainings to create common ground for collaboration between ministries, locally active gold mining companies and communities. Assessments make creative use of participatory mapping and visualization techniques to increase understanding between interest groups.

**Mining for Closure**
Zoï has developed guidelines for sustainable mining and closure of mines tailored to the Western Balkan region.
In addition, Zoï has provided regional trainings and helped design and implement cost-efficient technical solutions for risk reduction at abandoned mine sites.

**Donetsk Environment and Security Assessment**
Zoï facilitated cooperation through linking environment and security opportunities. This included implementing an environmental risk assessment of mining waste heaps, media tours, and journalist trainings in Southern Ukraine.
Our collaborators

Research and Development

International Cooperation

National Governments
Finland, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan

Private Sector Participation
Z-Explorer company, Andash Mining Company, Kutisay Mining Limited, Talas Copper Gold, LLC/Gold Fields, Kyrgyz Republic LLC, Manas Resources Limited