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## COMPLEMENTARITY OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS IN ASSESSING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE MINING INDUSTRY

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Social  
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Environmental  
protection

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framework

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## COMPLEMENTARITY AND OVERLAPPING

**Overlapping:** environmental and social indicators and risks may investigate the same area of concern, problem

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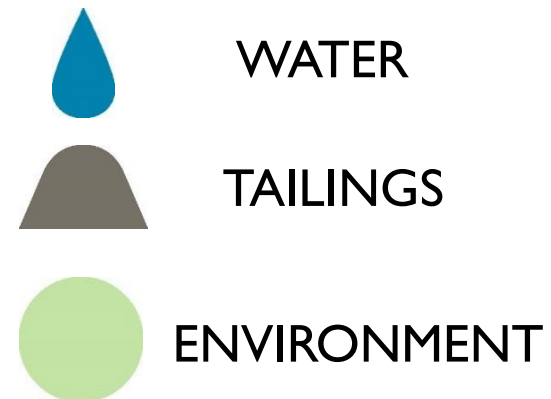
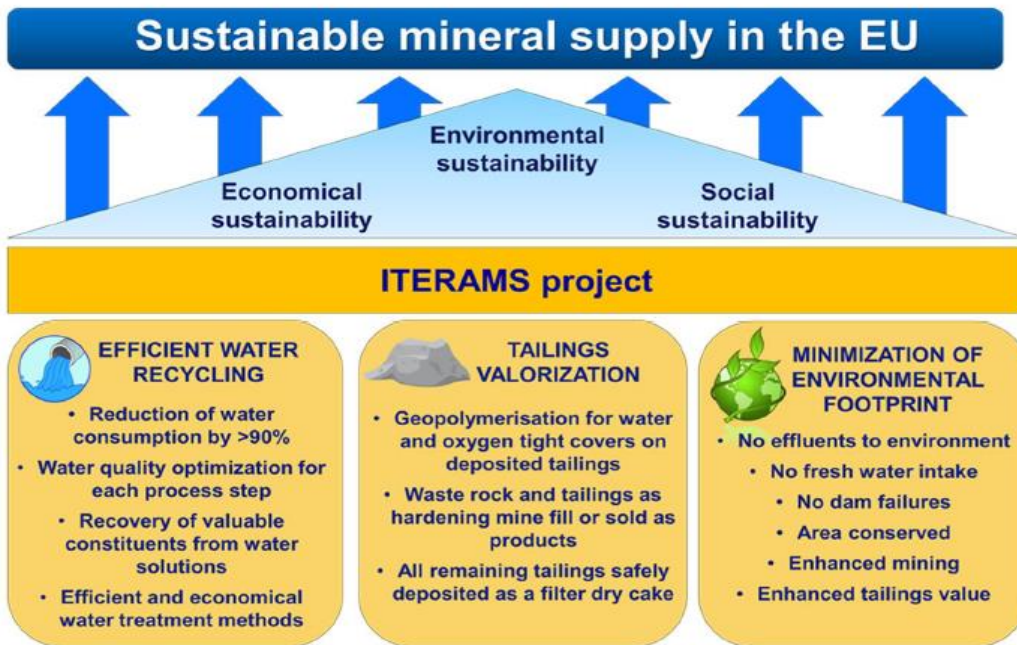
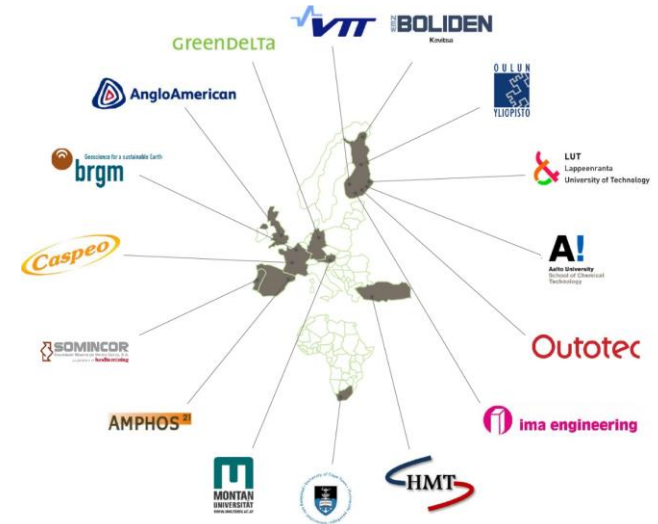
they may express different consequences, characters, stakeholders



**Complementarity:** e- and s-LCA influence each other by triggering and reinforcing risks and impacts

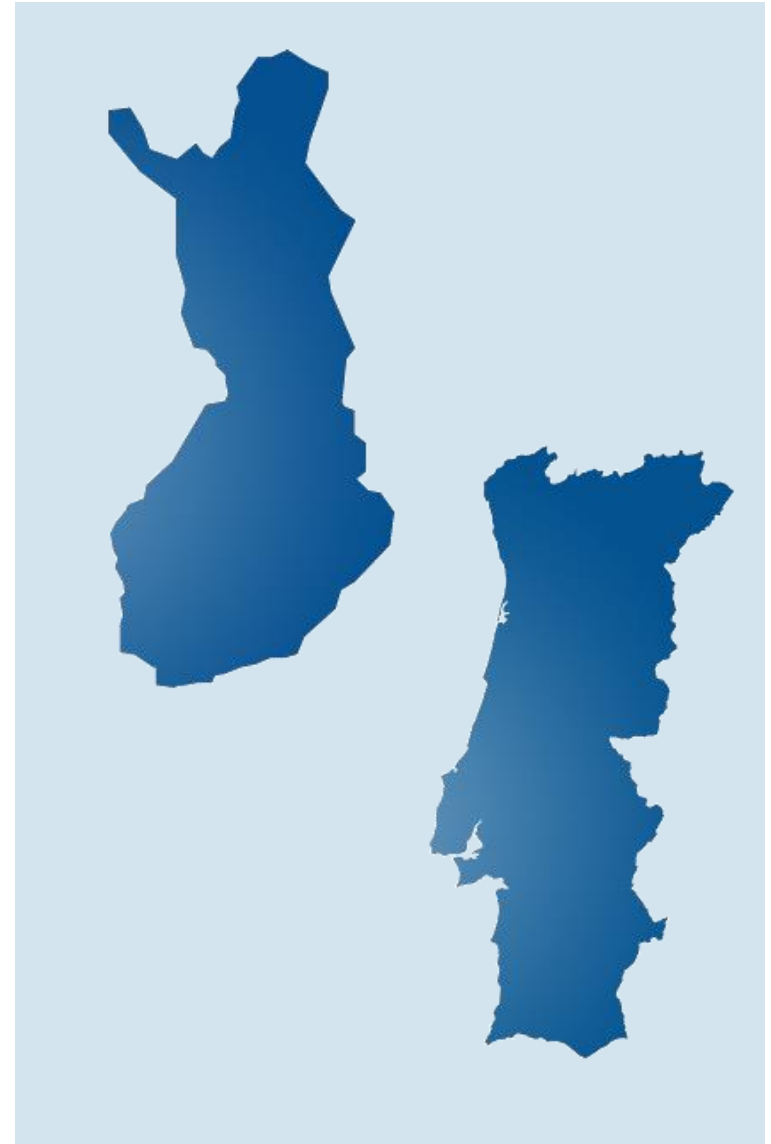
# INTEGRATED MINERAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR MORE SUSTAINABLE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY

- H2020 issue “Sustainable selective low impact mining”
- 3 years: 1.6.2017 – 31.5.2020
- 7.9 M€ budget
- 16 partners



## E- AND S-LCA SCREENING APPROACH

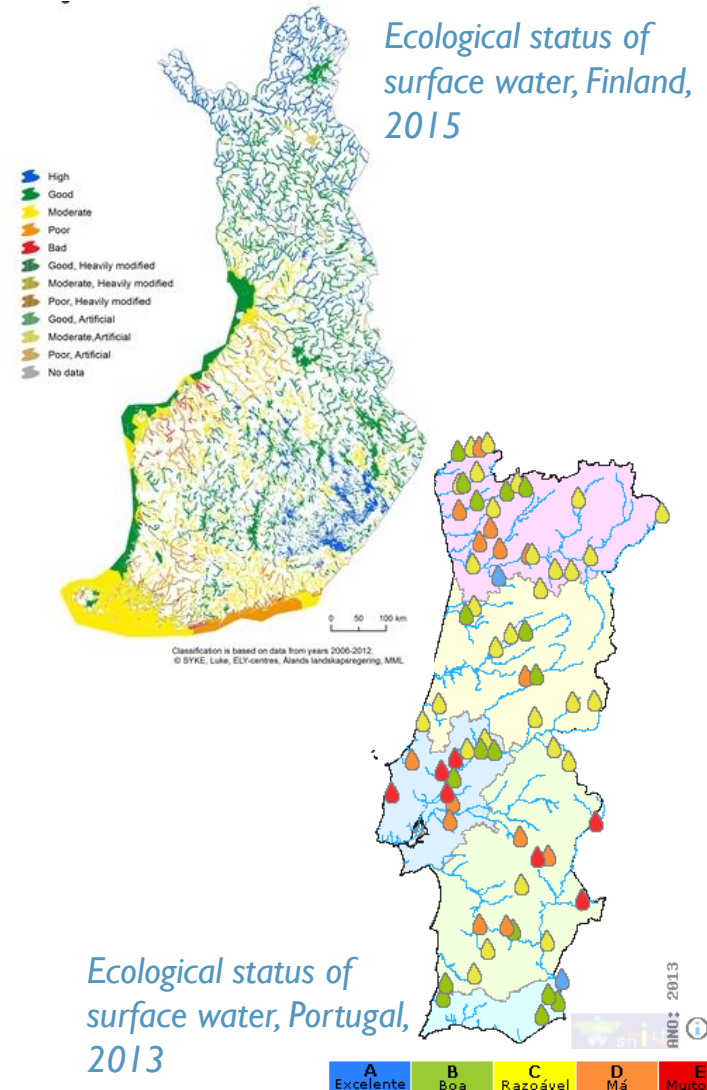
- **Country** selection: Finland, Portugal
- **Database** selection: sLCA-> PSILCA; eLCA-> ecoinvent, EXIOBASE
- **Methods** selection: ILCD 2011 Midpoint+, ReCiPe, Boulay et al. (2011), CML-IA baseline, EXIOBASE built-in LCIAM, Social impacts weighting method in PSILCA
- **Process** selection: PSILCA-> Metal ores; ecoinvent-> copper mine operation, copper production, primary; EXIOBASE -> copper ores and concentrates



# E- AND S-LCA SCREENING APPROACH

## Context of the mining activity

- Vulnerability of local communities, e.g. their dependence on local water reserves
- Availability and quality of water and mineral resources
- Conflicts with other industries, e.g. agriculture
- Importance of mining for the local/national economy
- Social risks on a national scale (not sector-specific)
- Steadiness of risks/impacts



# RESULTS: A COMPLEMENTARY VIEW ON THE TOPIC

- A number of indicators emerged as important to describe potential impacts both on society and environment

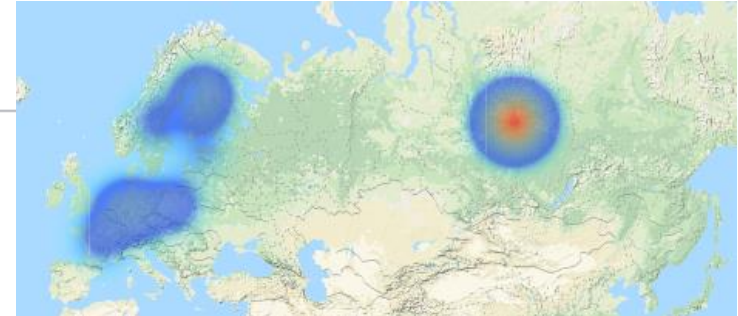
Social screening (PSILCA)		
Category	Subcategory	Indicator
Local community	Access to material resources	Level of industrial water use (related to total withdrawal or to actual renewable resources)
		Extraction of industrial and construction minerals
		Extraction of ores
	Safe and healthy living conditions	Certified environmental management systems (CEMs)
		Pollution level of the country
		Contribution of the sector to environmental load
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Environmental screening		
Database	Assessment method	Category
ecoinvent	ILCD	Resource depletion - water
		Resource depletion – mineral, fossils and renewables
	ILCD, CML baseline, ReCiPe	Climate change
		Human toxicity
	ReCiPe	Water depletion
	Metal depletion	
EXIOBASE	EXIOBASE	Water Consumption Blue
		Water Withdrawal Blue

# ACCESS TO MATERIAL RESOURCES: WATER, FINLAND

## ■ Metal ores, Finland, PSILCA

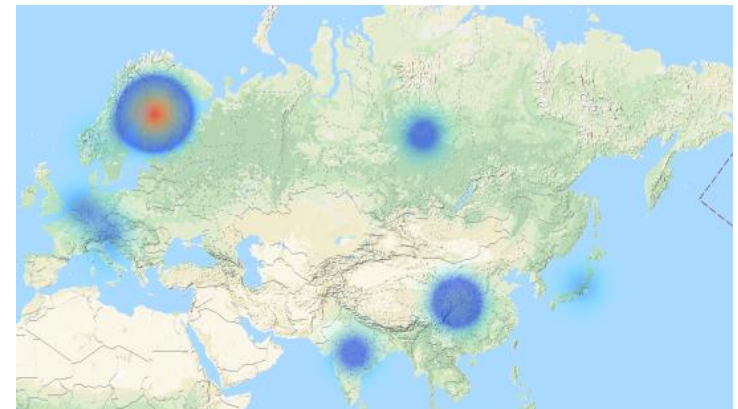
Impact category: Industrial water depletion

Contribution	Process
100.00%	<span style="color: red;">█</span> Metal ores - FI
> 77.89%	<span style="color: darkred;">█</span> Manufacture of basic metals - FI
> 17.00%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products - FI
> 00.20%	Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy manufacturing - US
> 00.17%	Non-ferrous metals - CA
> 00.11%	Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas; service activities incidental to oil and gas extraction excluding surveying - EE
> 00.11%	Basic ferrous metals - DE



## ■ Copper ores and concentrates, Finland, EXIOBASE

Name	Category	It
Water Withdrawal Blue - Total		
> P Electricity by gas - RU	EXIOBASE / Russian Federation	█
> P Electricity by nuclear - RU	EXIOBASE / Russian Federation	█
> P Electricity by petroleum and other oil derivatives - EE	EXIOBASE / Estonia	█
> P Electricity by biomass and waste - FI	EXIOBASE / Finland	█
> P Plastics, basic - FI	EXIOBASE / Finland	█
> P Paper and paper products - FI	EXIOBASE / Finland	█
Water Withdrawal Blue - Manufacturing		
> P Plastics, basic - FI	EXIOBASE / Finland	█
> P Paper and paper products - FI	EXIOBASE / Finland	█
> P Chemicals nec - FI	EXIOBASE / Finland	█
> P P- and other fertiliser - FI	EXIOBASE / Finland	█
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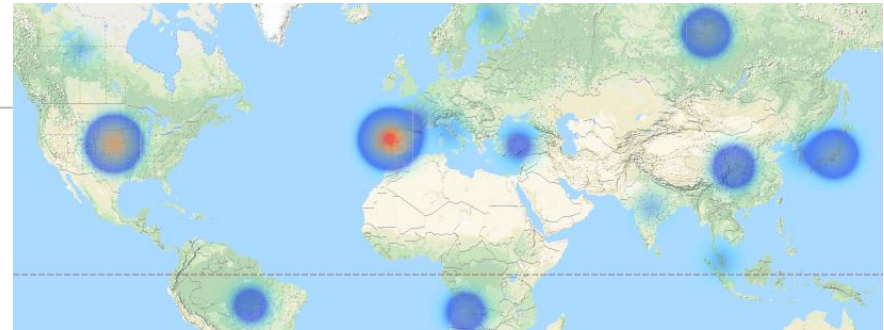
Impact localization: Water withdrawal - Manufacturing



# SAFE AND HEALTHY LIVING: ENV. LOAD, PORTUGAL

## ■ Metal ores, Portugal, PSILCA

● Impact category: Contribution to environmental load



Contribution	Process
100.00%	<span style="color: red;">█</span> Metal ores - PT
> 30.69%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Manufacture of basic metals - PT
> 07.91%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Manufacture of basic metals - FI
> 07.70%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Pig iron - JP
> 06.68%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Basic ferrous metals - DE
> 05.84%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Basic non-ferrous metals - DE
> 05.20%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Nonferrous metal (except copper and aluminum) rolling, drawing, extruding and alloying - US
> 04.23%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Re-export - DE
> 03.60%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Other non-ferrous metals - JP

## ■ Copper mine operation, RER, ecoinvent

● Impact category: Particulate matter - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+

Contribution	Process
100.00%	<span style="color: red;">█</span> copper mine operation, sulfide ore   copper concentrate, sulfide ore   Cutoff, U - RER
> 13.98%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market for blasting   blasting   Cutoff, U - GLO
> 06.61%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market for steel, chromium steel 18/8, hot rolled   steel, chromium steel 18/8, hot rolled   Cutoff, U - GLO
> 01.75%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market group for electricity, medium voltage   electricity, medium voltage   Cutoff, U - RER
> 01.27%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market for chemicals, inorganic   chemical, inorganic   Cutoff, U - GLO

● Impact category: Climate change - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+

Contribution	Process
100.00%	<span style="color: red;">█</span> copper mine operation, sulfide ore   copper concentrate, sulfide ore   Cutoff, U - RER
> 28.84%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market for blasting   blasting   Cutoff, U - GLO
> 24.47%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market for steel, chromium steel 18/8, hot rolled   steel, chromium steel 18/8, hot rolled   Cutoff, U - GLO
> 24.43%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market group for electricity, medium voltage   electricity, medium voltage   Cutoff, U - RER
> 08.53%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market for chemicals, inorganic   chemical, inorganic   Cutoff, U - GLO
> 03.96%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market for mine infrastructure, open cast, non-ferrous metal   mine infrastructure, open cast, non-ferrous metal   Cutoff, U - GLO
> 02.24%	<span style="color: blue;">█</span> market for chemical, organic   chemical, organic   Cutoff, U - GLO

# TOXICITY CATEGORIES

## ■ Copper production, primary, RER, ecoinvent

Normalization set “EU 27 ILCD Midpoint+, 2010”

▼ **Normalization**

Impact category
<span style="color: red;">█</span> Freshwater ecotoxicity - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
<span style="color: purple;">█</span> Human toxicity, non-cancer effects - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Human toxicity, cancer effects - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Freshwater eutrophication - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
<span style="color: blue;">█</span> Mineral, fossil & ren resource depletion - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Particulate matter - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Photochemical ozone formation - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Terrestrial eutrophication - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Marine eutrophication - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Acidification - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Land use - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Climate change - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Water resource depletion - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Ionizing radiation HH - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Ozone depletion - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+
Ionizing radiation E (interim) - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+

● Impact category Freshwater ecotoxicity - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+ ▼

Contribution	Process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ 100.00%</li> <li>▼ 97.12%</li> <li>▼ 95.62%</li> <li>&gt; 00.48%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> copper production, primary   copper   Cutoff, U - RER</li> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> copper mine operation, sulfide ore   copper concentrate, sulfide ore   Cutoff, U - RER</li> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> market for sulfidic tailing, off-site   sulfidic tailing, off-site   Cutoff, U - GLO</li> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> treatment of sulfidic tailing, off-site   sulfidic tailing, off-site   Cutoff, U - GLO</li> <li>market for steel, chromium steel 18/8, hot rolled   steel, chromium steel 18/8, hot rolled   Cutoff, U - GLO</li> </ul>

● Impact category Human toxicity, non-cancer effects - ILCD 2011 Midpoint+ ▼

Contribution	Process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ 100.00%</li> <li>▼ 87.88%</li> <li>▼ 86.10%</li> <li>86.10%</li> <li>&gt; 00.33%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> copper production, primary   copper   Cutoff, U - RER</li> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> copper mine operation, sulfide ore   copper concentrate, sulfide ore   Cutoff, U - RER</li> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> market for sulfidic tailing, off-site   sulfidic tailing, off-site   Cutoff, U - GLO</li> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> treatment of sulfidic tailing, off-site   sulfidic tailing, off-site   Cutoff, U - GLO</li> <li>market for mine infrastructure, open cast, non-ferrous metal   mine infrastructure, open cast, non-ferrous metal   Cutoff, U - GLO</li> </ul>

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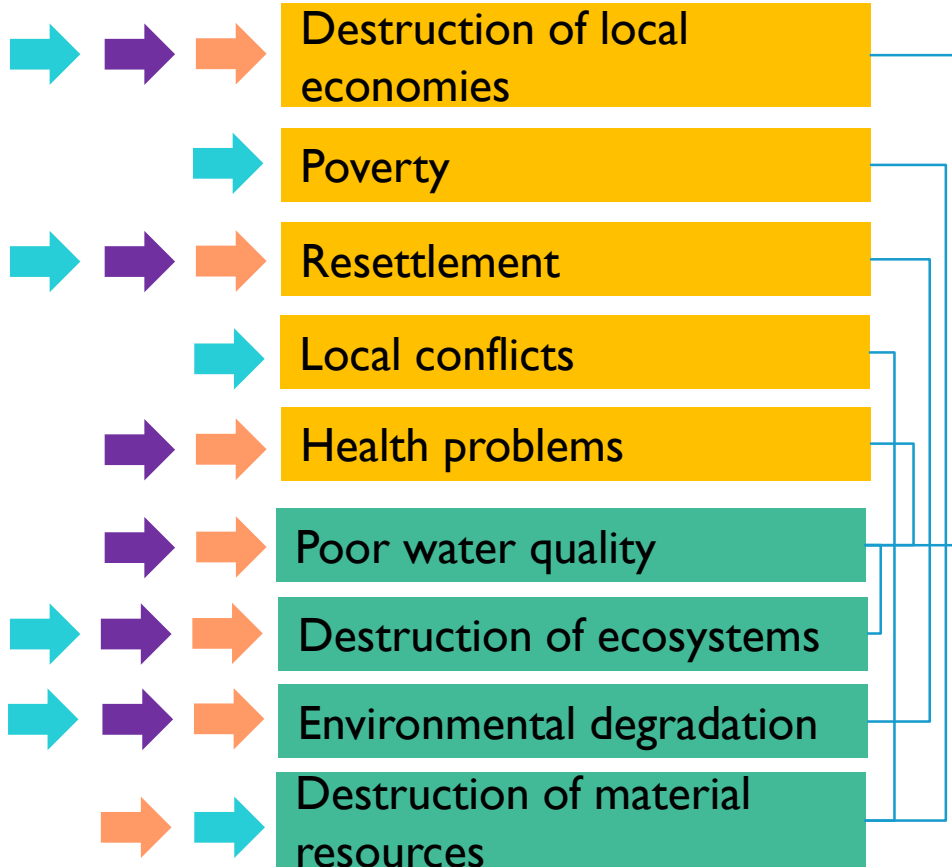
Contribution	Process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ 100.00%</li> <li>▼ 94.42%</li> <li>▼ 80.94%</li> <li>80.94%</li> <li>&gt; 08.95%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> copper production, primary   copper   Cutoff, U - RER</li> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> copper mine operation, sulfide ore   copper concentrate, sulfide ore   Cutoff, U - RER</li> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> market for sulfidic tailing, off-site   sulfidic tailing, off-site   Cutoff, U - GLO</li> <li><span style="color: red;">█</span> treatment of sulfidic tailing, off-site   sulfidic tailing, off-site   Cutoff, U - GLO</li> <li>market for steel, chromium steel 18/8, hot rolled   steel, chromium steel 18/8, hot rolled   Cutoff, U - GLO</li> </ul>

# ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INTERDEPENDENCE

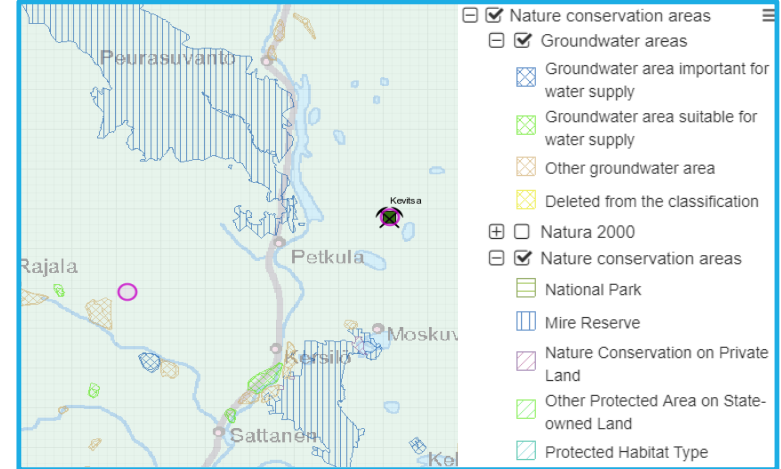
Resource depletion (water, minerals)

Toxicity (water, human)

Env. load (pollution, GHG, PM)



## Background situations



### Finland

- Nature tourism
- Reindeer farming
- Dam incidents
- Groundwater areas

### Portugal

- Agriculture (cork, olives) and rearing
- Old, low income population
- Cultural heritage
- Groundwater areas

## WHERE ARE THE LIMITATIONS

- Different sources for statistical data (gaps, assumptions, aggregation)
- Data quality (old data, technical conformance) →
- Complementarity only identified at the level of indicators and risks
- Difficulty of gathering some background information
- No full or straight correspondence between social and environmental indicators

Name	R	C	T	G	F
▶ Contribution to environmental load	2	2	2	1	1
▶ Social responsibility along the supply chain	2	4	2	1	2
▶ Public sector corruption	4	3	1	1	
▶ Certified environmental management system	1	4	2	1	3
▶ Minerals consumption	2	1	4	1	5
▶ Industrial water depletion	2	2	5	1	5
▶ Sanitation coverage	2	2	2	1	
▶ Trade unionism	2	2	4	1	5
▶ Safety measures	1	2	1	4	2
▶ Non-fatal accidents	2	3	4	1	2
▶ Active involvement of enterprises in corruption and bribery	2	2	2	2	3
▶ Drinking water coverage	2	1	2	1	
▶ Trafficking in persons	2	1	1	1	
▶ Biomass consumption	2	1	4	1	5
▶ Pollution	3	3	1	1	5
▶ Fair Salary	2	2	2	1	1
▶ Health expenditure	1	1	4	1	
▶ Anti-competitive behaviour or violation of anti-trust and monopoly legisla	2	2	5	1	2
▶ Fatal accidents	2	2	5	1	2

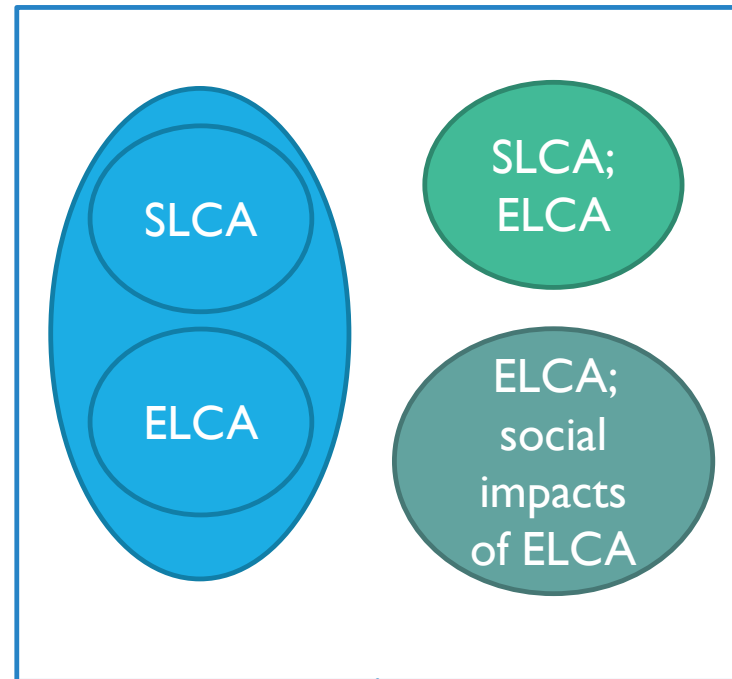
*Impact results, data quality - Metal ores, Finland, PSILCA*

# CONCLUSIONS AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

- Valuable input to the project
- Identification of important social and environmental issues in relation to background situations
- Environmental risks/impacts end up in risks/impacts on societal stakeholders

## →NEXT:

- Extend complementarity to hotspots analysis (process level)
- Input for discussion



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