

ENVIMINE – developing environmental and geodynamical safety related to mine closure in the Barents region

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The Kemi Mine – Finland

The Umbozero Mine – Russia

Boliden Mineral AB – Sweden

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The study areas of the project.



The Kemi Mine, Finland.

Objectives

- Developing methodology by cross border cooperation, for environmentally safe mine closure under specific conditions in the Barents area
- Producing information for the target groups of the environmental impacts of the mining activities
- Developing harmonization between mineral industry and environmental management during mine closure
- Creating a new, updated database of selected mine areas in Finland (an active mine), Sweden and Russia (closed mines)
- Developing multilateral relations between Finnish, Russian and Swedish organizations, responsible for environmental control in the Barents region

Activities

- Collecting data of the history and background of the case mines
- Field studies by GPR, XRF measurements, sampling of waters and soil, analyses
- Meetings and workshops
- Reports and recommendations for monitoring groundwater and surface water quality, and for after care plan
- Publications, presentations at workshops, seminars and conferences

Outputs

- Promoting cross border networking and establishing permanent platform for cooperation
- Permanent structures for cooperation will be created and multilateral cooperation will be expanded
- Updated database of the environmental state of the case mine sites
- New research data
- Reports with recommendations



View over the landscaped Laver Mine, Sweden.



Project meeting in the Mining Institute, Apatity.



Field studies by GPR in the tailings of the Umbozero Mine, Russia.

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