

# Development of mining legislation

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# Government programme

- **List of activities in order to increase and improve the environmental performance and safety of mining whilst securing the operational environment and increasing influence possibilities for landowners and municipalities**
- **Separate activities concerning taxation listed**
- **General objectives**
  - climate neutrality
  - resilience
  - energy and raw materials efficiency
  - circular economy



# Ongoing activities, MEAE

- **Participating in legislative projects in other ministries**
- **Preparation of government proposal: changes to Mining Act**
  - Scheduled to December
  - Hearing apr. in September-October
  - Draft in June-July
  - <https://tem.fi/kaivoslakiuudistus> (in finnish)
- **Working group to support the preparation**
  - 1. meeting in March, hearing of researchers
  - 2. meeting in April, hearing of environmental organisations
  - 3. meeting in June, hearing of researchers
- **Public engagement besides hearing procedure**
  - Public hearing/discussion events were planned, but corona ...
  - Online questionnaire, open for ~3 weeks in April-May (until 18.5.)
  - Online discussion 27.5.
  - Similar arrangement even in autumn prior to hearing procedure



# Citizens´ initiative

- **58 000 signatures**
- **Initiative was sent to the Parliament - Commerce Committee**
- **Commerce Committee**
  - Hearings of specialists
  - Committee report has been prepared
    - Recommendations
    - Issues that need further assessments
    - Guidance for MEAE- project
- **Parliament´s final response is not given yet**

# Studies



- **PM´s O: Study on the economic impacts of mining sector in Finland, nationally and more regionally, published**
- **PM´s O: Study on the value of national geodata, to be published soon**
- **MEAE: Study on collateral in mining permit, to be published soon, to be translated**
- **PM´s O: Study on specific mining tax, results 4/2021**

