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# INTMET PROJECT OVERVIEW



“Integrated innovative metallurgical system to benefit efficiently polymetallic, complex and low grade ores and concentrates”



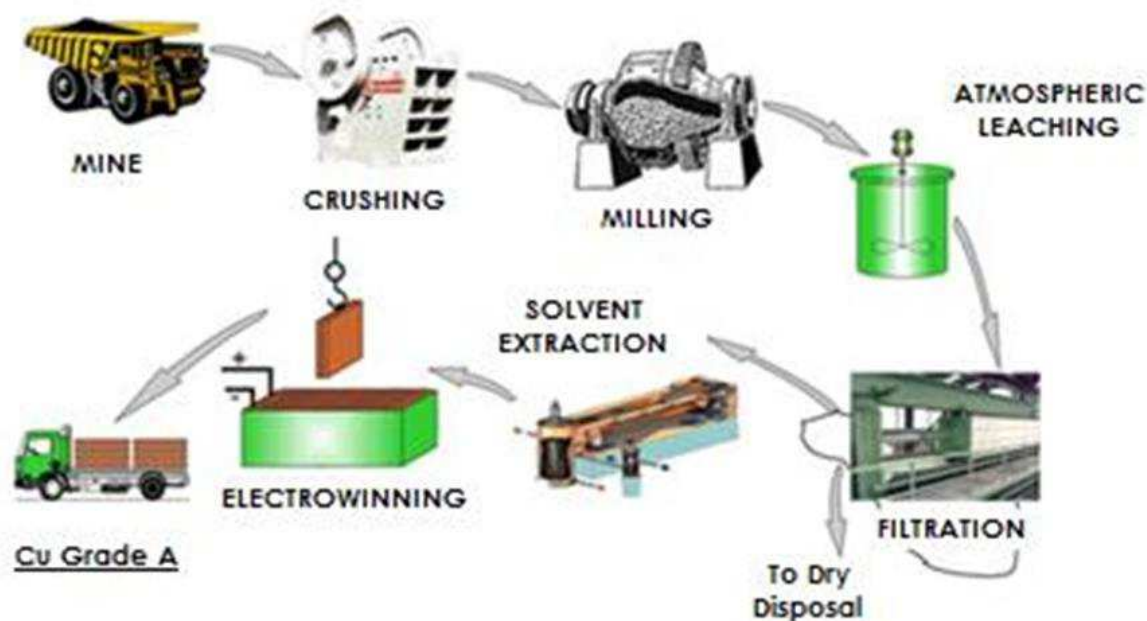
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# ANTECEDENTS



## COBRE LAS CRUCES, CLC

### ▶ SECONDARY COPPER ORE HYDROPROCESSING:



### COBRE LAS CRUCES

- Sevilla, Spain. Modern and Sustainable mining business.
- Integrated Mine and Hydrometallurgical Plant.
- Atmospheric Leaching + SX + EW.
- Production: 72000 t/a Cu Cathodes.



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## ANTECEDENTS



Call for Commitment  
07 February, 2014



Sustainable and efficient beneficiation of polymetallic, complex and low grade ores mined in difficult, small or deep mineral deposits including tailings and wastes

### PolymetOre Commitment

Specific Objectives:

- To develop sustainable and efficient **technological solutions** to benefit polymetallic, complex, and low grade ores.
- To develop required innovative technologies **covering the whole value chain** from exploration to metals production including reprocessing of tailings and wastes.
- To develop innovative technologies to exploit difficult, small or deep deposits
- To produce added value products including refined metals through the advanced concept "**mine to metal**".
- To apply for a **Pilot Action** focused to implement a pilot demonstration facility to process polymetallic and complex ores or concentrates.



# ANTECEDENTS

## Horizon 2020: 3 priorities / pillars



H2020-SC5-  
Climate Action,  
Environment,  
**Resource Efficiency**  
and **Raw Materials**



This Challenge funds research and innovation with the following specific objectives:

- to achieve a **resource – and water – efficient** and climate change resilient economy and society,
- the protection and **sustainable management** of natural resources and ecosystems, and
- a **sustainable supply and use of raw materials**, in order to meet the needs of a growing global population within the sustainable limits of the planet's natural resources and eco-systems.

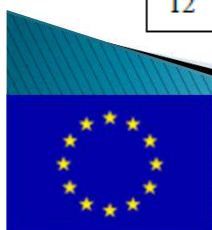
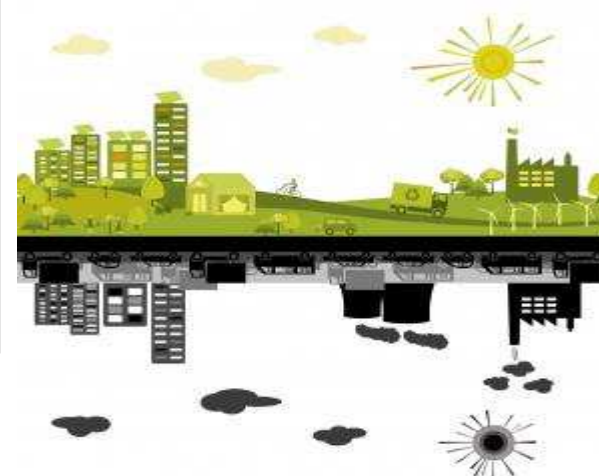


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# THE PARTNERSHIP



No	Name	Short name	Country	Project entry month <sup>s</sup>	Project exit month
1	COBRE LAS CRUCES SA	CLC	Spain	1	36
2	KGHM POLSKA MIEDZ SA	KGHM	Poland	1	36
3	SOMINCOR - SOCIEDADE MINEIRA DE NEVES-CORVO SA	SOMINCOR	Portugal	1	36
4	OUTOTEC (FINLAND) OY	OUTOTEC	Finland	1	36
5	TECNICAS REUNIDAS SA	TR	Spain	1	36
6	INSTYTUT METALI NIEZELAZNYCH	IMN	Poland	1	36
7	MINTEK	MINTEK	South Africa	1	36
8	MINING AND METALLURGY INSTITUTE BOR LTD	BOR INST	Serbia	1	36
9	BUREAU DE RECHERCHES GEOLOGIQUES ET MINIERES	BRGM	France	1	36
10	AGQ MINING & BIOENERGY SL	AGQ	Spain	1	36
11	Institutul National de Cercetare - Dezvoltare Pentru metale Neferoase si Rare - IMNR	IMNR	Romania	1	36
12	GUENTER TIESS	MINPOL	Austria	1	36



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# THE CHALLENGES



- IntMet project intends to develop an innovative **Technology Breakthrough** to deal efficiently with **polymetallic and complex** ores, including:
  - Low grade, complex mineralogy ores
  - Ores containing carbonaceous materials
  - Polymetallics: Cu, Zn, Pb, Ag, Au, In, As, Sb...
  - Difficult flotation, poor recovery ores
- To now, there is not any Industrial Plant in the world dealing with low-grade, polymetallic or bulk concentrates, therefore we are conscious that IntMet is a difficult project but very challenging: **to develop new hydrometallurgical solutions** having potential application all over the world.
- IntMet project has to be focused **to solve specific problems of the mining partners**: CLC, Somincor, KGHM, Bor, and at the same time, providing solutions to be **globally applied** to mining–metallurgical sector.
- To settle properly the **project basis**, the partners:
  - Define the objectives and expectations
  - Identify and provide raw materials for testing
  - Analyse and control any risk or limitation



# THE OBJECTIVES



- Integrated **sustainable** metallurgical system:
  - hydro–
  - bio–
  - electrometallurgical–
- Maximising **metal recovery** yield
- Optimising **energy** consumption
- Minimising **environmental** footprint
- Ensuring the **economic viability** of the entire process
- Upstream (pre-processing) and down-stream (treatment/use of metallurgical wastes such as tailings, effluents) interfaces should also be considered.

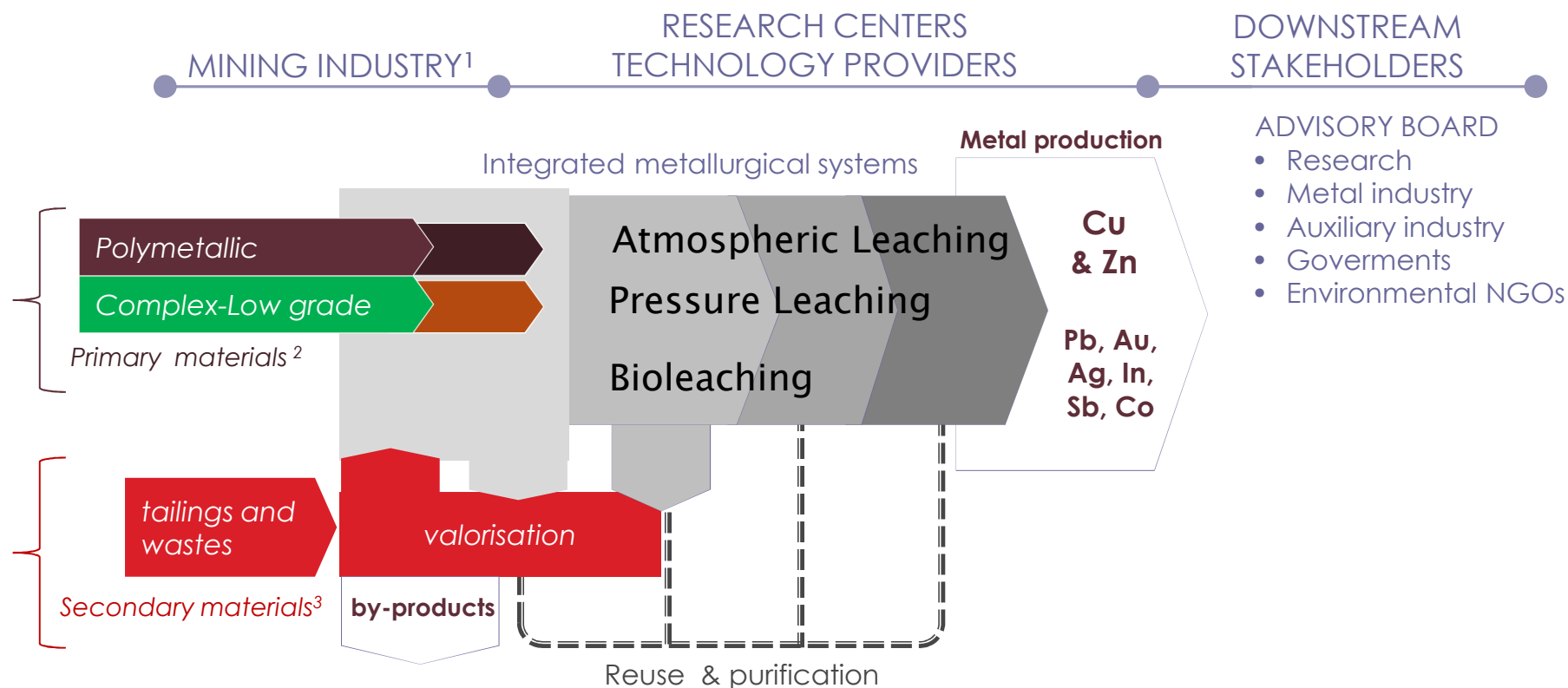


## EXPECTED IMPACTS



- Pushing **the EU** to the forefront in the areas of **sustainable** exploration, mining and processing technologies and solutions.
- Improved competitiveness and **creation of added value and new jobs** in materials producing and downstream industries.
- Unlocking a substantial volume of **difficult raw materials** within the EU.
- Enabling the **better efficiency** of exploitation of raw materials' resources and **increasing** the range and yields of recovered raw materials.
- Improved **economic viability** and **investment security** of mining operations.
- Increase process efficiency (including **water and energy** optimisation) and reduced **environmental** footprint.
- Contribution to achieve the objectives of the **EIP on Raw Materials**, in particular, paying attention to **Pilot Actions**.

# TECHNOLOGY APPROACH



## TECHNOLOGY LEADERS:

- ATMOSPHERIC LEACHING: CLC
- PRESSURE LEACHING: OUTOTEC
- BIOLEACHING: MINTEK

LCA

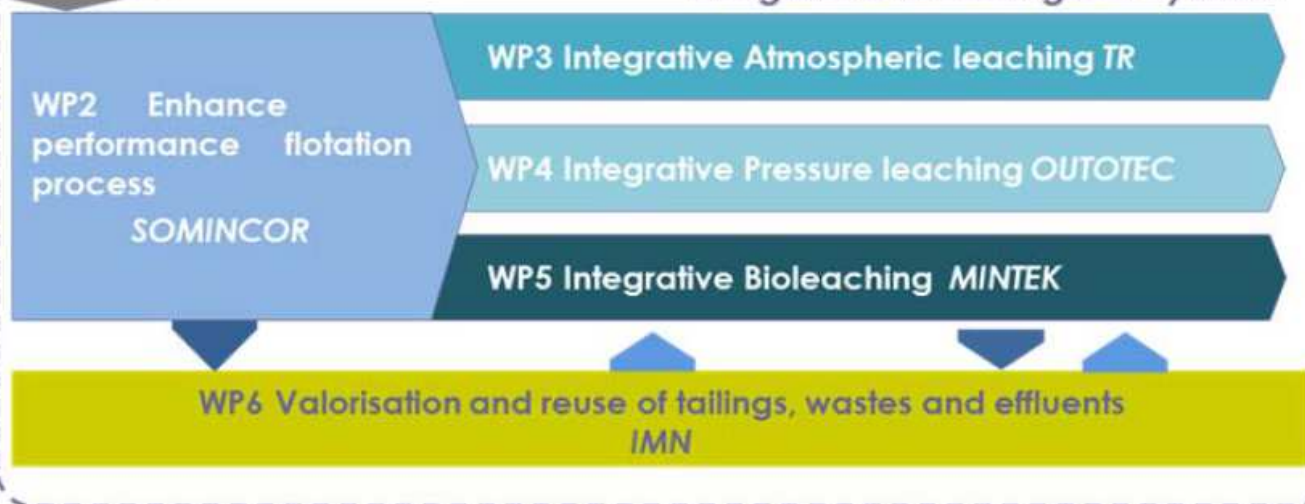
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# PROJECT STRUCTURE



WP1 Raw materials sampling and characterization  
KGHM



ADVISORY BOARD  
(UPSTREAM  
STAKEHOLDERS)

- Research
- End-users
- Metal industry
- Auxiliary industry
- Standardisation
- Government
- Environment NGOs

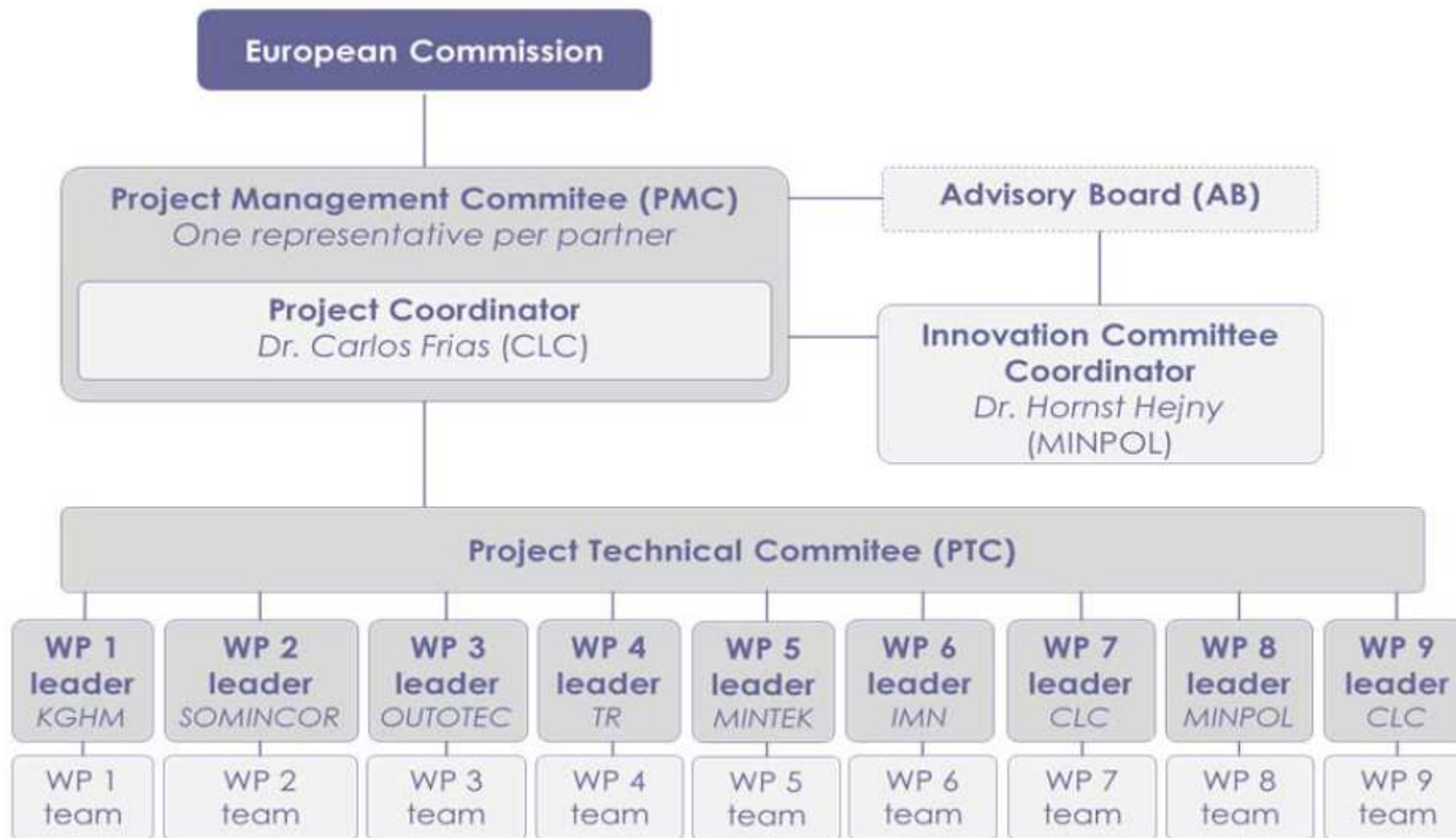
WP7 Technologies assessment and project evaluation CLC

WP8 Technology application and dissemination MINPOL

WP9 Coordination and management CLC

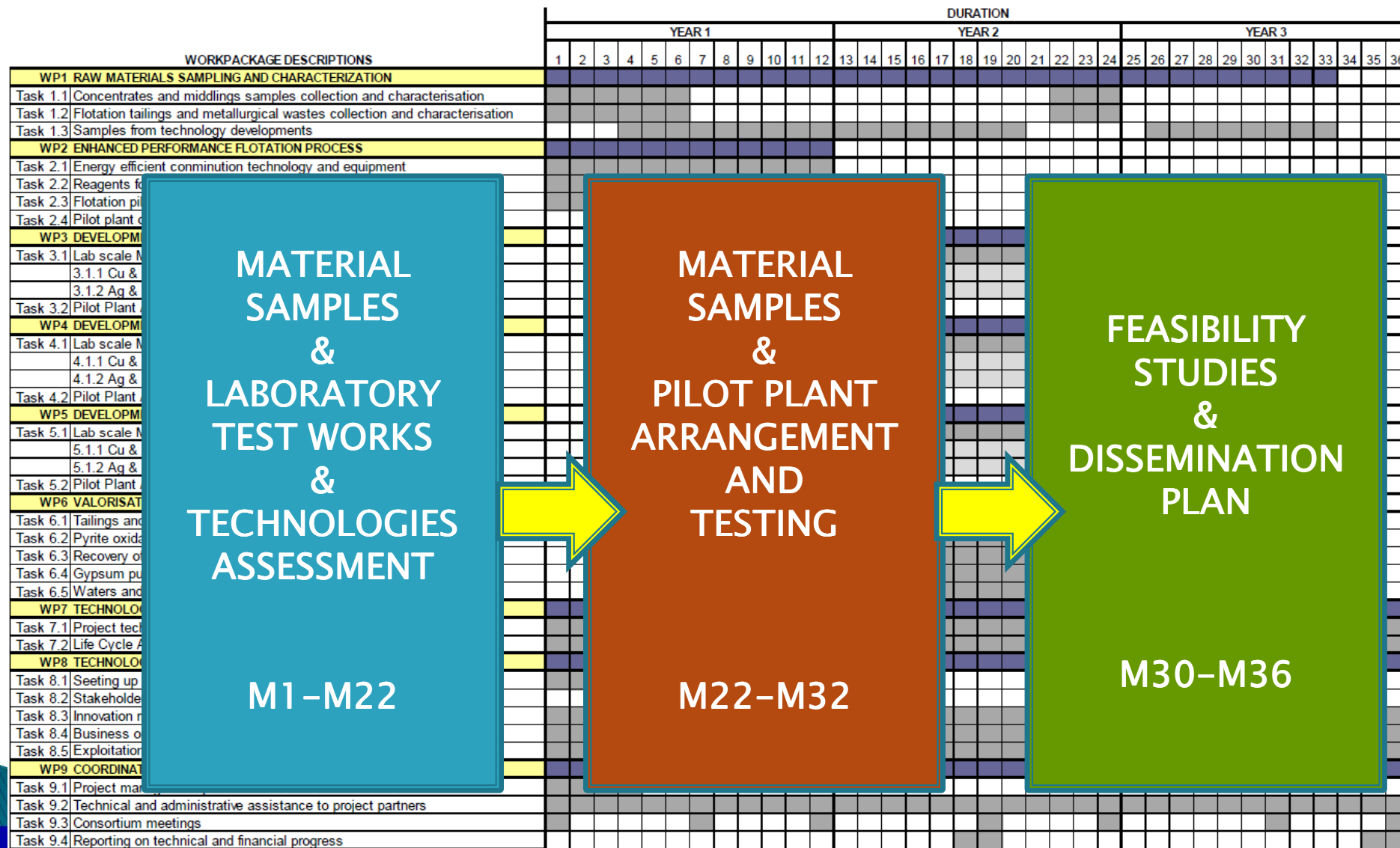


# MANAGEMENT



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# SCHEDULE



**MATERIAL SAMPLES & LABORATORY TEST WORKS & TECHNOLOGIES ASSESSMENT**

**M1-M22**

**MATERIAL SAMPLES & PILOT PLANT ARRANGEMENT AND TESTING**

**M22-M32**

**FEASIBILITY STUDIES & DISSEMINATION PLAN**

**M30-M36**

## FINAL REMARKS



- The INTMET project represents a challenging opportunity to develop suitable technological solutions to deal efficiently with difficult, polymetallic and complex ores that are abundant in some mining regions in Europe: Spain, Portugal, Poland, Serbia, etc, and also in many other deposits worldwide.
- A strong consortium has been created to develop the INTMET project including well-qualified mining companies, skilled technologists, research centres, and others. We believe that we are in the best position to achieve successful development of the new integrated bio- and hydro- metallurgical technologies to be eventually applied all over the world dealing with low-grade, polymetallic and bulk concentrates.

## FUTURE PILOT ACTION



### PILOT ACTIONS. RAW MATERIALS

SC5-13-2016-2017: New solutions for sustainable production of raw materials

b) Processing of lower grade and/or complex primary and/or secondary raw materials in the most sustainable ways (2017): Proposals should demonstrate new systems integrating relevant processing and refining technologies for **better recovery of minerals and metals from low grade and/or complex ores**, industrial or mining wastes at increased efficiency in terms of better yield and process selectivity. The importance of the targeted raw materials and their sources for the EU has to be demonstrated in the proposal. The solution proposed should be flexible enough to adapt to different ore grades and should be supported by efficient and robust process control.

c) Sustainable metallurgical processes (2017): Proposals should develop **innovative metallurgical systems integrating** pyro-, hydro-, bio-, and/or electro-metallurgical and/or electrochemical technologies, in order to enhance the production efficiency, metal recovery and selectivity from **primary and/or secondary** raw materials.

THANK YOU !!  
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