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# Online Knowledge Repository for Responsible Sourcing

The RE-SOURCING Platform website

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## 1. Purpose of the RE-SOURCING project

To promote responsible sourcing, the EU-funded RE-SOURCING project created a global digital and physical platform for stakeholders to facilitate the development of a globally accepted definition, support EU businesses on responsible sourcing (RS) practices, and to facilitate the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials.

The RE-SOURCING project creates a global digital and physical platform for stakeholders:

- to facilitate the development of a globally accepted definition of RS;
- to develop ideas for incentives facilitating responsible business conduct in the EU, supporting RS initiatives;
- to enable the exchange of stakeholders for information and promotion of RS;
- to foster the emergence of RS in international political fora;
- to support the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials.

Up until recent years, finding a streamlined, comprehensive, and user-friendly knowledge repository linking different and isolated information on Responsible Sourcing was difficult. The diversity, fragmentation, and heterogeneity of sources from different sectors characterize what has been available so far for policymakers, industry, interested stakeholders, and the public on RS.

The RE-SOURCING Platform contains a comprehensive, user-friendly, collaborative, and up-to-date online knowledge repository for responsible sourcing, like for example industry sector state-of-play reports, good practice Flagship (FS) cases, and industry and policy recommendations). The website platform describes the challenges that have been pointed out during the project duration in the three key sectors - Renewable Energy, Mobility, and Electric & Electronic Equipment. The material added to the website is organized by sectors and areas of interest. One of the main parts of the RE-SOURCING Platform digital platform is a subsite for Project Outputs from where these reports for the three key sectors can be found. Also, this subsite includes links to videos where industry and sector experts discuss issues around responsible sourcing and the role of various stakeholders and actors. The other main part of the platform website is the Knowledge Hub subsite, where the subsections for the Existing Approaches and the WIKI can be found. Existing Approaches to Responsible Sourcing in mineral value chains include regulations, standards, guidance, initiatives, and reporting templates with an overview of partnerships, initiatives etc. Guidance documents, FS cases, roadmaps, and positions on a globally accepted definition for RS are provided as direct downloads or as web links.

### 1.1 Target Groups

Three sectors – Mobility (MS), Renewable Energy (RES), and Electronics (EEES), represent essential priorities in the European long-term vision: The Mobility sector for clean mobility and Renewable energy for the fully de-carbonized energy supply, and the EEE sector reflects the relevant questions on the conflict mineral regulation. These sectors' contribution is essential to achieving the targets set by the EU Green Deal and to ensure that the 'output' from these sectors contributes to the sustainability agenda, responsible sourcing practices within these sectors must be strengthened. The RE-SOURCING project developed visions and roadmaps for responsible sourcing of minerals in these three sectors, which support a sustainable transition based on environmentally friendly, socially equitable, and economically profitable sourcing in global mineral value chains. The RE-SOURCING website highlights the specific RS challenges and potential solutions from each RS sector (RES, MES, EEES).

## 1.2 An overview of the RE-SOURCING Platform website

The RE-SOURCING Platform website is a central point for all information related to responsible sourcing practices, guidance, standards, and schemes, and makes up the project's comprehensive online knowledge repository. The purpose of the website is to set up the global stakeholder platform, which combines the physical and digital interfaces with stakeholders and supports the development of a knowledge repository on RS. The platform is the main dissemination channel for a streamlined understanding of Responsible Sourcing. The Platform acts as a tool for networking, exchange, and learning for stakeholders and gives unique opportunities to have the necessary information in one place.

There is a need for the industry to engage in RS of raw materials and responsible business conduct and to perform relevant due diligence rooted in the growing expectations of consumers, civil society, governments, and procurement managers. Progress varies across the sectors and barriers include disclosure fatigue from increasing environmental and sustainability reporting, challenges in availability, accessibility, and accountability of information and lack of value-chain transparency. The RE-SOURCING project responded to this challenge by developing roadmaps for three key European industrial sectors describing the current situation, the vision and key actions needed to transverse the distance between now and an improved future situation for the RS of raw materials. Responsibility for responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence cannot be shifted away, each actor in the supply chain needs to develop a clear understanding of one's own role, impact, and leverage to effect change within the supply chain. The improvement of supply chains cannot rely solely on a compliance-oriented approach, active engagement and collaborative efforts are essential to drive substantive change.

Responsibility for responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence cannot be shifted away, each actor in the supply chain needs to develop a clear understanding of one's own role, impact, and leverage to effect change within the supply chain. The roadmaps developed by the project identify the EU framework conditions supporting RS and the future policy needs of the EU, as well as the incentives for EU companies to adopt RS practices.

From the RE-SOURCING website, one roadmap for each sector can be seen, there is an interactive presentation explaining the key recommendations of the Roadmaps for Responsible Sourcing in the three key sectors - Renewable Energy, Mobility, and Electric&Electronic Equipment. The sectoral Roadmaps for Responsible Sourcing with the interactive presentation in the three key sectors can be easily accessed online. User-friendly and easily accessed Roadmap presentations have been prepared using Prezi, therefore these roadmaps are easily navigated and understood supported by project outputs documents and videos. From each roadmap, interested parties can find the information and recommendations for policymakers, the industry, civil society, research, and academia to achieve the proposed milestones.

An interactive roadmap for each three sectors, Renewable Energy, Mobility and Electronics, provides milestones and explains the key recommendations of the Roadmaps for Responsible Sourcing for the EU policymakers, international industry and civil society organizations.

Easily accessed Roadmap for the Renewable Energy Sector focuses on achieving a sustainable energy transition by 2050, also providing its milestones and recommendations.

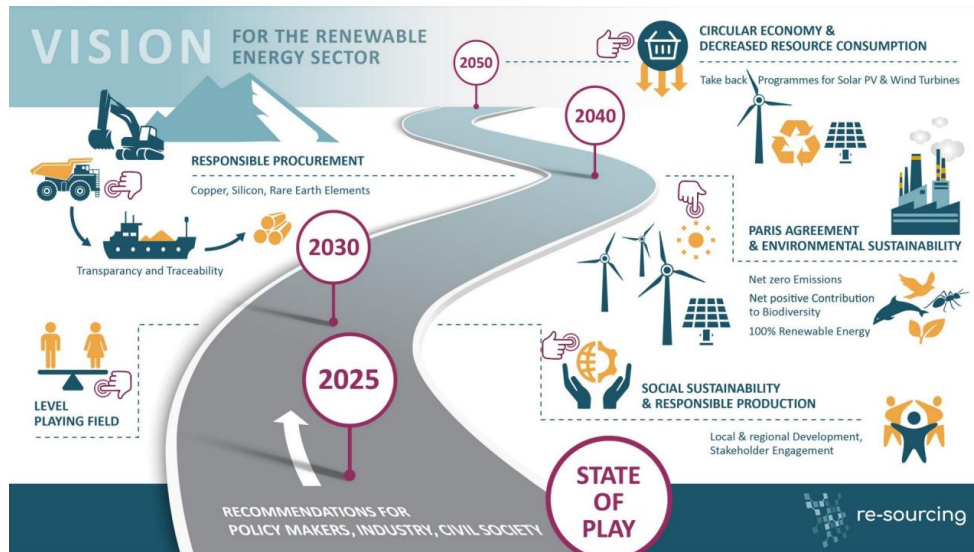


Figure 1 Roadmap Concepts for the Renewable Energy Sector

The Roadmap for the Mobility Sector focuses on achieving a sustainable mobility transition by 2050, and provides milestones and recommendations for EU policymakers, international industry (cell and battery producers, OEMs, recyclers, etc.), and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). This roadmap addresses four relevant raw materials used in LIBs (lithium, cobalt, nickel, and graphite) and three supply chain stages (mining, cell manufacturing, OEMs, and recycling).



Figure 2 Roadmap Concepts for the Mobility Sector

The Roadmap for the Electronics Sector focuses on the road toward achieving a sustainable electronics transition by 2050 and provides milestones and recommendations. This roadmap addresses 3TG minerals (tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold) and mica, and three supply chain stages: mining, manufacturing, and end-of-life/recycling.



Figure 3 Roadmap Concepts for the Electronics Sector

For each sector, an interactive presentation has been created and is easily accessed:

- Renewable Energy Sector: [Download](#) the interactive presentation, view it [online](#), download the [pdf version](#).
- Mobility Sector: [Download](#) the interactive presentation, view it [online](#), download the [pdf version](#).
- Electronics Sector: [Download](#) the interactive presentation, view it [online](#), download the [pdf version](#).

While these results mainly focus on in the three main EU sectors, their secondary effects include wider implementation in other sectors and support EIB commodities and RMI.

### 1.2.1 RE-SOURCING Platform website development and versions

The RE-SOURCING website development has been made in-house and the domain address was registered as “re-sourcing.eu”. The first static HTML Version of the RE-SOURCING Platform website went online in March 2020 as the first online presence for the project.

The first version of the RE-SOURCING Platform website 1.0, <http://re-sourcing.eu>, had been set up by September 2020. The purpose was to give an overview and description of the aims of the RE-SOURCING project, project partner information, and an overview of the project target groups. Since then, the website had been updated on an ongoing basis.



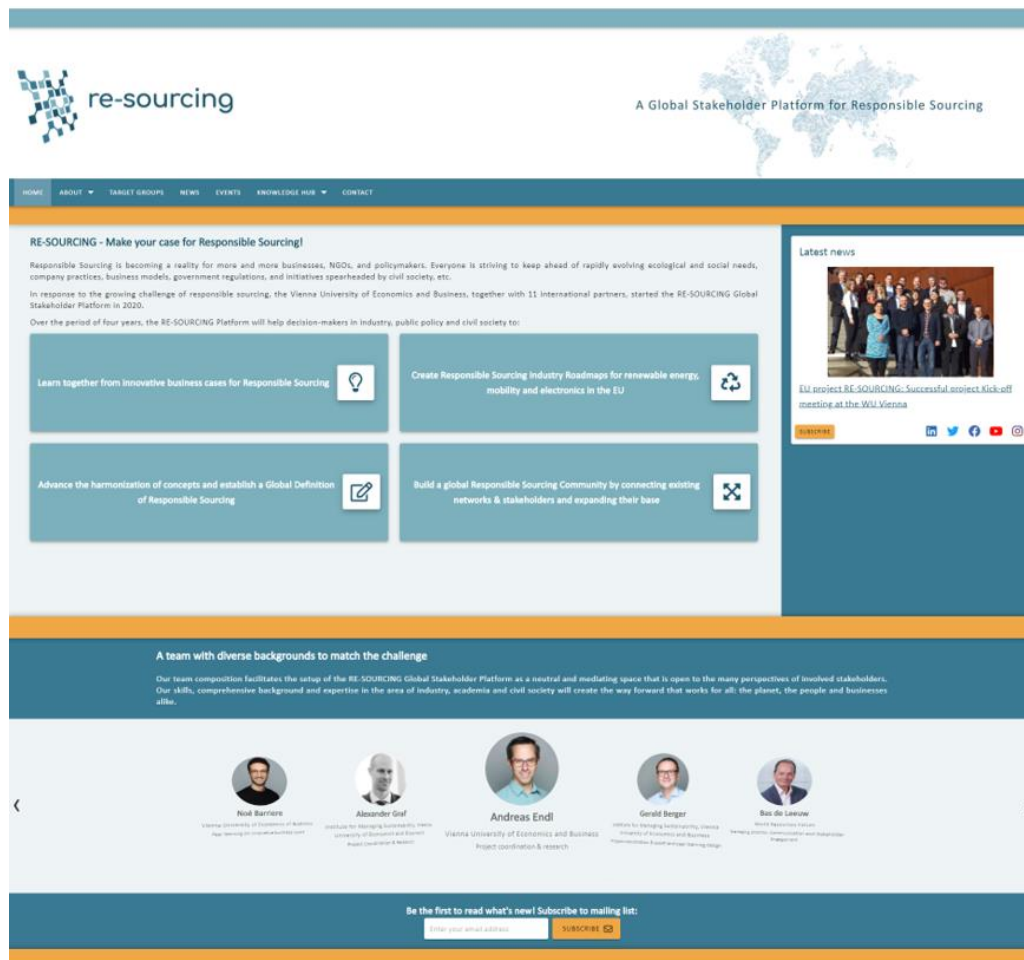


Figure 4 RE-SOURCING Platform Version 1.0, landing page

The RE-SOURCING Platform Version 2.0 was set up in February, 2021. The major points for an update of the website were redesigning the landing page, parts of the knowledge hub subsection, a new section for Global Advocacy Fora, better integration of RE-SOURCING's media content on YouTube, etc. The adapted website was structured as follows:

- Landing page (pointed out the aims of the RE-SOURCING project, information about project partners, and also news section);
- Partners (with the subsections: Partners, Steering Committee, Advisory Board);
- Target Groups (Renewable Energy, Mobility and Electronics). Each sector had 6 subsections as follows: Overview; Challenges; Key Players; Gap Analysis; Selected good practice cases; Way Forward.)
- Events (divided into past and upcoming with added time ticker, recordings, and presentation slides);
- Knowledge Hub (with the adjusted subsections as WIKI, Existing Approaches, External links, and Consultation);
- Project Outputs (Briefing Documents, Reports, Project Process Documents);
- Existing Approaches with the following tags: All; General; Standard; Reporting Template; Regulation; Guidance & Initiative; Mobility; EEE

- External Links with the following tags: All; Transparency, Traceability&Due Diligence; Social&Human Rights in LSM; Environmental issues in LSM; Project; Environmental Social issues in ASM; Recycling; Mineral Statistics; Mobility.
- Implemented a search function for the entire website, including in-document searches based on Google search. The search box was fixed on the top of the website throughout all subsites.
- Also, visual effects were added when entering the website and switching the pages.
- Sharing the event announcements ([LinkedIN](#), [Twitter](#), [Youtube](#)) and the project outputs via e-mail.
- For getting the website analytics, Plausible (<https://plausible.io>) had been set up for website analytics as a GDPR-friendly non-cookie solution to collect Unique visitors; Total page views, Visits duration, Top Sources; Top Pages, Entry Pages, Exit Pages; Countries Devices; Goal Conversions, Document downloads.

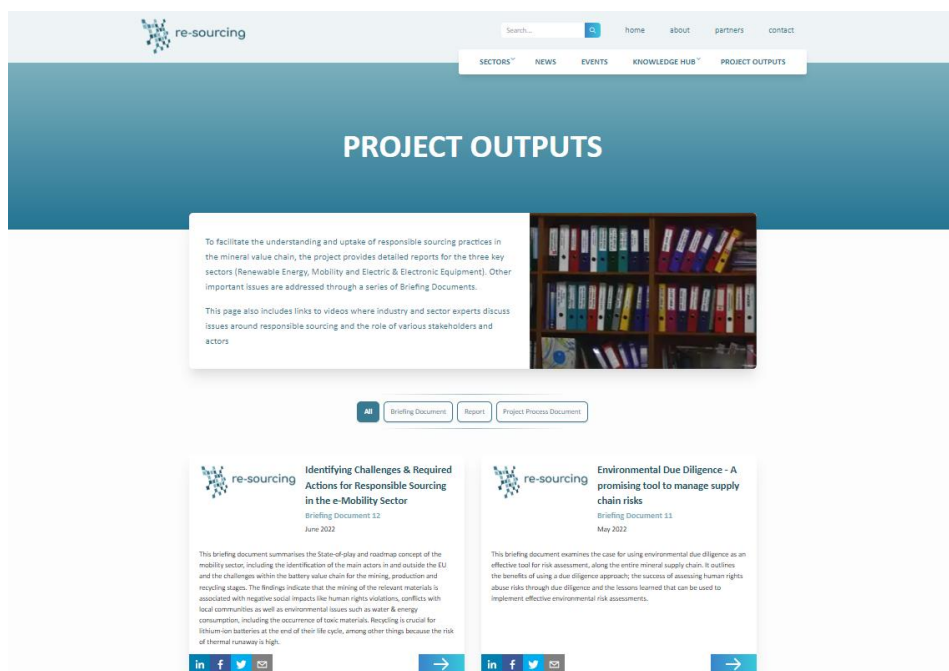


Figure 5 RE-SOURCING Platform Version 2.0, Project Outputs subsite

The previous website version 2.0 had been continuously updated and improved with multiple content, features, and structural updates for version 3.0, particularly the upload of the key deliverables. The RE-SOURCING Platform Version 3.0 was set up in March, 2022. The adapted website was structured as follows:

- A tagging system for easier navigation of content has been added to three subsites as follows:
  - a) Project Outputs with the following tags: All, Briefing Document, Report, Project Process Document.
  - b) Existing Approaches with the following tags: All; General; Standard; Reporting Template; Regulation; Guidance & Initiative; Mobility; EEE. RE-SOURCING platform website has been integrated with Raw Materials Information System (RMIS). RMIS directly links to the

RESOURCING Project's website to highlight important information such as the website's collection of international initiatives - <https://re-sourcing.eu/existing-approaches/>

c) External Links with the following tags: All; Transparency, Traceability&Due Diligence; Social&Human Rights in LSM; Environmental issues in LSM; Project; Environmental Social issues in ASM; Recycling; Mineral Statistics; Mobility.

- Addition of a Project Roadmap on the project landing page (home) with direct links to the Sectors, Past and Upcoming Events and Project Outputs information.
- Designed and implemented the subsites that serve as an Online Conference Platform for the project's two virtual conferences. The subsite includes a live-streaming tab, including chat integration via Slido, dropdown online agenda and a closed area for registered conference participants (see below task 2.2 on Platform conferences). The conference subsite is only online before and during online conferences.
- Replaced "Target Groups" with "Sectors" (Renewable Energy, Mobility and Electronics): Each sector has 6 subsections: Overview; Challenges; Key Players; Gap Analysis; Selected good practice cases; Way Forward.
- Deliverable 4.3 "State of play and roadmap concepts: Electronics Sector", D4.4 "RES Roadmap for Responsible Sourcing of Raw Materials", D5.2 "Guidelines for good practice learning and impact in the Renewable Energy Sector", D4.5 "MS Roadmap for Responsible Sourcing of Raw Materials" and D5.3 "Guidelines for good practice learning and impact in the Mobility Sector" were uploaded to the website.

### 1.2.2 Platform Conferences

Conferences held during the project duration proved to be an excellent opportunity for representatives from civil society, policy, industry, research, and international organizations to discuss three issues at the core of responsible sourcing: supply chain due diligence, responsible sourcing for the green transition, and circular economy in the context of responsible sourcing. During the project, 4 conferences were held:

- [RE-SOURCING Opening Conference](#) in January 2021, which outlined the main mechanisms that drive the transition towards more responsible sourcing practices;
- [RE-SOURCING Virtual Conference in November 2021](#), which dived deeper into three key issues of responsible sourcing: Supply Chain Due Diligence, Responsible Sourcing for the Green Transition, and Closing the Loop of Responsible Sourcing;
- [RE-SOURCING Virtual Conference](#) in November 2022, which dived deeper into several key issues of responsible sourcing as the ambitions and economic resilience in view of rising geopolitical tensions, Aligning EU & Latin America visions for sustainability & Responsible Sourcing of minerals, Digital Solutions for Supply Chain Due Diligence and of how able is the mining sector to extract responsibly sourced minerals for the Green Economy;
- [RE-SOURCING Closing Conference](#) in September 2023, which presented the project's key results for setting a future work agenda on responsible sourcing in mineral value chains.

Recordings of conferences can be viewed on the project's official [YouTube channel](#).

## 2. Structure and features of the final website version

The development and implementation of the RE-SOURCING Platform website have been a continuous process throughout the project's running time until its final month, containing all relevant project output documents, information, and features elaborated on the project. The RE-SOURCING Platform's last and updated version was set up by December 2022. The website was moved to the new platform using WordPress as its Content Management System.

### 2.1 Project target groups

A separate section has been created for each key sector to highlight its importance. These three sectors, Renewable Energy, Mobility, and Electric & Electronic Equipment, represent essential priorities in the European long-term vision: Mobility sector for clean mobility and Renewable energy for the fully de-carbonised energy supply. The EEE-sector reflects the relevant questions on the conflict mineral regulation. Their contribution is essential to achieving the targets set by the EU Green Deal. To ensure that the 'output' from these sectors contributes to the sustainability agenda, responsible sourcing practices within these sectors must be strengthened.

The RE-SOURCING project developed visions and roadmaps for responsible sourcing of minerals in the three sectors, which supported a sustainable transition based on environmentally friendly, socially equitable, and economically profitable sourcing in global mineral value chains.

The renewable energy sector focuses on wind and solar PV energy and their respective supply chains because of their importance for future energy supply. Project outputs in the renewable energy sector are available [HERE](#).

The mobility sector focuses on lithium-ion batteries and the respective supply chain and assesses three stages of the supply chain as mining, with a focus on lithium, cobalt, nickel, and graphite; manufacturing of cells for lithium-ion batteries and collection, transportation, and treatment of end-of-life lithium-ion batteries. Project outputs in the mobility sector are available [HERE](#).

The EEE sector focuses on 3TG (Tin, Tungsten, Tantalum, Gold) and Mica and has a strong focus on solutions favoring reducing the material and energy throughput that goes into consumption and production, including material efficiency and recycling, rather than focusing on mining virgin raw materials. Project outputs in the EEE sector are available [HERE](#).

### 2.2 Subpage for Global Advocacy

The new subpage for [Global Advocacy](#) that focuses on the global dimension of RE-SOURCING engagement and has been created and added as one of the subpages to the website with its relevant outcomes. As the project focuses on the global dimension of RE-SOURCING engagement, the project

considers the international stakeholder perspectives and significant impacts on Responsible Sourcing activities in the political, economic, social, and civil society arena of global stakeholders while turning to the voices as well in Latin America, Africa and China to understand how they approach sustainable practices across mineral supply chains. In total, three Global Advocacy Fora were held in Chile, China and Rwanda to discuss options of implementation pathways for RS definitions into global agenda processes.

## 2.3 News & Events section

The News & Events section is a dynamic section that advertises upcoming physical and virtual events, roadmap workshops, webinars, Flagship Labs, and consultation sessions.

Additionally, the subsite had been designed and implemented as an Online Conference Platform for the project’s two virtual conferences. The subsite was easily accessed and included a live-streaming tab and a chat widget via Slido. Slido was integrated into the website during the online conferences. Slido was also used for a survey to assess participants' satisfaction and comments about the conferences. The conference subsites were only online before and during online conferences. The open format of the live stream increased visits due to easy access for everyone without the need to register or access any meeting. These recordings are available on the project’s [YouTube channel](#).

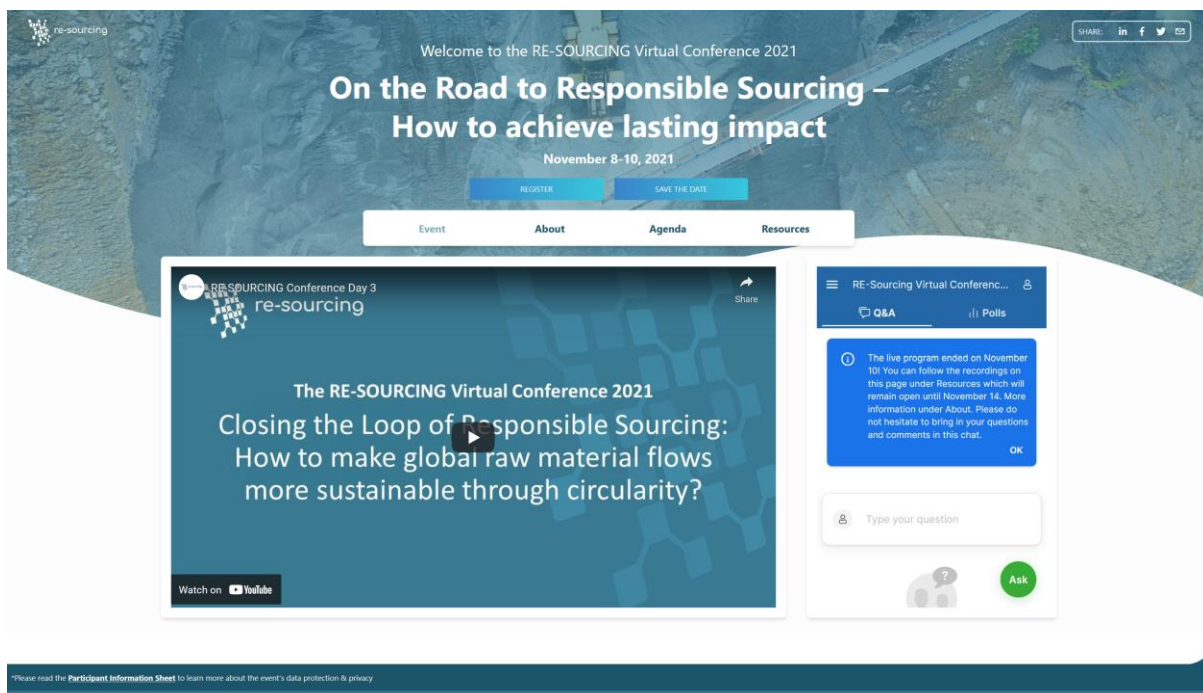


Figure 6 Online Conference Platform

## 2.4 Knowledge Hub

The knowledge Hub has been divided into three subsections: WIKI, Existing Approaches and External Links. The subsite for existing Approaches to responsible sourcing in mineral value chains include regulations, standards, guidance and initiatives, and reporting templates. Many relevant approaches

have been listed but do not claim to be complete. The external Link subpage provides links to relevant studies and material for stakeholders based on the width and depth of material and knowledge available on responsible sourcing practices in the mineral value chain. These studies are listed for guidance only.

## 2.5 Project Outputs

To facilitate the understanding and uptake of responsible sourcing practices in the mineral value chain, the project provides detailed reports for the three key sectors (MS, RES, EEES) and a series of briefing documents. The project output subsite also includes links to videos where industry and sector experts discuss issues around responsible sourcing and the role of various stakeholders and actors. These videos can be found on the project [YouTube channel](#).

## 3. Online knowledge repository for responsible sourcing

Given how standards are implemented across value chains, many actors may need support understanding and meeting common RS standards. In order to use policy appropriately, there needs to be a greater awareness of what behaviour needs to change and whether change is actually taking place. Only then can social audits answer the question of whether responsible sourcing is taking place. There is a need for a better understanding of the power relations, associated institutions and value systems that facilitate or block responsible sourcing. For the implementation of RS practices, guidance and collaboration is required at several levels: firms to learn from other firms, sectors to share experience with other sectors; and international agendas to integrate their strategies and share common objectives and the means to achieve them. Much progress has been made on this front, but more remains.

An online knowledge repository for responsible sourcing has been carried out as the main dissemination channel for a common understanding of Responsible Sourcing and to enable the exchange of the understanding of responsible sourcing between all stakeholders.

The online repository has two main functions:

- Easy and fast access to relevant data and acts as a central point for all information related to responsible sourcing (sector roadmaps, state-of-plays, good practices, guidance, standards, and schemes and make up the project's comprehensive online knowledge repository);
- Gives interested parties the opportunity to learn about different examples. The website features [project outputs](#) and results and has been designed for user-friendly, easy access to RS information.

To facilitate the understanding and uptake of responsible sourcing practices, the knowledge repository provides detailed reports for the three key sectors (Renewable Energy, Mobility and Electric & Electronic Equipment) and a series of Briefing Documents. Documents can be filtered, in total, 54 uploaded documents can be found from the Project Output subpage with 14 Briefing Documents, which provide interested stakeholders with succinct information, discussions and analysis on responsible sourcing issues; 3 Good Practice Guidelines for Mobility, Renewable Energy,

and Electronics sectors for public and private sector stakeholders; 9 Project Process Documents; in total 15 Roadmap documents for policymakers, international industry and civil society; 3 State of Play document for Mobility, Renewable Energy, and Electronics sectors for all stakeholders and 11 Videos.

Under the Knowledge Hub subpage, Existing approaches can be found, which include regulations, standards, guidance and initiatives, and reporting templates. Relevant approaches are listed in alphabetical order but do not claim to be complete. You can filter Existing Approaches by the following tags: EEE, General, Guidance & Initiative, Mobility, Regulation, Reporting Template and Standard.

The subsection External Links under the Knowledge Hub subpage provides links to relevant studies and material for stakeholders, giving available knowledge and material on responsible sourcing practices in the mineral value chain. You can filter Existing Approaches by the following tags: Environmental and Social issues in ASM; Environmental issues in LSM; Mineral Statistics; Mobility; Project; Recycling; Social&Human Rights in LSM; Transparency, Traceability & Due Diligence. RE-SOURCING Project does not endorse these studies and these are listed for guidance only.

## 4. Measured impact during the project

The major outcomes of the RE-SOURCING Stakeholder Platform were tailored to achieve the target of setting up a well-known and widely used hub for information, networking, and knowledge exchange among key stakeholders, as well as increasing the capacity of industry decision-makers to understand and transfer good practices. Stakeholders and the wider public can thus easily access the project's main results and output documents.

The statistics provider Plausible (<https://plausible.io>) has been used since the 23rd of May 2021 to gain insights into the impact of the website. From the beginning of the project, the RE-SOURCING Platform website has had 57 496 website page views in total. The resources provided on the website have been downloaded 1551 times. In total 14 Briefing documents, 4 Good Practice Guidances, 4 Process Documents, 15 Roadmap documents, 4 State-of-Play documents, and 11 videos have been developed and uploaded to the website. In total, 75 shorter and longer videos were linked to the website. These videos include event recordings, teaser videos, paper presentations, and more, and have been produced and uploaded to the YouTube channel. As a result, the RE-SOURCING YouTube channel counts 9049 views as of October 2023.

Year	Website Pageviews	Daily Average
2021	17713	49
2022	19470	53
2023	20313	56
<b>Total May 2021 - October 2023</b>	57496	<b>Average</b> 53

Figure 7 Website statistics, from May 2021 to October 2023

## 5. Conclusion and next steps

The RE-SOURCING Platform website is a central point for all information related to responsible sourcing, practices, guidance, standards, and schemes and makes up the project's comprehensive online knowledge repository. The website features project outputs and results and has been designed to allow user-friendly, easy access to Responsible Sourcing information. To facilitate the understanding and uptake of responsible sourcing practices in the mineral value chain, the project output documents provide detailed reports for the three key sectors: Renewable Energy, Mobility, and Electric & Electronic Equipment.

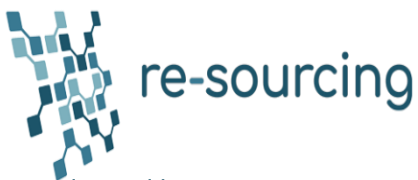
Through the project duration, different events such as the Global Advocacy Fora, Roadmap workshops, Flagship labs, virtual and physical conferences, and digital means of learning and exchange (audio-visual storytelling, interviews, webcasts) were promoted through the website, thus ensuring the possibility for global outreach.

Also, parts of the RE-SOURCING website has been integrated into the [Raw Materials Information System](#) (RMIS) repository. The RMIS reflects on important parts of the RE-SOURCING website, which is a major achievement in increasing the project's visibility, recognition, and status beyond project end.

To ensure that the RE-SOURCING Platform remains a well-known and widely used hub for information, the online knowledge repository and the website with all major project results will be accessible for at least 5 years after the end of the project.



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