

EUROGEO SURVEYS AT THE PDAC 2022 CONVENTION

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The annual Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) is the premier event of the world's mineral exploration and mining industry. PDAC focuses on driving a sustainable, competitive and responsible exploration and mining sector, bringing together mining executives, geologists, government officials, investors, analysts, and students from around the globe. The 90th PDAC took place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from June 13th-15th. The 17,000 attendees, 1,100 exhibitors and 2,400 investors took part in exhibits, events, and programming.

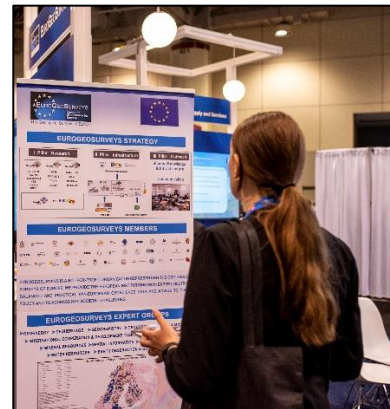
The online convention platform will be open from June 28th - 29th and is available 24 hours a day, providing access to exhibits, sessions, entertainment, and networking platforms.

EuroGeoSurveys booth at the PDAC 2022

EuroGeoSurveys (EGS) was present in the European Commission's booth, promoting EGS Member Surveys, Expert Groups and Projects. The European Commission booth also hosted European Commission initiatives and representatives such as the European Raw Materials Alliance and EIT Raw Materials, projects from Horizon Europe (the EU research programme for research and innovation) and EU member states.

EGS also joined the EU Commission Business and Networking Event focusing on 'Building Resilient EU Raw Materials Value Chains'. Dr Julie Hollis, Secretary General of EGS, presented on "European battery-critical metals and rare earth elements" and discussed how open access data and harmonised mineral potential maps for the EU, developed through the [GeoERA FRAME project](#), can play a key role in promoting investment and developing domestic critical minerals supply in the EU. Developing key partnerships, such as through the newly launched AfricaMaVal project, focussing on critical mineral business investment linkages between African and the EU, will also play a key role.

Whilst at PDAC, EGS engaged in discussions with the mining sector community and EGS members on the future of the industry and sustainable mining. This included attending the Nordic Mining Day meeting and listening to the geological surveys of Finland, Norway and Sweden discussing the mineral potential of the Nordic region.



Background Message from EU

The need for, and diversification of, non-energy raw materials is increasing due to the move to a carbon neutral and digital economy. This has stimulated growth in raw materials used in the EU's manufacturing industry. To achieve a secure, sustainable, responsible, and affordable supply, the EU is taking actions under the [EU Raw Materials Initiative \(RMI\)](#), the [European Green Deal](#) and [RePowerEU](#).

This year at PDAC, the EU focused on key issues such as sustainable global mining, promotion of the EU's advancing exploration and mining techniques, EU investment opportunities in the mining and associated sectors, opportunities for research in the EU and securing EU sustainable raw material supply chains for the industry.

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