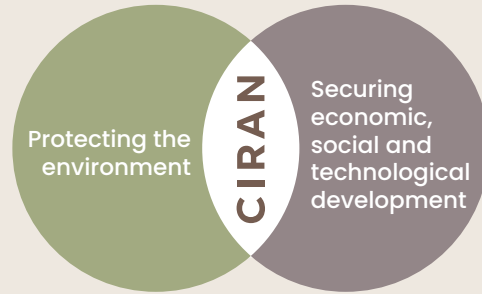


The aim of project **CIRAN** is to reconcile two societal objectives and needs for our society:

To meet this aim, it is very important to **involve all relevant stakeholders** and provide space for dialogue and cooperation.



It is especially important to **facilitate the participation of the public.**

To enable public involvement, **CIRAN** will create an test a fair and transparent framework for the **participation of local citizens** in decision making focused on the top ic of nature conservation an its challenges, one of which is mining critical raw materials.

People from **five European communitities** located near environmentally protected areas will be involved in focus groups and public discussions that will take place from **October 2023** to **June 2024** in their hometowns and will be mediated by members of the **CIRAN** consortium.

CIRAN will involve citizens from five European communities located in environmentally protected areas through two meetings: a focus group and a public discussion in their hometowns mediated by the **CIRAN** consortium.



The goal of these meetings is to give voice to local people and to understand the narratives of diverse stakeholders in the public debate. The opinions of citizens will be collected, and they will serve as a base for designing general guidelines and recommendations for future public engagement and dialogue about mining in environmentally protected areas.

Planned activities

The following activities will be implemented in the framework of **CIRAN** to involve the local public in the dialogue:

1

Identifying key stakeholders and interested citizens:



CIRAN will do a network analysis, mapping out key stakeholders groups, local leaders, and interested people in the community, and invite them to participate in the dialogue.

2

Focus group meeting:



CIRAN will organize a 1-1.5 hour long discussion with a group of 6-12 people to assess the general knowledge and interests of local citizens and to investigate different public opinions and viewpoints on the relevant topics.

3

Public discussion:



CIRAN will organize a 2-2.5 hour long public event for a group of 15-50 people. In the first learning participants to learn and understand the complex topics of nature conversation, climate change resilience and the enabling factors of the energy transition. This will enable people to participate in the following phases of deliberation and decision-making.

Only communities living in **environmentally protected areas** that are under no present threat of mining will be involved in the process of co-creation. But as this is a challenge that will have an impact on our daily in the future, it is important to be prepared, and to think about these challenges before they become imminent.

More information on the website.

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