

MINERAL POLICY - case Finland

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Mineral Policy Development in Finland in the 2000's

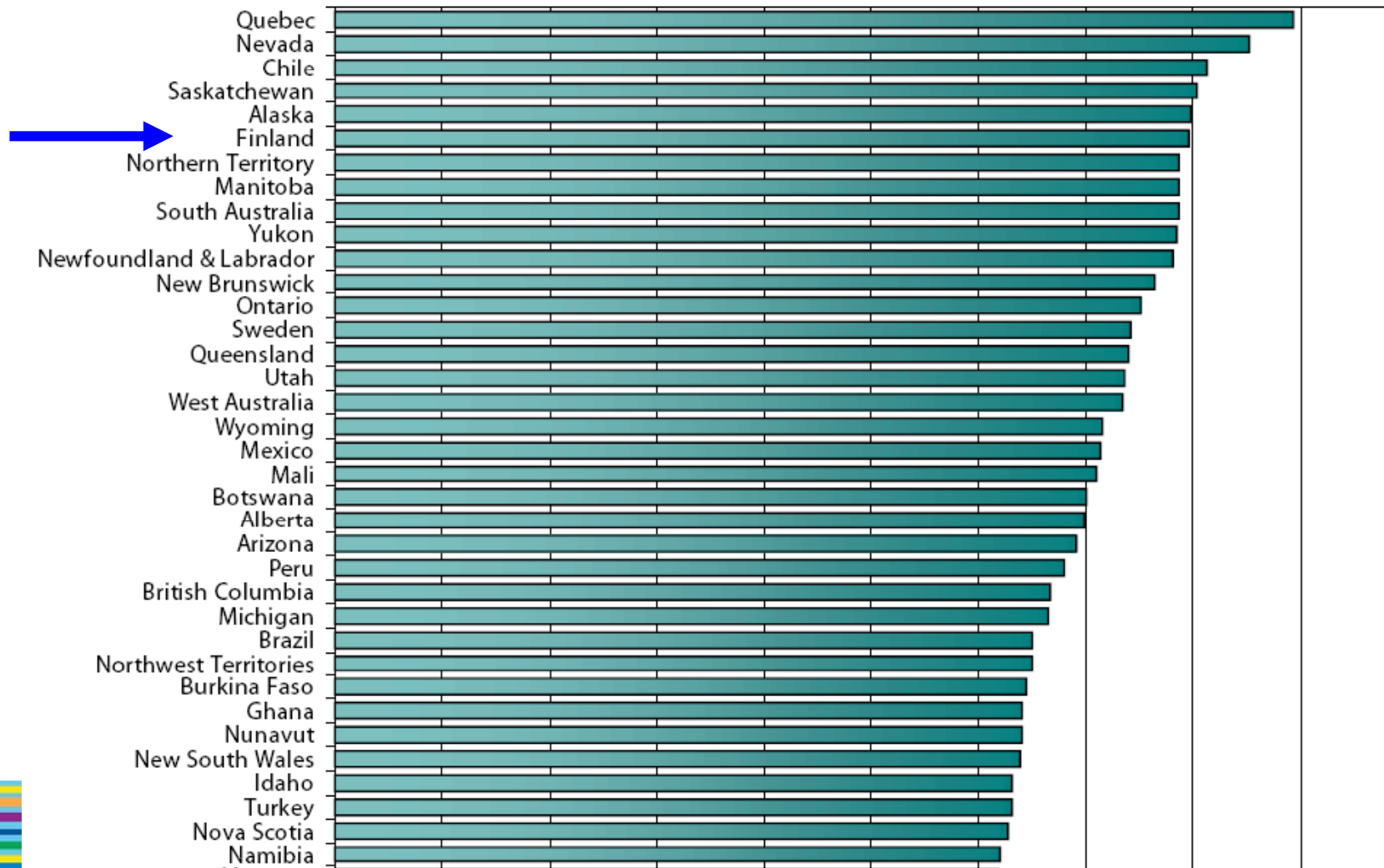
In case of **Finland**,
we are speaking about the mineral policy for a country

- with strong Nordic democratic traditions
- with high percentage of private land ownership
- with high demands of environment protection



Composite Policy and Mineral Potential Ranking

Frazer Institute Mining Company Survey 2009/10



Governmental support to mining industry

Finnish government is regarding the mining industry as very important for the economy of the whole country but especially for rural and high unemployment areas.

Special attention to exploration and mining in new Government Program.



MINERAL'S STRATEGY PROCESS

- The process was steered by the Ministry and managed by Geological Survey of Finland
- All relevant mineral industry branches and other interest groups were invited to participate
- The strategy covers all sub-branches of mineral sector; mining, extracting and stone industries, machinery, equipment and services for mining
- The process was based on open discussion, seeking consensus
- The target of the strategy is to advise government policy making as well as mineral branch itself



Finnish Mineral´s Strategy Vision for 2050

Finland is a global leader in the sustainable utilization of mineral resources and the minerals sector is one of the key foundations of the Finnish national economy

- ***Solutions for global mineral chain challenges***
- ***Promoting domestic growth and prosperity***
- ***Mitigating environmental impact***



Green Mining - Mineral sector development program

Vision: In 2020, Finland will be a global leader of an eco-efficient mining industry.

Duration: 2011-2016

Budget: 60 m€, out of which Tekes funding is 30 m€.

Enterprises: 20 m€ Tekes funding as grants (35/50%) or loans (70%), proposals can be submitted all the time

Public research organizations: 10 m€ Tekes funding as grants (60/70%). Calls once a year.

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Green Mining concept

- Promotes materials and energy efficiency
- Ensures availability of mineral resources for future needs
- Minimizes adverse environmental and social impacts
- Improves work and organisational practices
- Ensures sustainable land use following mine closure



NEW ELEMENTS OF MINING ACT

- Mining Act is a comprehensive renewal of the legislation affecting exploration and mining
- Responsibilities of exploration and mining companies against other stakeholders will be clarified
- Landowners, local organisations and citizens have possibility to submit their opinions during the permitting process, before decisions
- Local municipalities and environment authorities will during the process give their statements about the projects



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