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1. INTRODUCTION

The Work package 4 of the EUROLITHOS project aims to develop a European “identity card” for ornamental stone to form the core of a European directory, which will represent the technical characterization of each stone. The Directory of Ornamental Stones will provide basic information regarding the composition of each stone, physical – mechanical properties, quality and “performance in use” criteria. This ornamental stone knowledge base will be under the umbrella of the existing European Geological Data Infrastructure (EGDI).

1.1 Scope and purpose

This document is the deliverables D4.1 and D4.2 – “Working version of the Directory containing information from selected countries M36” and “Guidelines for the Directory M36”.

Main objectives of the Work Package 4 are to develop a pilot (aided by the IP) and establish a working directory for selected partner countries, accompanied by guidelines. There are many stone “libraries” and databases in the world which are being digitalized step - by - step. However, most of them are presently still under development or there is no accessibility. In addition, data from private companies display promotional materials (companies, suppliers) and contain a trade name of the materials and not a name according to EN 12440 – Denomination Criteria. Thus, the WP4 will create a harmonized database of the broad range of information available on ornamental stones which will be made public through the GeoERA information platform.

2. EUROLITHOS DIRECTORY

Euroolithos creates input to information platform of relevance to ornamental stone which includes database on specific stone types – directory of ornamental stone properties. The Euroolithos directory deals with the definition content of the “identity card”, precisely the use of names and terminology, petrographic information, geological context, physical – mechanical properties, geochemical properties, performance criteria. It investigates and exploits existing standards and the need for additional data, which feeds into the D6.1, definitions and requirements for the IP (M0-6). It intends to establish structure for data delivery and storage, and connection to Atlas and other databases.

The purpose of the directory is to create pan-European databases with coordinated structure for data storage and comparability of their features, and to publish the directory for selected partner countries, accompanied by guidelines.

Figure 1 depicts the structure of the Eurolithos project and the cooperation between the work packages to establish a European Natural Stone information platform.

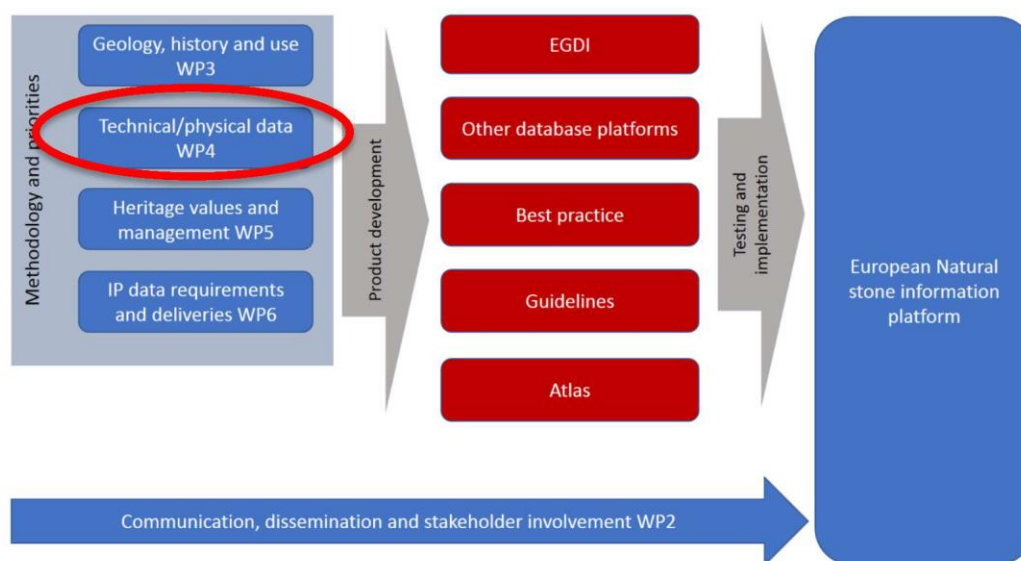


Figure 1: Structure and workflow of the Eurolithos project

3. THE DIRECTORY FRAMEWORK

The WP4 addresses one of the three main challenges, which is the need for a harmonised directory, or “identity card” for Ornamental stone. Thus, it focuses on the collection of data and the evaluation from active ornamental stone quarries for establishing a relevant evaluation database.

The framework of the directory consists of the “identity card” of each ornamental stone concerning the name of the stone according to the European standard EN 12440: Natural Stone – Denomination Criteria, its commodity type for distinguishing the main kinds of ornamental stones (i.e. marble, granite, limestone, etc) and its lithology (i.e. calcitic marble, gneiss, travertine, etc) and its typical colour based on the corresponding code list of Stone colours, according to the guidelines given in the context of Deliverable D.3.2, as well as its place of origin.

The “identity card” provides also information about petrography, mineralogical composition, physical – mechanical properties and chemical properties of each ornamental stone. Physical – mechanical properties determination is crucial for a

stone type, in order to specify its potential applications. Furthermore, data concerning geological setting of each stone quarried and applications, uses or heritage, are included in the Eurolithos Directory of Ornamental Stones.

For this, all partners are asked to provide a list of the ornamental stones quarried in their country with all the above information, for the Eurolithos Directory while this list could be updated in the future.

4. GUIDELINE FOR THE DIRECTORY

The template for filling in the characteristics for each ornamental stone described previously in the Directory framework in paragraph 3, is given in word document file which will be converted to portable document format (pdf) presented in paragraph 5. This pdf-downloadable factsheet for each unique ornamental stone should be uploaded to the corresponding egdi production repository in order for the database to be created. In particular the required information for filling in, are the following:

Name of natural stone: based on the European Standard EN 12440: Natural stone – Denomination Criteria which aims to unify the designation criteria of natural stone varieties, maintaining the traditional names and introducing terms of petrologic nature, typical colour and place of origin. The name of the natural stone may be its traditional or commercial name, and corresponds to a particular type of rock with a specific place of origin.

Short description: including a representative photograph and the macroscopic characterization of the ornamental stone. The macroscopic description should include the colour, the rock structure (joints, bedding, stylolites, etc), grain size, macroscopic cracks, pores, cavities, weathering and alteration, macrofossils, xenolithic or autolithic inclusions.

Commodity: referring to rocks of igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic origin and precisely, basalt, granite, limestone, marble, sandstone, slate, miscellaneous ornamental stones (as demonstrated in Table 5 -Deliverable 3.2: Country-level and European-level Atlas templates for harmonized data).

Lithology: correspondingly, detailed information about the vocabulary of lithology is presented in Deliverable 3.2. For example, calcitic marble, dolomitic marble, dolomite, travertine, dolomitic limestone, andesite, monzonite, greywacke, schist, serpentinite, etc are common lithologies used as ornamental stones.

The link which provides the vocabulary of commodity and lithology of ornamental stones is the following:

<https://data.geoscience.earth/ncl/geoera/eurolithos/CommodityCodeValue>

Typical colour: means the range of colour that a stone variety shows which is obtained by a visual impression under shadow natural light. Partners have suggested a list of stone colours that they considered relevant to be part of the Eurolithos Code List of Stone Colours. Thus, the typical colour of each stone should be selected according to the new created list of colours.

Place of origin: is the location of the area or quarry from where the ornamental stone is extracted, including the Country, the County/District or Province, the Municipality/Community and the City/Town or Village.

Geological Setting: providing the relevant geological map and information about the geology of the area where the ornamental stone is quarried referring also to the geological age and unit as well as to production data.

Application, use and heritage: brief description of uses and applications of each stone in remarkable constructions, either historical (i.e. monuments, ancient buildings, statues, etc.) or new structures including relevant photographic record of examples.

Petrography: including photographic record of a thin section of each stone (i.e. microphotograph) and microscopic description which includes fabric, constituents, discontinuities, alterations. The petrographic classification is assigned to each stone using the European Standard EN 12670: Natural stone – Terminology, which establishes the terminological bases for geological and petrologic definitions of natural stone and its classification.

Mineral composition: is determined by the petrographic examination according to EN 12407, and it identifies the main, subordinate or accessory minerals composing the natural stone (i.e. calcite, quartz, feldspar, dolomite, mica, orthoclase, etc).

Physical-Mechanical properties: Test methods are carried out at the laboratory to determine physical–mechanical properties mainly in compliance of European Standards EN or other relevant Standards (i.e. ASTM), being fully harmonized with the current practice in EU Member–States. The main physical–mechanical properties proposed for the Eurolithos Directory to form the “identity card” of an ornamental stone, are shown in Table 1.

Chemical properties: including the main elements (i.e. SiO₂, Al₂O₃, Cao, MnO, LOI, etc), the trace elements (i.e. V, Cr, Mn, Ni, Cu, Sr, As, Ag, U, etc) and the rare earths (i.e. La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Eu, Lu, etc).

During the uploaded process of each pdf, point location or rectangle of a wider area with corner coordinates should be chosen for each ornamental stone. x & y coordinates of each stone should be given according to specific coordinate system (using decimal degrees wgs84), determining the position of the area where the stone is quarried, as precisely as possible.

Table 1: Main physical-mechanical properties and corresponding EN Standards

Physical-Mechanical properties	EN Standard
Apparent density	EN 1936
Real density	EN 1936
Open porosity	EN 1936
Total porosity	En 1936
Water absorption at atmospheric pressure	EN 13755
Water absorption coefficient by capillary	EN 1925
Uniaxial compressive strength	EN 1926
Flexural strength under concentrated load	EN 12372
Flexural strength under constant moment	EN 13161
Frost resistance	EN 12371
Abrasion resistance	EN 14157
Resistance to ageing by thermal shock	EN 14066
Resistance to salt crystallization	EN 12370
Breaking load at dowel hole	EN 13364
Slip resistance	EN 14231
Rupture energy	EN 14158
Thermal conductivity	EN 1745

5. TEMPLATE FOR OUTPUTTING ORNAMENTAL STONE'S CHARACTERISTICS

The final version of the template for outputting all the aforementioned information concerning the characteristics of each ornamental stone is presented in the following pages. The corresponding created pdf for each stone, updated to the EGDI

repository, will be downloadable. The same files will be also included in a printable edition of an Atlas of European Ornamental Stones.

EUROLITHOS European Ornamental
Stone Resources

GeoERA
RAW MATERIALS

Unique Name

Alternative name 1

Alternative name 2

Picture of stone surface; either 1) use scale on photo, 2) use the black box below, 3)
indicate approximate scale in the black box below

scale

Short description:

Commodity (vocabulary)	Lithology (vocabulary)	Typical colour (code list)	Place of origin			
			Country	County / District / Province	Municipality / Community	Place/town / Village

Figure 1: Contents of the template for displaying characteristics of the ornamental stone (first page)




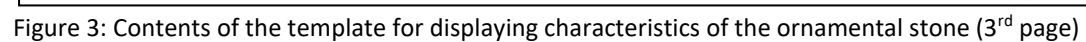
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Geological unit:	Geological unit name				
					

Figure 2: Contents of the template for displaying characteristics of the ornamental stone (2nd page)

Description:

Picture showing example of fuse; it is possible to have several examples



Petrography

Photomicrograph, thin section or other

Description:

Source of information:

Figure 4: Contents of the template for displaying characteristics of the ornamental stone (4th page)

Mineral composition

If no accurate number, use MM=main minerals, SM = Subordinate minerals, AM=accessory minerals

Mineral 1 (%)	Mineral 2 (%)	Mineral 3 (%)	Mineral 4 (%)	Mineral 5 (%)	Mineral 6 (%)	Mineral 7 (%)
Mineral 8 (%)	Mineral n (%)					

Source of information:



Figure 5: Contents of the template for displaying characteristics of the ornamental stone (5th page)

Physical properties

Apparent density (EN 1936) kg/m ³	Open porosity (EN 1936) % vol	Water absorption at atmospheric pressure (EN 13755) % wt	Uniaxial Compressive strength (EN 1926) MPa	Flexural strength under concentrated load (EN 12372) MPa

Real density (EN 1936) kg/m ³	Total porosity (EN 1936) % vol	Water absorption coefficient by capillary (EN 1925) (g/m ² x s ^{0,5})	Flexural strength under constant moment (EN 13161) MPa

Frost resistance (EN 12371)				
Technological Test (Test A)				Identification Test (Test B): Number of cycles completed prior to stone failure
Flexural strength (EN 12372) after freeze-thaw cycling, MPa	Number of cycles	Uniaxial compressive strength (EN 1926) after freeze-thaw cycling, MPa	Number of cycles	

Resistance to ageing by thermal shock (EN 14066)			
Change in dynamic modulus of elasticity (increase: +; decrease: -) %	Change in open porosity (increase: +; decrease: -) %	Change in ultrasound pulse velocity (increase: +; decrease: -) %	Change in flexural strength under conc. load (increase: +; decrease: -) %

Abrasion resistance (EN 14157)			Resistance to salt crystallisation (EN 12370)	Breaking load at dowel hole (EN 13364)	
Method A - Wide Wheel Abrasion Test, mm	Method B - Böhme Abrasion Test, cm ³ /50cm ²	Method C - Amsler Abrasion Test, mm	Change in mass (increase: +; decrease: -), %	Breaking load, N	Thickness of the test specimens, mm

Slip resistance by means of the pendulum tester (EN 14231 / CEN/TS 16165)			Rupture energy (EN 14158), Joule	Thermal Conductivity (EN 1745), W/m·K
Tested surface finish	Slip Resistance Value — SRV			
	Dry test condition	Wet test condition		

Source of information:



Figure 6: Contents of the template for displaying characteristics of the ornamental stone (6th page)

Chemical properties

Main elements

SiO ₂ (%)	Al ₂ O ₃ (%)	Fe ₂ O ₃ (%)	TiO ₂ (%)	MgO (%)	CaO (%)	Na ₂ O (%)	K ₂ O (%)	MnO (%)	P ₂ O ₅ (%)	SO ₃ (%)	LOI (%)

Trace elements

V (ppm)	Cr (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Co (ppm)	Ni (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Zn (ppm)	As (ppm)
Sr (ppm)	Cd (ppm)	Ba (ppm)	Pb (ppm)	Be (ppm)	Rb (ppm)	Bi (ppm)	U (ppm)
Sc (ppm)	Y (ppm)	Th (ppm)	Sb (ppm)	Ta (ppm)	Nb (ppm)	Zr (ppm)	Sn (ppm)
Ag (ppm)	B (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	W (ppm)	Ga (ppm)	Ge (ppm)	Se (ppm)	Cs (ppm)
Tl (ppm)							

REE

La (ppm)	Ce (ppm)	Pr (ppm)	Nd (ppm)	Sm (ppm)	Eu (ppm)	Gd (ppm)	Tb (ppm)
Dy (ppm)	Ho (ppm)	Er (ppm)	Tm (ppm)	Yb (ppm)	Lu (ppm)		

Methods applied and source of information:



Figure 7: Contents of the template for displaying characteristics of the ornamental stone (7th page)

Sources of more information

Type of information	Name of provider	URL
This data sheet		
Non-commercial directory		
Commercial directory		
Scientific publication		
Other publication		

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Figure 8: Contents of the template for displaying characteristics of the ornamental stone (last page)