

## Round Table

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Title: **Encouraging Collaboration for the Conservation of Mining Heritage: A Panel Discussion on Research, Conservation, and Management Strategies**

Description (250-300 words required)

Mining activities have profoundly shaped the cultural landscapes of regions worldwide, leaving behind a rich tapestry of tangible and intangible heritage. This panel discussion aims to serve as a catalyst for collaboration among individuals and organizations interested in researching, conserving, and managing mining-related cultural landscape heritage.

The discussion will explore multifaceted approaches to understanding and preserving mining heritage, drawing on the expertise of professionals, scholars, community stakeholders, and policymakers. Presentations will showcase innovative research methodologies, ranging from archaeological excavations and heritage documentation to ethnographic studies and oral history collection, aimed at unraveling the complexities of mining landscapes.

Furthermore, the panel will delve into conservation and management strategies tailored to the unique challenges posed by mining heritage sites. Topics of discussion will include sustainable land use planning, heritage interpretation and education, community engagement and empowerment, and the integration of mining heritage into broader cultural and natural landscape conservation frameworks.

Importantly, this panel discussion seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and forge partnerships that transcend disciplinary boundaries. Participants will have the opportunity to share insights, experiences, and best practices, laying the groundwork for collaborative projects aimed at conserving mining heritage on a global scale.

By harnessing the collective expertise and passion of participants, this panel discussion aims to inspire the development of collaborative projects dedicated to the preservation and sustainable management of mining-related cultural landscape heritage. We invite researchers, conservation practitioners, policymakers, community advocates, and heritage enthusiasts to join us in this endeavor. Together, we can chart a path towards a future where mining heritage is valued, protected, and celebrated for generations to come.

### **Motivation:**

As stakeholders begin discussions to prepare a nomination dossier for the registration of the "Eisenstrasse" in Austria, a round table discussion on mining heritage in cultural landscapes is essential. This forum will gather representatives from regions also engaged in mining and cultural landscapes to exchange ideas and plan future collaborative activities. By fostering dialogue and sharing insights, this discussion aims to leverage collective expertise, strengthen partnerships, and lay the groundwork for coordinated efforts in preserving and promoting mining heritage worldwide.

### **Target Audience:**

researchers, stakeholder, authorities working within the framework of conservation of mining cultural heritage

### **Keywords (3-5 keywords required):**

Mining Heritage, Cultural Heritage and mining activities, Eisenstrasse