

**Press Review on the Great
Lakes region & EU foreign
policy**



EU foreign policy

- DRC/EU

[Visite du commissaire Stylianides en République démocratique du Congo: plus de 60 millions d'euros en faveur de la région des Grands Lac](#), Commission européenne, 26 mars

 **Christos Stylianides** ✓
@StylianidesEU

Abonné

Plus de €60 millions en faveur de la région des Grands Lacs et un renforcement de l'aide humanitaire de l'UE pour la crise en [#DR Congo](#)
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 **Bart Ouvry**
@BartOuvry

Abonné

Conclusion de la visite du Commissaire [@StylianidesEU](#) pour des consultations très utiles avec le Ministère de la Solidarité & des Actions Humanitaires & les Affaires Étrangères en perspective de la Conférence Humanitaire à Genève du 13 avril où la présence de la RDC sera cruciale



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- **RWANDA/EU**



EU Delegation Rwanda
@EUinRW

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This evening Amb. @nicolabellomo hosted @dinner the #EU Commissioner for @eu_echo Mr. @StylianidesEU who is on his way to DR.#Congo to assess Humanitarian situation & offer EU support to the vulnerable, ask govt to secure full access of humanitarian organisations all those in need

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• RWANDA/GERMANY



Ambassador Woeste
@GermanyinRwanda

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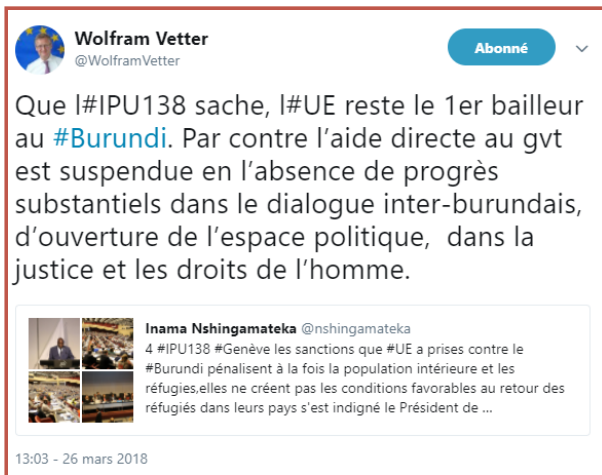
Open and lively discussion on economic opportunities with #German @BoschGlobal . HE President #Kagame: Only if we cooperate in the region we'll create a market big enough for world brands. Nobody can do it alone.

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• BURUNDI/EU



Central Africa - Great Lakes region

- [Angola: Ex-president's son charged with fraud](#), Al Jazeera, 27 March
- [Rebels in the Central African Republic are filling the void of an absent government](#), NY Times, 26 March

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Political situation

- **TOP STORY** - [UE: la RDC risque de boycotter la conférence des donateurs](#), RFI, 27 mars
- [Nouveau mandat de l'ONU avec l'espoir d'élections "crédibles" en RDC](#), VOA Afrique, 26 mars
- [Congo says it rejects foreign aid to fund elections](#), Reuters, 26 March

- [RD Congo : malgré les prétendants, Joseph Kabila cherche encore son dauphin](#), Jeune Afrique, 24 mars
- [L'opposition en ordre dispersé en RDC](#), Deutsche Welle, 26 mars

Security situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Deux arrestations dans l'affaire des experts de l'ONU tués en RDC](#), RFI, 27 mars
- [Quatre défenseurs des droits humains libérés après deux mois de détention en RDC](#), VOA Afrique, 27 mars
- [Quel mandat pour la Monusco ?](#), Deutsche Welle, 27 mars
- [How bad is the humanitarian crisis in DR Congo?](#), Al Jazeera, 24 March
- [Congo military kills 13 rebels in Ituri clashes: army spokesman](#), Reuters, 24 March

Natural resources

- **TOP STORY** - [Congo's 2017 mining revenue up 36 percent while oil revenue doubles](#), Reuters, 26 March

Others

- [RDC : DP World confirme avoir remporté la concession du port de Banana](#), Jeune Afrique, 26 mars

Burundi

Political situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Burundi opposition politician arrested: party spokesman](#), Reuters, 27 March
- [Vers la restauration de la monarchie au Burundi?](#), Iwacu, 27 mars

Security situation

- [« Les Burundais meurent et Nkurunziza s'amuse comme un enfant gâté »](#), Le Monde, 21 Mars

Rwanda

Political situation

- **TOP STORY** - [Paul Kagame à Entebbe pour décrier les relations avec son voisin ougandais](#), Le Monde, 26 mars
- [Violences dans l'Ituri, Paul Kagame inquiet](#), Deutsche Welle, 26 mars

News from EurAc network & partner organisations

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- [Advice Note to Companies, Member States and the European Commission](#), EurAc and 15 other civil society organisations, 27 March

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Read our [#civilsociety](#) joint note on the implementation of the [#EU #conflictmineral](#) regulation, with info and recommendations for member states, companies and the [@EU_Commission](#). Available here: bit.ly/2DYwxi5

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ADVICE NOTE TO COMPANIES, MEMBER STATES, AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Implementation of the EU Regulation

laying down supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum, and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating from conflict-affected and high-risk areas¹

The EU Regulation on due diligence in mineral supply chains ([Regulation](#)) came into force on 8 June 2017. It aims to disrupt links between conflict, human rights abuses, and the global minerals trade, by requiring companies bringing ores and metals of tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold (3TG) into the EU—from anywhere in the world—to do so responsibly. The Regulation is based on the existing, internationally-endorsed, OECD standard for responsible mineral supply chains.²

The Regulation requires 'Union importers' to carry out 'supply chain due diligence' on their 3TG supply chains, as a tool to source responsibly from high-risk areas. The European Commission ([Commission](#)) and EU Member States are also encouraging companies further down mineral supply chains to do the same, in line with the OECD standard.³

Supply chain due diligence, as described both by the Regulation and the OECD Guidance upon which it is based, is a practical tool intended to facilitate and promote the responsible and transparent sourcing of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas ([CAHRAs](#)).⁴ It provides for a risk-based approach to responsible sourcing, requiring companies to find

have already come into effect. The practices required by the Regulation are not new, and are all consistent with standards for responsible business conduct endorsed and encouraged by the EU since at least 2011.

This note provides practical guidance and recommendations to support companies, Member States, and the Commission to fulfil their obligations under the Regulation and linked commitments. The note is not intended to be exhaustive.

It is divided into the following Sections:

1	What problem is the Regulation addressing?
2	The OECD's standard for sourcing minerals responsibly
3	The core principles of supply chain due diligence
4	Which companies are covered by the Regulation?

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Partner organisations

- [Movement restricted: Congolese refugees in Angola](#), International Refugee Rights Initiative (IRRI) March 2018

Interesting

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- [Artisanal gold mining in DRC: Time to get down to earth?](#), ECDPM, 26 March

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