

CASE STUDY • TESSENBERG 2025



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Exploration in Austria: *Streamlined by Design*

How Ekometall executed a drill campaign in East Tyrol—from application to completion in under 8 months—demonstrating Austria's efficient regulatory framework.

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MONTHS TO
INITIAL DRILL
PERMIT

6

DRILL
HOLES
PLANNED

17

STAKE-
HOLDERS
ENGAGED

REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Why Austria Is Different



Other EU Jurisdictions

- Mandatory public participation phases
- Formal Social License requirements
- Multi-stage consultation processes
- Extended approval timelines
- Complex stakeholder frameworks



Austria (MinroG)

- ✓ Technical and formal focus
- ✓ Landowner consent as primary requirement
- ✓ One oral hearing with site inspection is typical
- ✓ Private-law flexibility
- ✓ Clear, predictable process

OUR PROCESS

Application to Execution

~8

MONTHS TOTAL



KEY SUCCESS FACTOR

Early mayor engagement enabled trust-building, stakeholder identification, local mediation, and initiation of contracts—proving decisive for project success.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Every Stakeholder, Engaged Early

2

MUNICIPALITIES

10

PRIVATE
LANDOWNERS

2

ROAD
ASSOCIATIONS

1

WATER
ASSOCIATION

1

HUNTING
ASSOCIATION

1

AGRICULTURAL
COMMUNITY

€10K

BANK
GUARANTEE

100%

LOCAL-FIRST
VENDOR POLICY

ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Responsible Exploration

Independent Assessment Conclusion

"Impacts are minor, locally limited, and fully reversible. No permanent land loss or significant impairment of protected habitats or species."



ECOLOGICAL SUPERVISION

Independent construction oversight throughout all phases



WATER MONITORING

Systematic observation of springs before, during, and after drilling



MINE SURVEY ASSESSMENT

Analysis ensuring no intersection with historic workings



FULL SITE RESTORATION

Complete rehabilitation with vegetation sod replacement



EKOMETALL

Efficient Process.

Responsible Exploration.

Austria's Mineral Resources Act (MinroG) provides a clear, predictable path from application to drilling. Combined with Ekometall's proven Community Engagement Strategy, we deliver exploration programs that respect both timelines and stakeholders.

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