

In **Skouries**, Chalkidiki and **several other sites** in northern Greece, there are plans for **gigantic ore mining projects** with **severe consequences** for these regions' **environment, economy and society**.

SKOURIES

- Rich primary forest
- Source of clean water
- Aristotle's homeland
- Agriculture and tourism-based economy

MINING

- Destruction of the forest
- Water depletion and contamination
- Toxic dust and waste
- An activity that preempts all others

WHAT WILL MINING **CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY?**

WILL ELDORADO GOLD **PAY TAXES?**

WILL GREECE **BENEFIT FROM THIS PROJECT?**

Languages: Greek/English (translation will be available)

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With speakers from Jubilee South - APMDD (Philippines) - ActionAid Zambia - Mining Watch Canada

MINING IN SKOURIES

DOES ELDORADO GOLD
REALLY GENERATE INCOME FOR GREECE?

PUBLIC MEETING
1st November 2014
10am - 3pm

Vasileos Georgiou & Tritis Septemvriou
City Hall - Thessaloniki

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It is often claimed that mining companies generate tax revenues and jobs.

BUT DO THEY?

Canadian company Eldorado Gold has mining plans of **pharaonic proportions** in Northern Greece. Its direct parent is a Dutch mailbox company. This triggered an investigation by Amsterdam-based research centre SOMO into possible tax avoidance by Eldorado Gold and subsidies it receives from the state. This is a common issue in other parts of the world. In Zambia, campaigners have exposed that **only two of eight foreign mining companies have reported any profits** for years.

WHO BENEFITS AND WHO LOSES FROM MINING IN GREECE?

SOMO's research shows that **ELDORADO GOLD'S PROFITS ARE MOST LIKELY SHIFTED OUT OF GREECE TO BARBADOS**

The preliminary findings of SOMO's report, titled **Eldorado Gold: The role of Dutch mailbox companies in tax avoidance and human rights violations in Greece** will be presented in this Public Meeting.*

The presentation will be followed by workshops.

*The full report will be published in December

PROGRAMME

(The programme is still subject to modification)

10:00 - 12:00 | Public debate on discussion paper

Introduction round. How did this report come about?

Katrin McGauran, SOMO

Eldorado in Greece and the campaign against its mining operations

Maria Kadoglou, Hellenic Mining Watch

Explanation of the findings: Is Eldorado Gold dodging taxes in Greece?

Indra Römogens, SOMO

Canadian mining companies and human rights

Jamie Kneen, MiningWatch Canada

Extractive industry impacts and lack of financial contribution to the countries of the South

Patrick Kryticous Nshindano, ActionAid Zambia

13:00 - 15:00 | Open Workshops

Public loss of the extractive industry

Katrin McGauran, SOMO

Patrick Kryticous Nshindano, ActionAid Zambia
James Mitchell, University Bristol

How to fight mega mining projects

Katrin McGauran, SOMO (facilitator)
Roxana (Save Rosia Montana campaign)
Jamie Kneen, MiningWatch Canada

How to (use) research to fight corporate misconduct

Roos van Os, SOMO (facilitator)
Christina, Corporate Watch

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