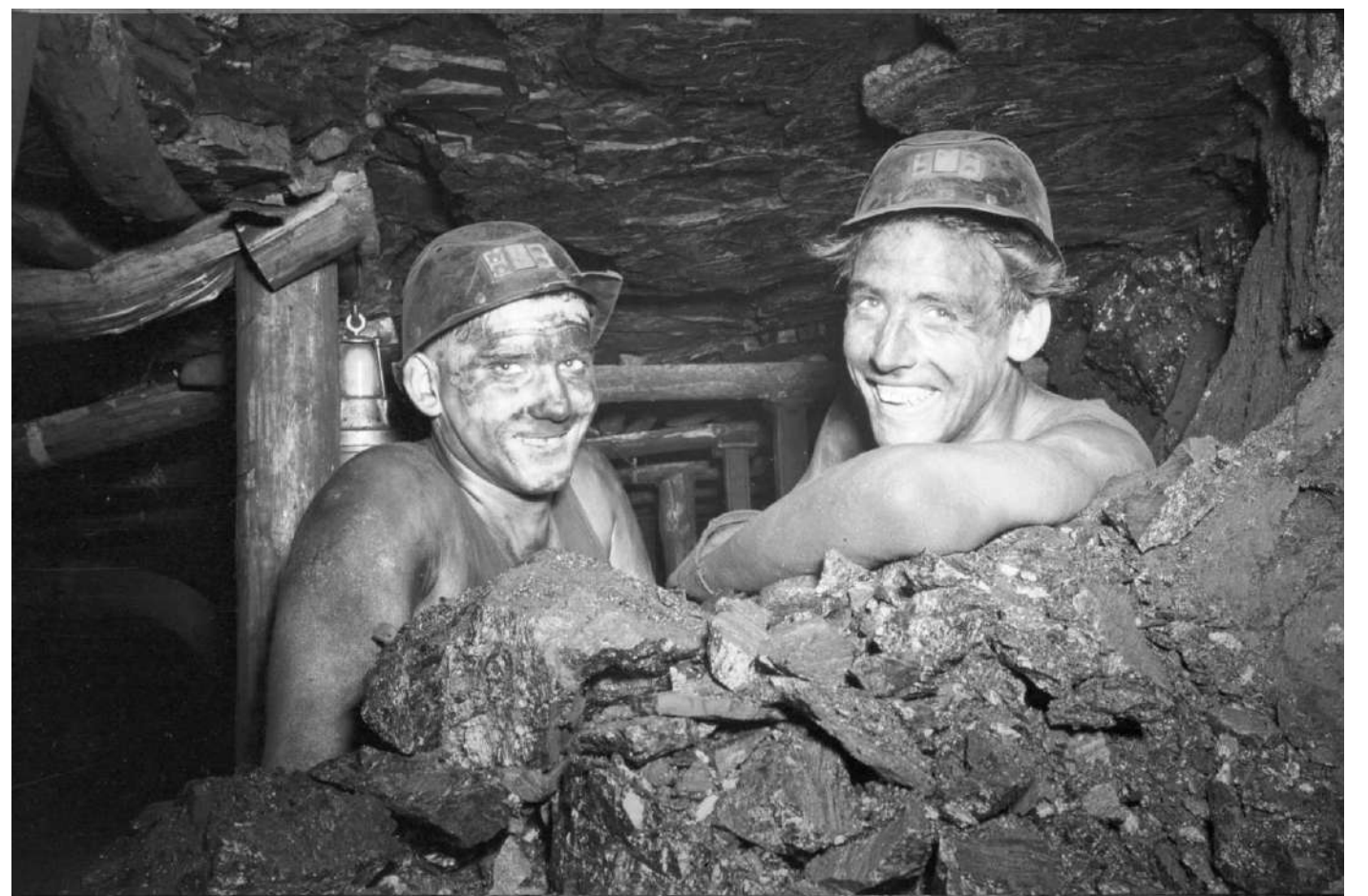


Resources: The Example of Mining Industry

Industrialisation had a great impact on the landscape and development of the Euregio. A Euregional story can be told about the mining industry, with focus on the 19th-20th century. The history of this industry has been a determining factor in the personal family history of tens of thousands of workers and their ancestors. Its traces are scattered throughout the Euregional landscape. The impact of the mining history can hardly be overestimated.



Impact of Mining Industry

In the Euregio Meuse Rhine four coalfields were situated close to each other: the Campine (Belgian Limburg), Liège (Wallonia), Aachen (Germany) and South-Limburg (The Netherlands).

- Terra Mosana will present a short history about coal and mining, containing personal stories
- Including an overview of the impact of mining industry:
 - infrastructure
 - landscape
 - migration
 - pollution
 - changes in composition, culture and languages of the inhabitants of the Euregio



A Euregional Story?

Similarities and differences on Euregional scale:

- State borders versus underground geological formations
- Similarities (e.g. labour migration)
- Differences in a small area ('old' & 'modern' mining areas)
- Present: reconversion of historic sites
- Future: how will we use this shared identity?

