

## ROMANIA

Two Romanian stakeholders' consultations have been organized by Geological Institute of Romania on November 17, 2013 (Fig. 1) and June 05, 2014 (Fig. 2), respectively, in Bucharest (National Museum of Geology). The purpose of these consultations, set up as a workshop and round table type event, was to promote the SNAP-SEE project and to establish new contacts with stakeholders for their contribution in the national aggregate planning activity.

The participants were representatives of public authorities (Ministry of Economy, National Agency for Mineral Resources), mine operators in aggregate domain, associations of aggregate producers and of construction materials, and research and education institutions.



Fig. 1. The 1<sup>st</sup> stakeholder consultation in Bucharest – November 17, 2013.



Fig. 2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stakeholder consultation in Bucharest – June 5, 2014.

Both stakeholder consultations were organized in two parts. The first part of each event was assigned for oral presentations (with time for questions and answers) concerning the general objectives of SNAP-SEE project, the main purposes of the existing Aggregates Resource Plan (e.g. Austrian Plan), and the data need for an aggregate resource plan, besides the relevant data on strategy of mining industry in Romania (Horizon 2035), on the state of art in Romanian aggregate industry, on the principles of aggregate demand forecast, on SNAP-SEE results and perspectives, and on the European standards for aggregate industry vs EU standards for construction materials.

During the second part of the consultations, interactive discussions were organized as a round table concerning the problems related to:

- ✚ Strategy in the mining and quarrying industry;
- ✚ Usefulness of an aggregate planning to conduct and control the activity of aggregate operators;
- ✚ Problems concerning the licenses and permits, the actual and new taxes, especially local ones;
- ✚ Where should be find the old data on aggregates and the availability of producers to contribute with new data referring to geologic background, aggregate quality and resources/reserves;
- ✚ Problems concerning the relationship between the aggregate exploitation, Natura2000 areas, and aggregate demand;
- ✚ Harmonization of aggregate standards (EU-national);
- ✚ Aggregate black-market as a result of illegal quarrying;
- ✚ Using of recycled aggregates – a very limited action at national scale and which still need to be regulated (best practices code of C&DW recycling, methodology of end-of-waste status for C&DW).

The main messages from the consultations were:

- ✚ Necessity of national synthesis on aggregates resources (distribution maps, residual zones);
- ✚ Create the aggregate database at the national scale to facilitate the information of operators and stakeholders;
- ✚ Regional/local development plans and feasibility studies for major infrastructure projects should contain data about aggregate need;
- ✚ Planning at national scale to facilitate fast access to aggregates resources, including quick licensing process, and avoid the conflicts;
- ✚ Entire help from quarry operators and association of aggregate producers;
- ✚ Administrative sector interested in planning process and open to contribute with data needed;
- ✚ Creating an administrative body to develop and implement the aggregate/mineral planning.