

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The first SNAP-SEE stakeholder meeting in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs of Canton 10 (MGK10) on 20 June 2013 in Livno (Fig. 1), has provided great opportunity for all stakeholders and participants to gain significant knowledge and insights about SNAP-SEE project. Present and future trends regarding sustainable aggregates planning were the main topics.



Fig. 1. The 1st SNAP-SEE consultation in Livno, BiH.

Coordination team presented by MGK10: Ivana Suša, Vasilija Broceta and Robert Kaselj, with support of project partners Željko Dedić and Boris Kruk from the Croatian Geological Survey, Vladimir Simić from the Mining and geological faculty, University of Belgrade and Jim O'Brien, past president of the UEPG, gathered a day before and set up the stage for a successful event. Interactive session followed by given presentations at the round table next day was surprisingly dynamic and open leading to many suggestions and conclusion, showing that planning aggregate supply can be an interesting topic with strong importance for all participants.

Key remarks of Jim O'Brien, one of the lecturers of the event were: "The 30 or so participants featured a very even balance between Ministry and the Industry. In that way, there was a very good airing of views and opinions from both sides. The discussion groups worked extremely well, leading to very frank and open discussions. I will retain very happy memories of the event and of the friendly people of BiH".

Participants were extremely satisfied with speakers and entire organization and they were highly involved in the whole process. Discussions acted really as brainstorming session. Feedback from them will be a key factor and will be used for formulating recommendations for the project as well as for improving aggregates planning in the region. Therefore, event purpose was fully achieved.

The Ministry of Economic Affairs of Herzegbosnian Canton has organized in Livno also the **second regional stakeholders consultation** on 20th June 2014 (Fig. 2). Partners from the Croatian Geological Survey from Zagreb and the Faculty of Mining and Geology of the University of Belgrade (Serbia) have presented the following topics: *Life cycle of aggregates, Sustainable supply mix and recycling, Green public procurements and National/regional guidance on aggregates planning scheme*. Key conclusions from the 4th *Steering Committee Meeting* held in Pula (Croatia) in April 2014 have also been shared to the participants of this round table.

After the presentations the stakeholders have started vivid discussion about presented results from the first round table held in Livno in 2013 and responsibilities of the government administration at all levels in BiH and Federation of BiH related to the aggregates planning.

Stakeholders have identified the urgent need for: (1) making the draft aggregates management strategy that would be the base for final aggregates management strategy in the next few years which would be used, among other purposes, for generating future EU funded project proposals; (2) making a study of geological potentiality of aggregates for this canton; (3) creation of interactive map of aggregates resources based on geographical information system (GIS) that would be available online on the official website of the Government of Herzegbosnian Canton for the use to all stakeholders. Also they have discussed about the existing complex legislation and regulation framework governing the sector of aggregates, the problems of conducting inspections and supervisions and the existence of unfair competition.

This roundtable has brought together the representatives of the Federal Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry of Federation of BiH, various ministries, municipalities of Herzegbosnian Canton, Development agency of *West Herzegovina County* (HERAG), companies that deal with the exploitation of aggregates and construction companies.



Fig. 2. The 2nd SNAP-SEE consultation in Livno, BiH.