

International Conference on Sustainable Aggregates Planning in South East Europe

- contributions to the EU minerals policy framework -

1st announcement

22.-24. OCTOBER 2014

Bled, Slovenia



Motivation for Conference:

The partner institutions of the Sustainable Aggregates Planning in South East Europe project (SNAP SEE) recognized that some countries in the region do not practice sustainable aggregates management and do not ensure a sustainable supply of aggregates to their economies. This can hinder resource efficiency and economic development, and potentially lead to greater negative environmental and social impacts. More consistent, integrated, resource efficient aggregates planning at the national/regional scales, increased knowledge capacity of authorities, civil society, industry and experts and the creation of long-lasting transnational, national and regional networks on aggregates were a direct response to tackle these challenges.

The purpose of this international conference is to share the results of SNAP-SEE and place those results in the context of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials' call for an improved minerals policy framework. Participants will:

- hear from numerous invited experts on aggregates and minerals planning and policy in Europe,
- be invited to engage in a dialogue on how to enhance EU efforts to upgrade and coordinate national mineral plans, permitting and reporting policies to ease the access to mineral resources, and
- offer a more transparent and participative exchange of ideas with involved stakeholders.

The conference invites all stakeholders from the field: governments, planning and permitting authorities, other representatives of public and private sector, especially aggregates and other mineral companies and associations, NGOs and all other stakeholders interested in the topics of minerals planning and policy.

Anticipated Speakers Representing (to be confirmed):

Representatives from government ministries, planning and permitting authorities in the SEE Region • EC DG Enterprise • UEPG and regional aggregates companies and associations • EC Joint Research Centre • South East Europe Programme Joint Technical Secretariat • Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia • Geological surveys of Slovenia and other SEE and EU nations • Montanuniversität Leoben and other universities • Slovenian minerals industry • European Technological Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources • Raw Materials Initiative • EuroGeoSurveys • NGOs and other Stakeholders

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Call for papers and types of Presentations:

Oral (limited to 20 minutes), posters, proceedings, interactive discussions.

Important Dates:

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| • 1 st announcement & invitation of keynote speakers: | June 2014 |
| • 2 nd announcement & opening of registration form of participation: | 1. September |
| • Deadline for submission of contributions (title only): | 5. September |
| • Submission of abstracts & papers for the proceedings book: | 30. September |
| • Last call for the registration form: | 1. October |
| • Deadline for the registration: | 10. October |
| • Conference: | 22-23. October |
| • Field Trip: | 24. October |

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