

International Conference on Sustainable Aggregates Planning in South East Europe

- contributions to the EU minerals policy framework -

2nd announcement & call for abstracts and short papers & Preliminary program

22nd – 24th OCTOBER 2014

Bled, Slovenia



Motivation for the Conference – Overview & Invitation

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 goal of the Conference: 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.

Organized by:

Geological Survey of Slovenia
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Conference Program at Glance*

	9am					5pm	
Wednesday 22 Oct	Registration Welcome Plenary sessions	Coffee break	SNAP-SEE project achievements	Lunch break	Contributions to the EU minerals policy framework (workshop)	Coffee break	Interactive workshop - continue
Thursday 23 Oct	Plenary or Parallel sessions		Plenary or Parallel sessions		SNAP-SEE follow up		Agreements, Conclusion
Friday, 24 Oct	Field trip						

*Detailed preliminary program can be found at the end of this document.

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INVITED SPEAKERS (to be confirmed): Slavko V. Šolar, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry • Robert Holnsteiner, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth • Paolo Bevilacqua, Università di Trieste • Željko Pogačnik, Slovenian association of mining engineers • Giovanni Andrea Blengini, DG JRC – Joint Research Centre • and many others

Call for Abstracts/Papers & Instructions for the Submission

- **PRESENTATIONS:** oral (limited to 15 minutes), posters, interactive discussions
- **SHORT PAPERS & ABSTRACTS** (optional): abstracts (300 - 500 words) or short papers (1500 – 3000 words) for the conference proceedings book.
- **DEADLINE FOR THE ABSTRACTS/SHORT PAPERS SUBMISSION: 2nd October**, send to gorazd.zibret@geo-zs.si using a [template](#) provided.

Important Dates:

- Reminder call for the registration: 25th October
- Submission of abstracts & papers for the proceedings book: 2nd October
- Final Conference program: 8th October
- Deadline for the registration: 18th October
- Conference: 22nd – 23rd October
- Field Trip: 24th October

Social Program & Field Trip

1. Wednesday, 22nd October, 20:00: SNAP-SEE joint dinner (evening brainstorming sessions), details will be issued later
2. Friday, 24th October: SNAP-SEE field trip, details will be issued later

Registration

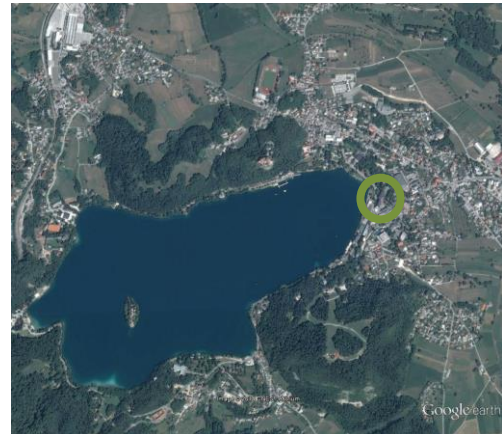
Registration is open from **10th September**, closing on **18th October 2014**. Fill in the **registration form**, available on the [SNAP-SEE web page](#).

Event Venue

[Hotel Park - Sava Hotels & Resorts](#)
Cesta svobode 15, SI – 4260 Bled, Slovenia



Hotel Park, Bled



Event venue – geographic location ([google.maps](#))

Accommodation & Special Offers

Feel free to book in the [Hotel Park](#) (the conference venue). In the case this hotel do not meet your demands, following web portal [www.bled.si](#) has a comprehensive list of available hotels and other accommodation options, so you can choose the option which fits best for your needs. Take note that all hotels in Bled are found within the walking distance (max. 5') to the conference venue, so feel free to choose whatever you like most. Take note that some hotels (listed below) in Bled offered to the SNAP-SEE conference participants their special offer.

1. Hotel Astoria*** offered a 10€ discount on their regular pricelist: 70€/night for a single room and 40€/person and night for a double room; book via e-mail: astoria@vgs-bled.si and use a keyword "SNAP SEE KONFERENCA"

2. Hotel Savica*** offered a fixed price of 69€/night for a single room and 86€/night for a double room; offer is valid until 23rd of September by filling a registration form found at following link:
www.snapsee.eu/conference/Hotel_reservation_form.docx
3. Hotel Jadran*** offered a fixed price of 53€/night for a single room and 66€/night for a double room; offer is valid until 23rd of September by filling a registration form found at following link:
www.snapsee.eu/conference/Hotel_reservation_form.docx
4. Hotel Golf**** offered a fixed price of 96€/night for a single room and 110€/night for a double room; offer is valid until 23rd of September by filling a registration form found at following link:
www.snapsee.eu/conference/Hotel_reservation_form.docx

Conference organizers recommend not booking your accommodation on the very last moment, since mid-October is still a very busy season in Bled and you might not find your best choice available any more!

Transfer to Bled from the Airport & Links

- **SHUTTLE SERVICE (recommended):** We recommend following shuttle services from Ljubljana airport to Bled: www.zup-prevozi.eu, www.mnj.si or www.goopti.com/.
- **BUS TRANSFER:** Regular bus transfers are provided by the company Alpetour. You can search available transfers via Kranj (best option): **Letališče Brnik** (= Jože Pučnik Airport) → **Kranj AP** → **Bled** or perhaps also a transfer via Ljubljana.
- **TRANSFER ORGANISED BY A HOTEL:** All hotels in Bled offer a transfer from/to airport. Please, consult the hotel where you intend to stay.

More information how to get to/from airport can be found at Ljubljana airport web page: www.lju-airport.si.

Other Useful Links:

- Bled tourist information: www.bled.si/en/
- Slovenia tourist information: www.slovenia.info/
- Ljubljana Airport: www.lju-airport.si/en/

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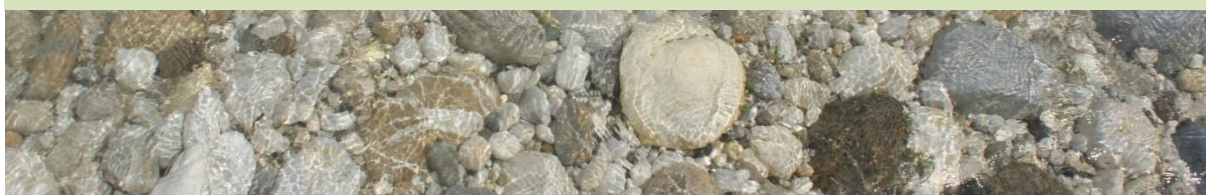


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Preliminary conference program

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Wednesday, OCTOBER 22, 2014

08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00 – 09:20	WELCOME ADDRESS (4 x 3' presentations) Moderator: <i>Gorazd Žibret</i> , Geological survey of Slovenia
Opening of the SNAP-SEE International Conference.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Günter Tiess</i>, Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria, SNAP-SEE project coordinator • <i>Robert Holnsteiner</i>, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth, Austria • <i>Roman Čerenak</i>, Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning • Geological Survey of Slovenia 	
09:20 – 10:40	PLENARY SESSIONS (4 x 15' presentations with 5' discussion) Moderator: <i>Deborah Shields</i> , Colorado State University, USA
The plenary presentations about aggregates within EU minerals policy content.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developments in the European Aggregates Industry Authors (<i>Jim O'Brien</i>, Past president of the European aggregates association, Ireland) • Austrian minerals plan as EU best practice (<i>Robert Holnsteiner</i>, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth, Austria) • Life Cycle knowledge-base on raw materials and aggregates (<i>Giovanni Andrea Blengini</i>, DG JRC – Joint Research Centre, IES - Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Italy) • Raw materials and Recycling (<i>Paolo Bevilacqua</i>, University of Trieste) 	
10:40 – 11:10	COFFEE BREAK

Wednesday, OCTOBER 22, 2014 - continue

11:10 –	PLENARY SESSIONS (5 x 15' presentations)	
12:30	Moderator: <i>Günter Tiess</i> , Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria	
The plenary presentations about the SNAP-SEE project.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SNAP-SEE project Overview (<i>Deborah Shields</i>, Colorado State University, US) • National/regional planning (<i>Zoltan Horvath</i>, MFGI, Hungary) • Aggregates planning scheme (<i>Stefano Furin</i>, Geoterma, Italy) • Stakeholder engagement in aggregates planning (<i>Urška Dolinar</i>, Iskriva, Slovenia) • Data and methodologies needed for sustainable aggregates planning (<i>Kiki Hatzilazaridou</i>, IGME, Greece) 		
12:30 –	L U N C H	
14:00 -	Contributions to the EU minerals policy framework - Interactive workshop	
15:00	Moderator: <i>Zdravko Kozinc</i> , Iskriva, Slovenia	
Introduction presentations (15' each).		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU initiatives related to minerals planning (<i>Slavko V. Šolar</i>, EC DG Enterprise) (to be confirmed) • Future of EU transnational cooperation programs (<i>Alessandra Pala</i>, South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme Joint Technical Secretariat) (to be confirmed) • Minerals within Horizon2020 - Societal challenges 5 (<i>Petra Žagar</i>, Slovenian Ministry of education, science and sport) • ERA NETS and other funding opportunities (<i>Luka Živič</i>, Slovenian Ministry of education, science and sport) • Introduction to the workshop and instructions (<i>Urška Dolinar</i>, Iskriva, Slovenia) 		
15:00 –	Short break & assignment of the participants into the working groups	
15:20		
15:20 –	Contributions to the EU minerals policy framework - Interactive workshop	
17:30	Workshop will be led by <i>Urška Dolinar</i> , Institute Iskriva, Slovenia	
The aim of this workshop is to identify possible groups, topics, opportunities and actions that can improve EU minerals framework conditions.		
World Café - 3 parallel groups		
<i>Coffee will be available all the time during the workshop</i>		
1. Future of EU minerals policy	2. Minerals & technology	3. Other GEO-related topics
Moderator: <i>Günter Tiess</i> , Montanuniversität Leoben	Moderator: <i>Vladimir Simić</i> , University of Belgrade	Moderator: <i>Stefano Fourin</i> Geoterma, Italy
Reporting of moderators about the results (10' each)		
joint conclusions		
20:00 →	EVENING NETWORKING EVENT for the participants of the conference details will be announced later	

Thursday, OCTOBER 23, 2014

08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00 – 10:30	<p>VARIOUS PRESENTATIONS ON MINERALS (5 x 15' with 15' discussion)</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Michele Valbusa</i>, Autonomous province of Trento, Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts of past metal mining and smelting activities to the environment in the Balkans (<i>Robert Šajn</i>, GeoZS, Slovenia) • Mining public service in Slovenia (<i>Duška Rokavec</i>, GeoZS, Slovenia) • Use of neural networks for the interpretation of the geological data (<i>Gorazd Žibret</i>, GeoZS, Slovenia) • Planning of aggregates supply - a view from the aspects of industry (<i>Željko Pogačnik</i>, Salanit Anhovo, Slovenian association of technical leaders of surface mining) • open
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 12:30	<p>VARIOUS PRESENTATIONS ON MINERALS (5 x 15' with 15' discussion)</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Vlasta Janova</i>, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open • open • open • open • open
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 15:30	<p>VARIOUS PRESENTATIONS ON MINERALS (5 x 15' with 15' discussion)</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Slobodan Radusinović</i>, Geological survey of Montenegro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open • open • open • open • open

Friday, OCTOBER 24, 2014

08:30 – 17:00	FIELD TRIP - details will be announced later
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