

UEPG THE VOICE OF THE EUROPEAN AGGREGATES INDUSTRY

Since 1987, UEPG strongly promotes the interests of the European Aggregates Industry by representing its Members on technical, economic, environmental and health & safety aspects.

Providing services to Members, UEPG proactively identifies EU initiatives and policies that may impact on European aggregates producers, informs Members via regular publications and updates, and ensures EU decision-makers consider its positions.

Promoting the profile of the European Aggregates Industry, UEPG enhances the industry's image, demonstrating its contribution to sustainable development. Aggregates producers are part of the solution.

Located in Brussels since 2003, UEPG is close to European institutions and regularly participates in meetings with stakeholders, committees and external organisations.

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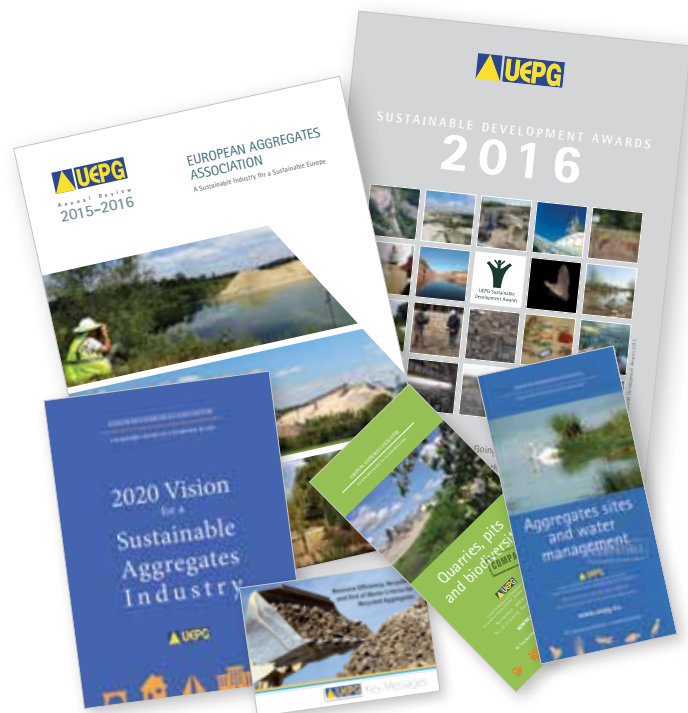


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The aggregates sector is by far **the largest** amongst the non-energy extractive industries in numbers of sites, companies, numbers employed and tonnages produced.

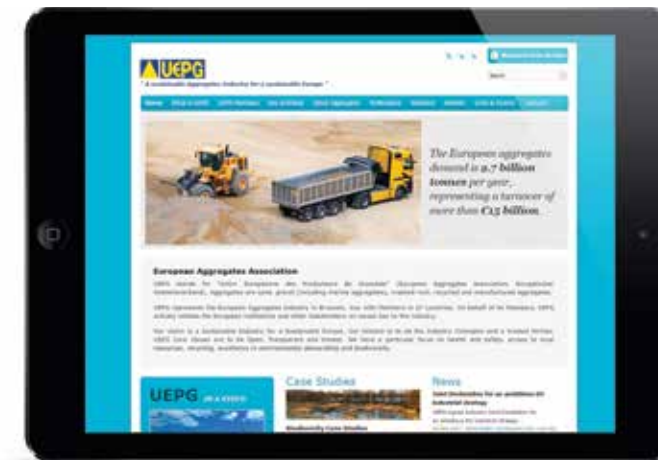
The aggregates industry comprises **15,000** companies (mostly SMEs), producing at **26,000** sites across Europe with just over **200,000** people employed (including contractors).

Aggregates demand is just on **5 tonnes** per capita per year. The European [EU28+EFTA, 2015] aggregates demand is **2.7 billion** tonnes/year, representing an annual turnover of an estimated €15 billion.



UEPG KEY FACTS

- ▲ **Aggregates** are sand, gravel (including marine aggregates), crushed rock, recycled and manufactured aggregates.
- ▲ Aggregates are used to **construct Europe's essential infrastructure** including homes, roads, railways, schools and hospitals.
- ▲ UEPG Members **contribute to the Circular Economy** throughout the full life cycle: excellence in daily operations, complete use of reserves, recycling and restoration.
- ▲ The Aggregates Industry has a **proven record of best practices** on Environmental stewardship, Biodiversity, Water Management, Occupational Safety & Health, Local Partnership, Economic and Innovative Development.



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UEPG 30 YEARS OF COOPERATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



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Some examples...

UEPG has been instrumental in the **European standards** for the sector, preventing new barriers to trade and removing existing ones. UEPG Members are integral to the European Committee for Standardization **CEN/TC 154 – Aggregates**.

Since 2007, UEPG has helped to develop and implement the **EU Raw Materials Strategy**. *UEPG strongly supports the development of national land use planning systems and simplified, time and cost effective permitting procedures to ensure good access to aggregates deposits.*

The European Aggregates Industry has become a **leader in biodiversity**. Recognising the potential impact its activities have on operational areas, the sector is committed to enhancing biodiversity before, during and after the extraction process, and create new nature conservation areas.

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UEPG created an **online biodiversity database**, a special **Biodiversity category** within its **Sustainable Development Awards scheme** and a **Biodiversity Management brochure**, demonstrating the **compatibility of aggregates extraction, the environmental protection and biodiversity management**.



UEPG has developed strong **partnerships** with EU stakeholders, NGOs, EU Institutions and Agencies, and Academia.

Promoting occupational safety & health culture to reach **Zero Harm** for employees, contractors and visitors, UEPG and 15 partners signed a European Social Dialogue Agreement (NEPSI) aiming to protect workers by the good handling and use of products containing crystalline silica.



UEPG helps Members to **implement Directives effectively by issuing guidance**. UEPG contributed to the EU guidance for the non-energy extractive industries operating in or near Natura 2000 areas. UEPG created a website and guidance supporting Members in implementing the 'Track & Trace' Directive.



UEPG continues to **raise the profile of the sector**: improving communication on live issues, positively shaping the public image, and organising high-level meetings and visits with the European Commission on policy initiatives and strategic plans, including Circular Economy, Environmental Impact Assessment, Natura 2000, Raw Material Strategy and Safer Machines.

UEPG is committed to reporting **Sustainable Development Indicators** to measure the industry's economic, environmental and social progress.

Founded by UEPG in 2010, the **Global Aggregates Information Network (GAIN)** demonstrates that sharing good practice creates a more efficient and sustainable aggregates industry worldwide.



Today, UEPG has Members in 27 European countries. Since 1987, UEPG has grown, illustrating that **aggregates are essential to ensure Europe's growth, living standards, local employment and sustainability**.



Looking ahead, UEPG will advocate local and sustainable aggregate supply, contribute to the recovery of the European Aggregates Industry, by strengthening its competitiveness, enhance a Health & Safety culture with stronger European Social Dialogue, contribute to environmental management, and build consistent sectorial operational standards.

The UEPG General Secretariat will continue **raising the industry's profile, liaising between EU policy-makers and UEPG Members, and providing networking opportunities and EU intelligence**.



To conclude

"the aggregates sector is by far the largest extractive industry excluding energy minerals, providing an essential construction material and makes a unique contribution to European welfare and social model compatible with dynamic environmental management and biodiversity. The European Aggregates Industry is a responsible, trusted and trustworthy partner for all its stakeholders; an industry we are proud of and which deserves to be better supported for planning and securing long-term access to resources."

Jesús Ortiz,
UEPG President 2015-2018