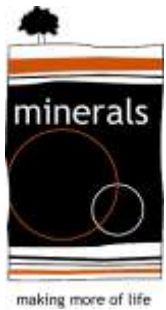


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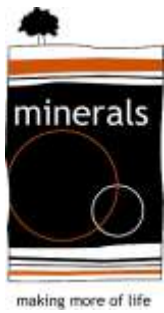
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The RMI – What Next?



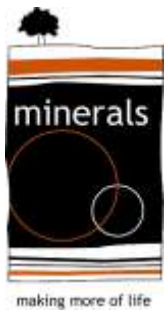
- We learnt Commission VP Antonio Tajani's latest thoughts on the upcoming Raw Materials Communication
- Industry concerns vary by sector, though the common imperative is the reliable, economic and sustainable future supply of minerals and aggregates in Europe
- Those imported – mainly a trading issue
- Those indigenous – future good access to local resources is absolutely vital

Planning, Permitting, GIS



- We heard several examples of best practice in improving minerals planning and permitting
- The imperatives are a balanced approach, overcoming excessive « NIMBY-ism », having time and cost-efficient systems, ideally a « one-stop-shop » approach
- Extractive activities and Natura 2000 are fully compatible!
- SARMA is very important for SEE region
- ETP-SMR can play a key role in new technologies

Promoting Biodiversity

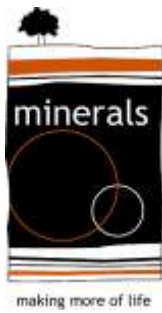


- Far from being a “negative”, industry can play a really positive role for Biodiversity
- Many leading companies are now carrying out major scoping programs, so then can optimise enhancement of Biodiversity
- Several of NEEIP Members actively co-operating on a common Biodiversity strategy
- Exciting possibilities of providing “green/blue corridors” and “stepping stones” for migratory species

Promoting Recycling

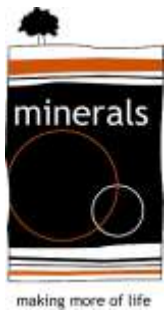
- Recycling rates for metals already very high and growing – now called « urban mining »
- Greater challenges in C&D Materials, though EU average is already about 40%
- In UK, B and NL 90% of all C&D materials already recycled, making about 20-25% of total aggregates demand in those countries
- Recycling is still inhibited by lack of regulatory clarity, such End-of-Waste Criteria
- Industry strongly committed to Resource Efficiency and increases levels of Recycling

Essentiality of Minerals



- Excellent examples of the essentiality of minerals to the well-being of society in Roads. Infrastructure, Stadia.....
- Greater appreciation now in the European Commission, thanks to the RMI
- We still must work to improve the public perceptions of our industries
- We have to demonstrate that we are a responsible and sustainable industry, key to maintaining jobs and economic growth....

Final Comments



- An excellent Minerals Forum, thanks to the supportive inputs of all participants
- The RMI Communication will be the next major event, but that's only the beginning...
- We must continue to work together on ensuring the sustainable supply of Minerals and Aggregates in Europe
- Special thanks to the Forum organisers, particularly Mr Antony Fell