



# GAIN MEETING

2-5 JULY 2023

QUEENSTOWN - NEW ZEALAND

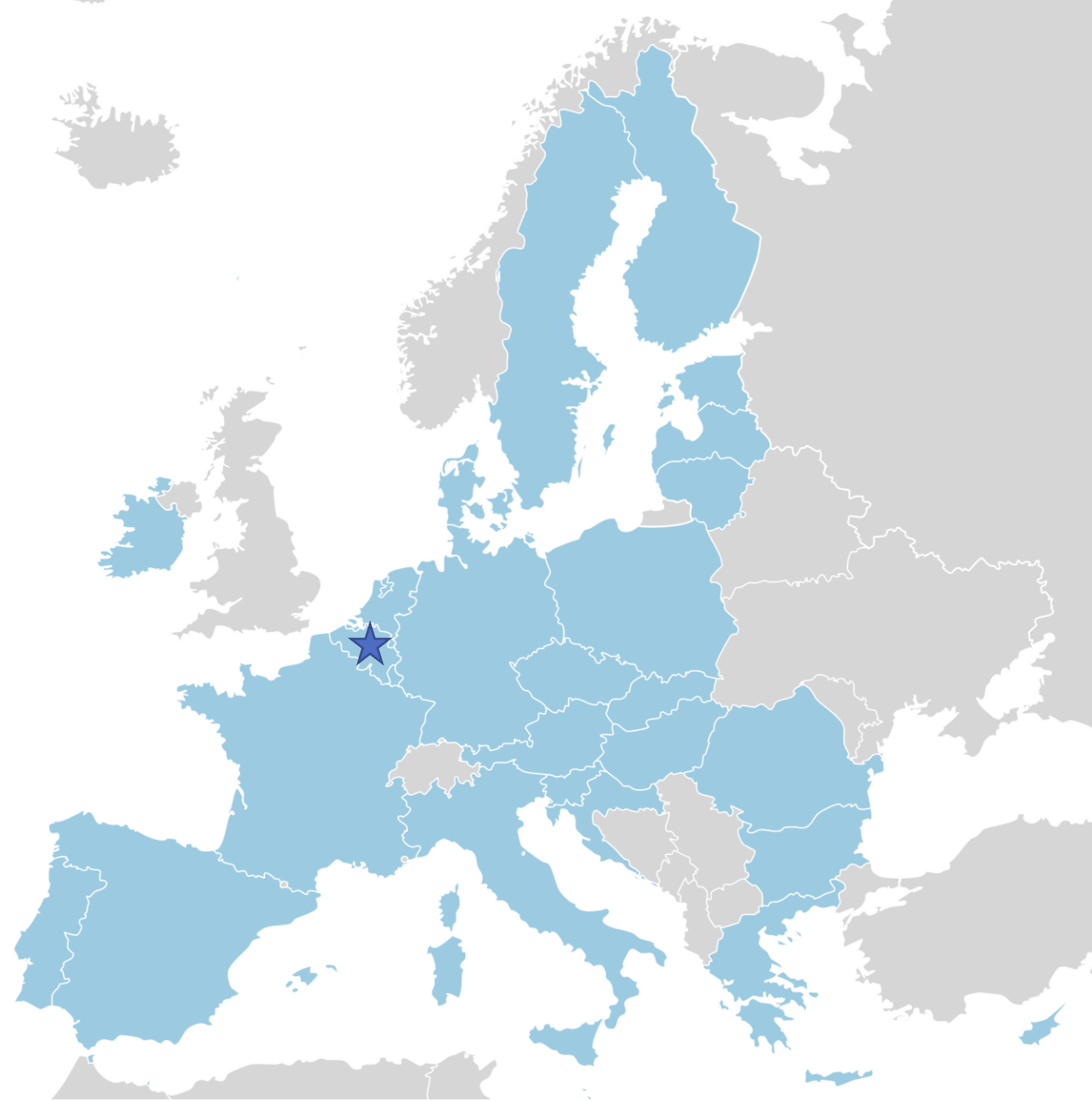


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AGGREGATES EUROPE



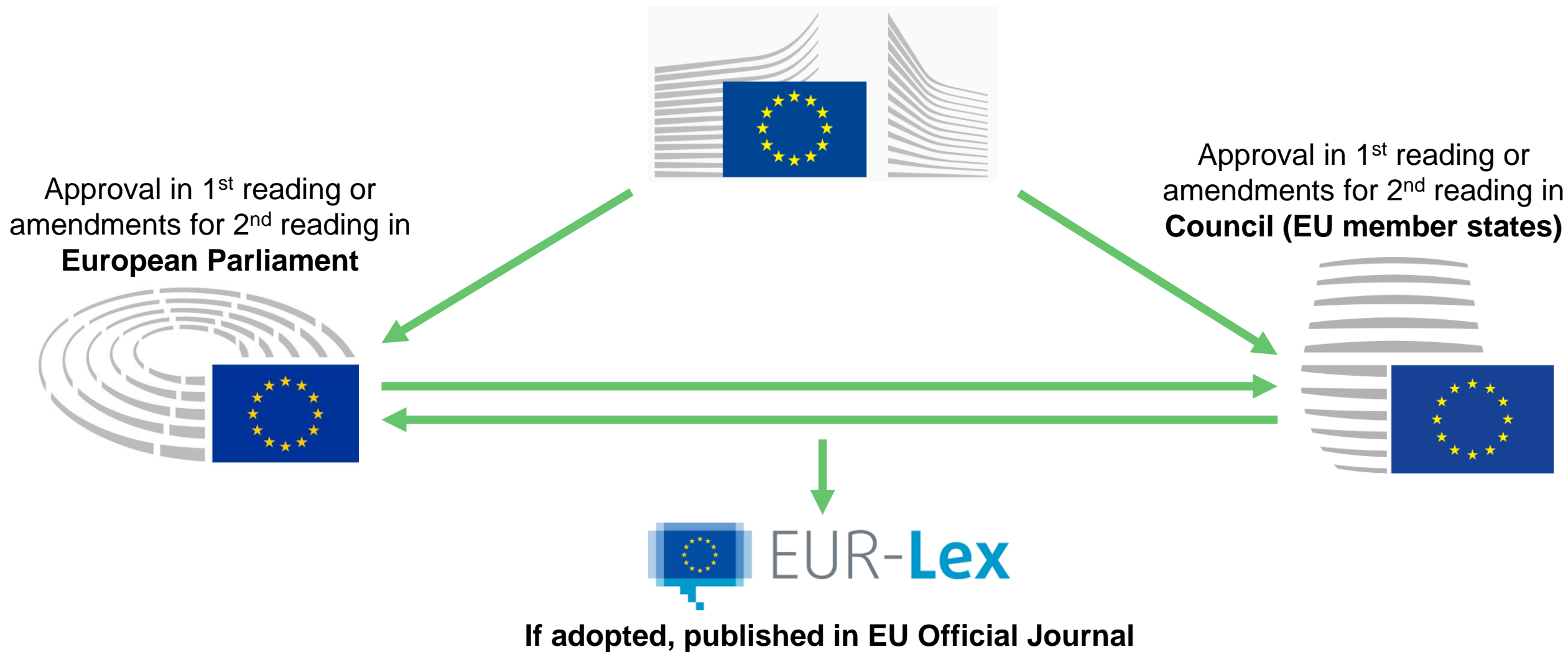
# THE EUROPEAN UNION

- 447,7 million inhabitants
- More than 4 million km<sup>2</sup> surface
- 27 EU member states
- 24 official EU languages (three main working languages: English, French, German)
- 18.6% of the world's GDP (2018)
- “Capital of EU”: Brussels



# EU LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

The **European Commission** tables a legislative proposal (Regulation, Directive, Decision) ~ 100 proposals/year





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## AGGREGATES EUROPE



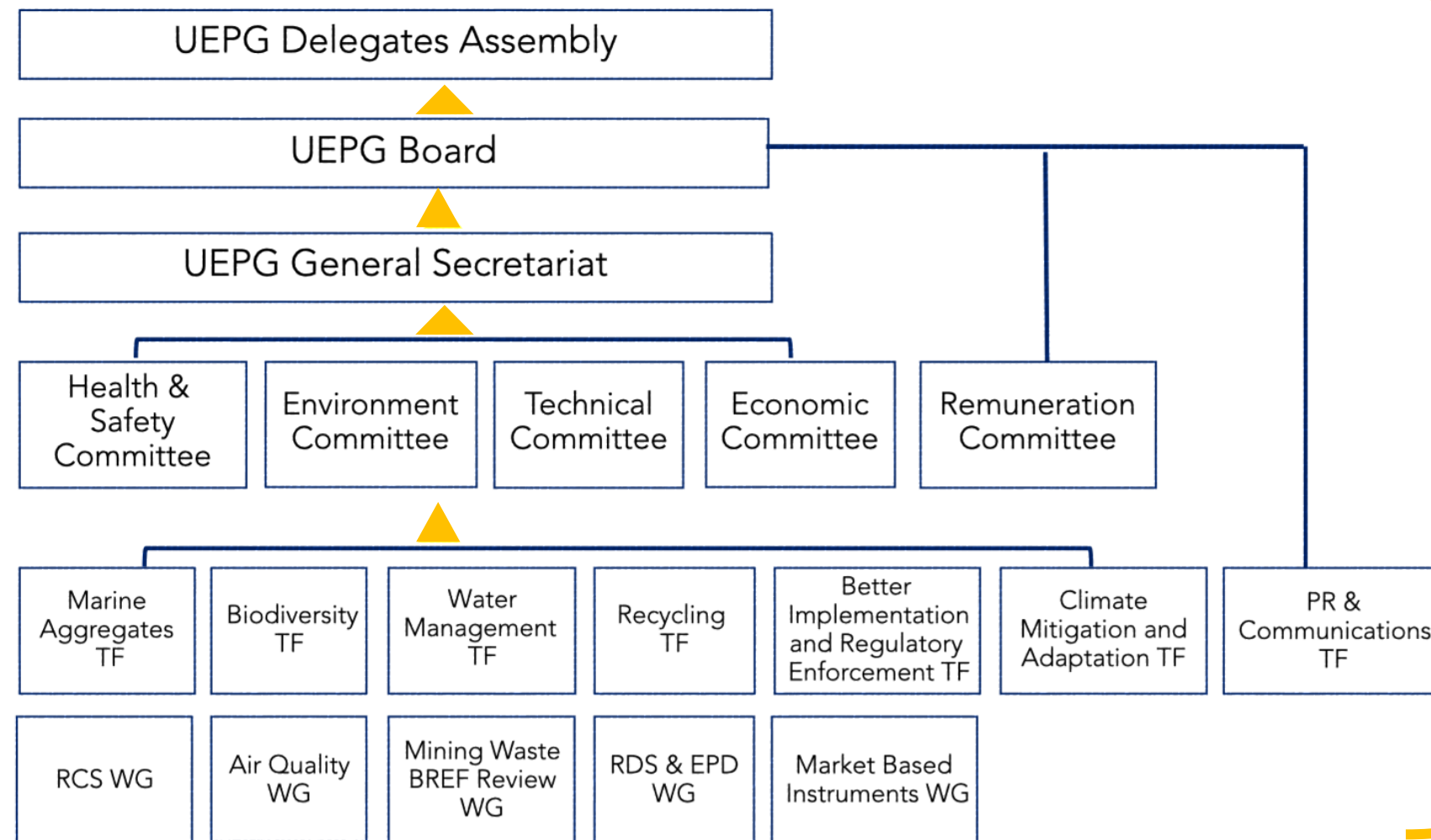
**WHY?**

**HOW?**

**WHAT?**

- Since 1987
- Members in 25 countries
- Offices in Brussels





**Aggregates Europe – UEPG has seats in several European Commission expert groups:**

- Raw Materials Supply Group
- EU Biodiversity Platform
- Marine Expert Group
- Sectoral Social Dialogue Extractive Industry (SSDCEI)
- Explosives Working Group
- Machinery Working Group

# SELECTION OF CURRENT TOP PRIORITIES

- **EU (Critical) Raw Materials Act** – Improved permitting procedures and land-use planning; local access to resources for critical, strategic and essential raw materials needed for adapting to climate change, the EU Green Deal's renovation wave, energy transition (RePowerEU) and military infrastructure
- **Nature Restoration Law (NRL)** – Ensuring sustainable access to resources and promoting the industry's contribution to restoration of nature, biodiversity and ecosystems
- **Respirable Crystalline Silica** – Provide an adequate control, measures and worker's protection under the NEPSI Social Dialogue Agreement
- **Review of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR)** – Aggregates in construction products, technical standards, declaration of performance (DoP) and CE marking
- **European Technical Standards** – Reviewing comprehensive European Aggregates Standards (CEN TC 154 and related bodies)



# SELECTION OF CURRENT TOP PRIORITIES

- **Biodiversity Strategy to 2030** – 30% protected areas, 10% strictly protected areas; EU Guidance and compatibility with aggregates extraction; improved sustainable access to local resources
- **Biodiversity Indicators** – The European Aggregates Industry can be a net contributor to biodiversity; UEPG supports ‘Temporary Nature’ and ‘Dynamic management of biodiversity’ and develops biodiversity indicators by 2025.
- **Resource Taxation (part of Circular Economy)** – Pro & Cons; providing alternatives to achieve resource efficiency and high recycling rates without resource taxation
- **Recycling (part of Circular Economy)** – Potential & limitations, trends and changing business models, exchange of good practice; complementary use of primary and secondary raw materials
- **EU Health & Safety legislation** – Better regulation of EU Occupational Health and Safety Directives
- **Better/Smarter Regulation** – Better Implementation of existing legislation and Regulatory Enforcement ensuring a competitive industry



- 1.** Primary aggregates (sand, gravel, crushed rock)
- 2.** Secondary aggregates (recycling, manufactured)
- 3.** Habitats hosting endangered/protected plant and animal species
- 4.** Renewable energy

# THE EUROPEAN AGGREGATES INDUSTRY.

The European  
Aggregates demand is

**3 billion**  
tons per year

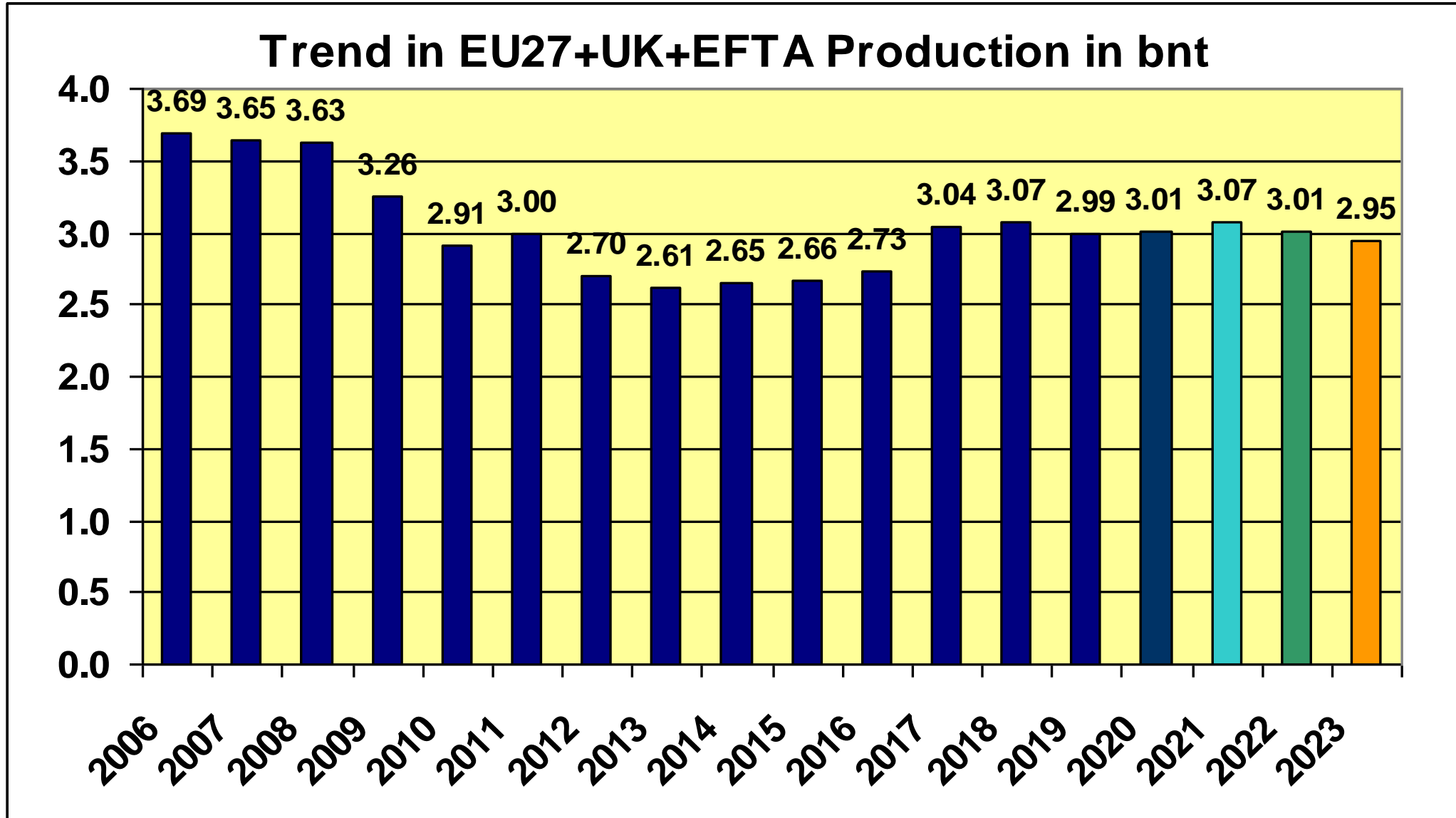
The European  
Aggregates Industry  
comprises 15,000  
companies (mostly  
SMEs) and producing  
aggregates at

**26.500**  
sites across Europe

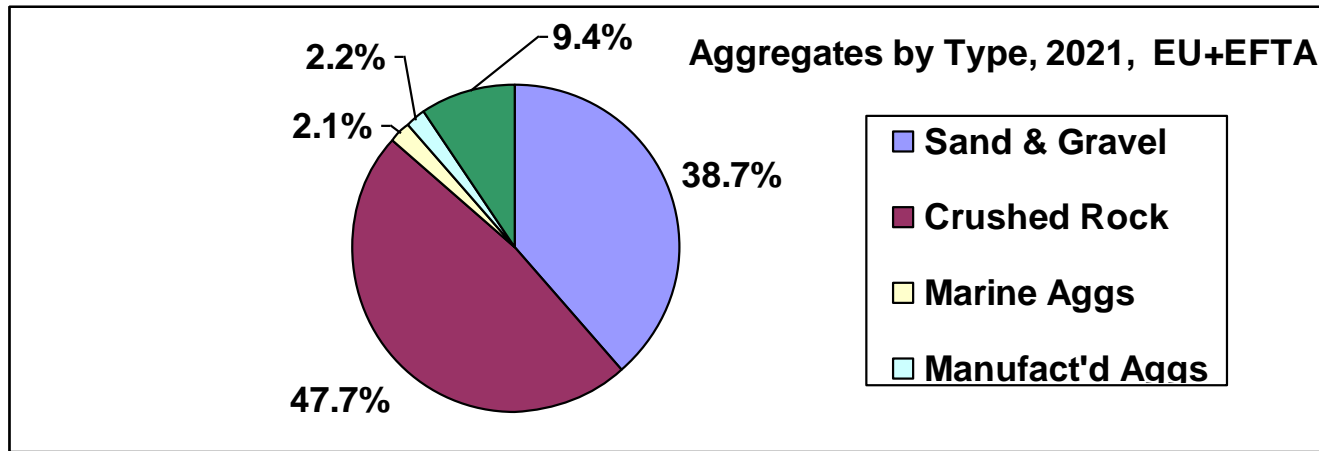
The European  
average demand for  
aggregates is around  
**6 tons**  
per capita per year

The industry  
employs around  
**185.000**  
people (including  
contractors)

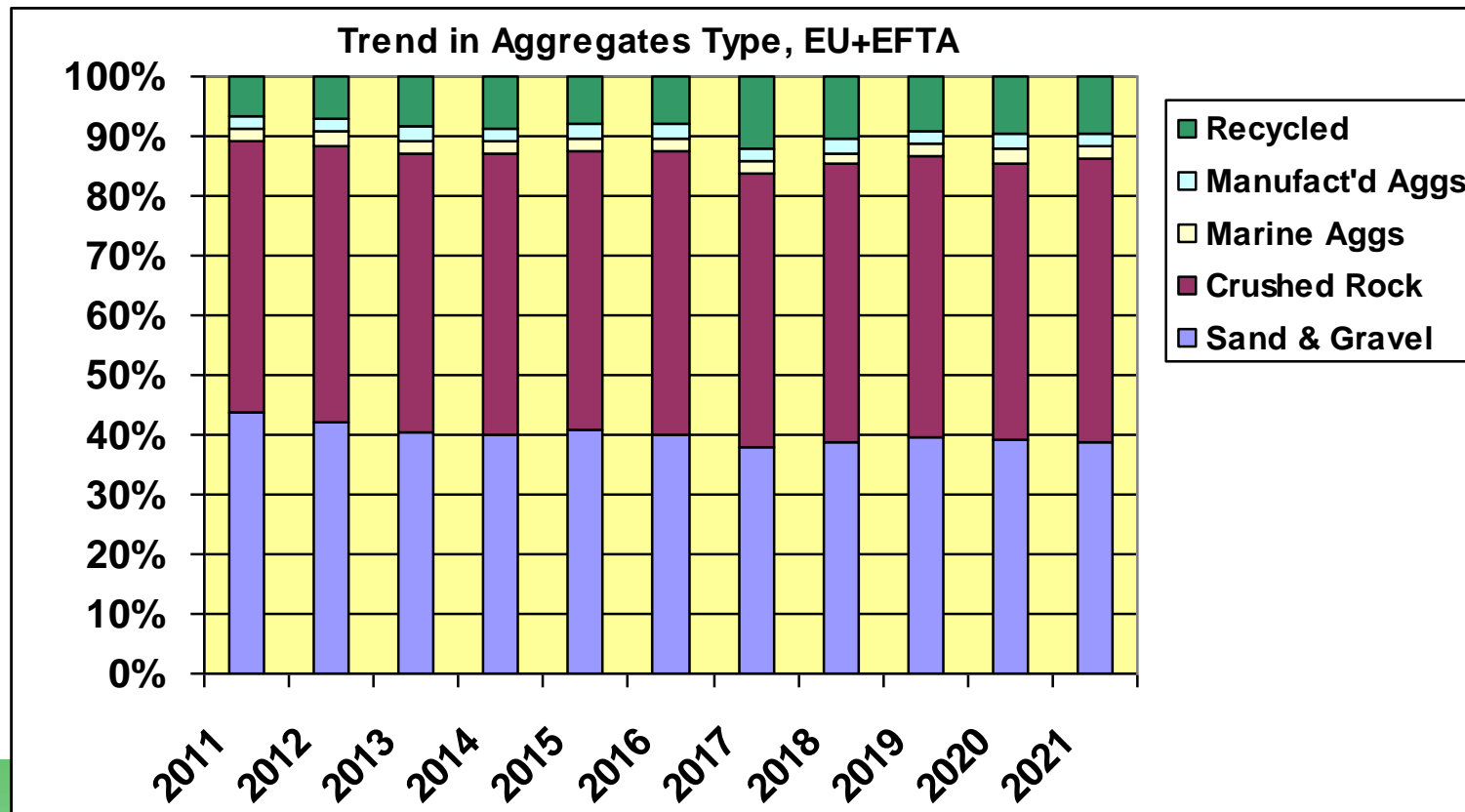
# TREND IN EU27+UK+EFTA



# ANALYSIS BY TYPE FOR 2021 & TREND



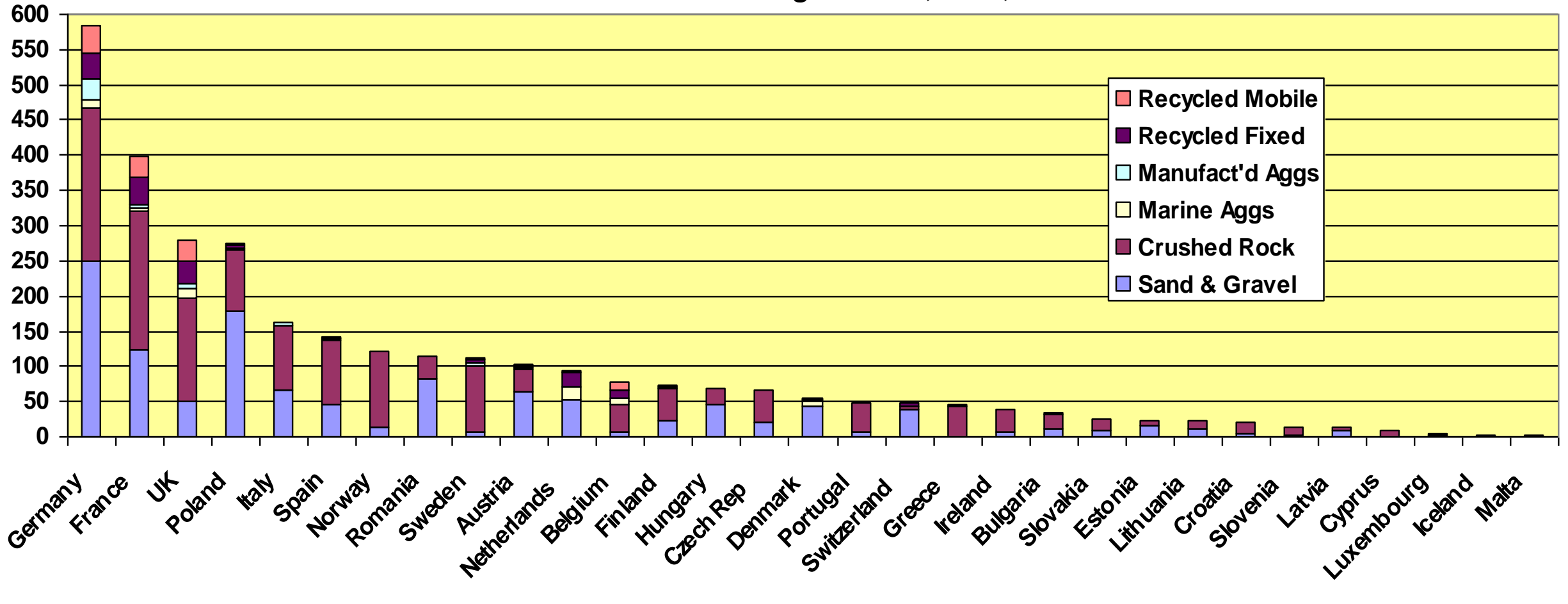
- Sand & gravel 38.7%, crushed rock 47.7%, recycled 9.4%, manufactured 2.2%, marine 2.1%



- Slight decline in % Sand & Gravel over time
- Earlier growth in Recycled Materials, now stagnant – or has reporting disimproved?

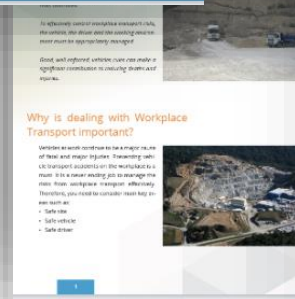
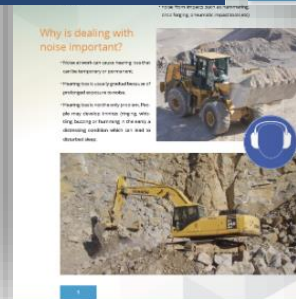
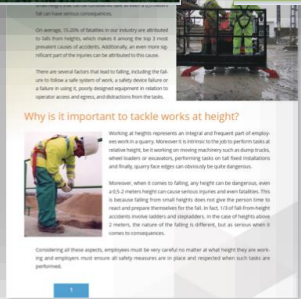
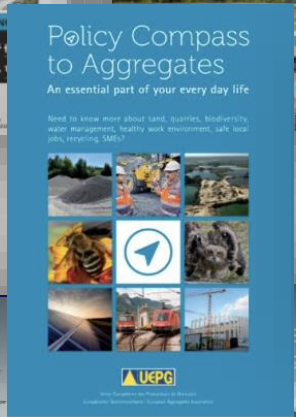
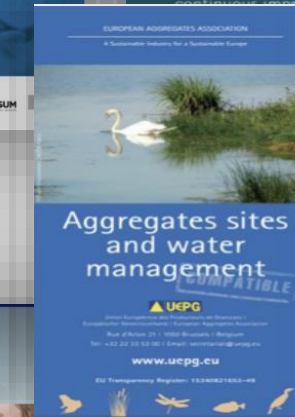
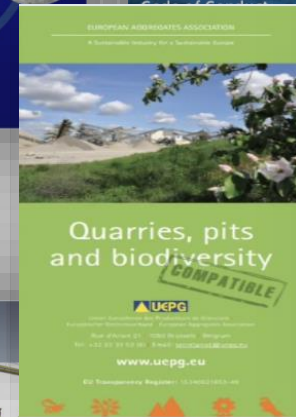
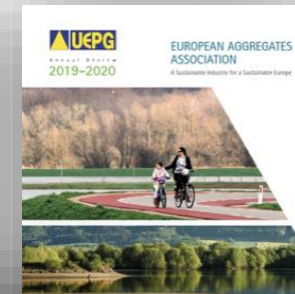
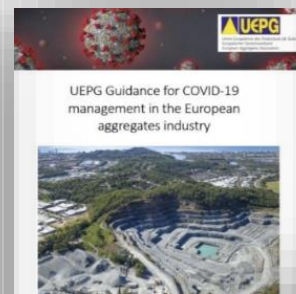
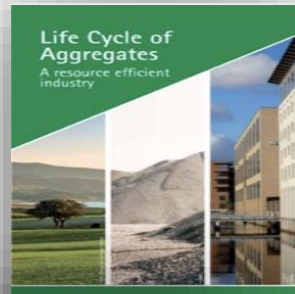
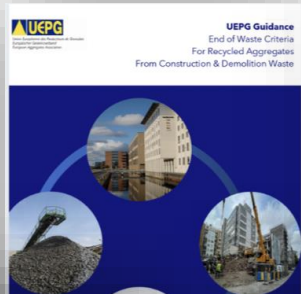
# THE LEAGUE TABLE IN 2021

EU27+UK+EFTA League Table, 2021, mt



- Ranges from 584mt for Germany down to 1.6mt for Malta
- Also shows wide range of aggregates types for each country







# RECENT IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS

## ROADMAP TO 2030

The European Aggregates Industry

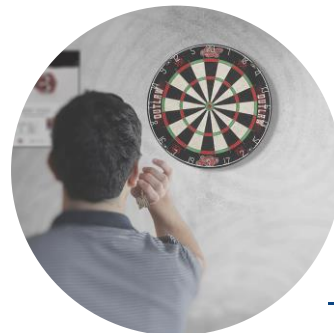
- » Sustainable
- » Essential
- » Strategic



\_\_\_ WHAT WE NEED



\_\_\_ WHAT WE PROMISE

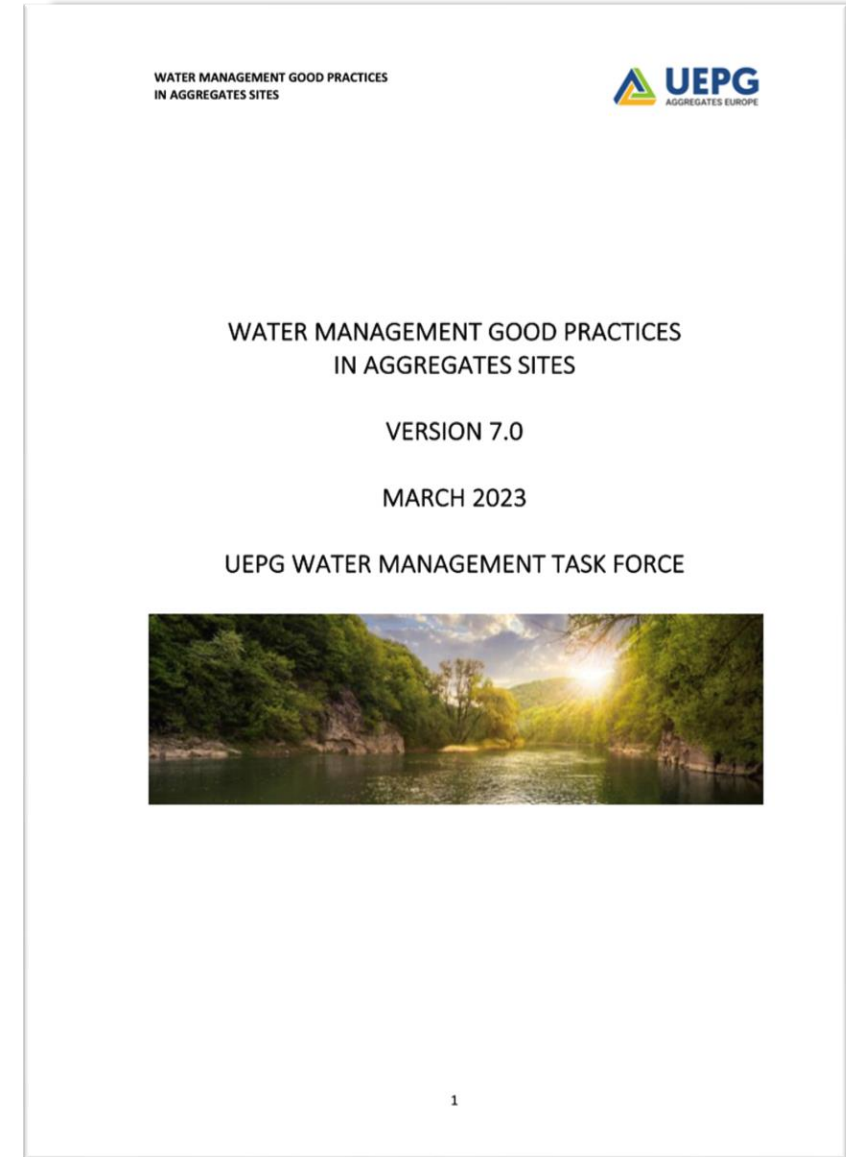
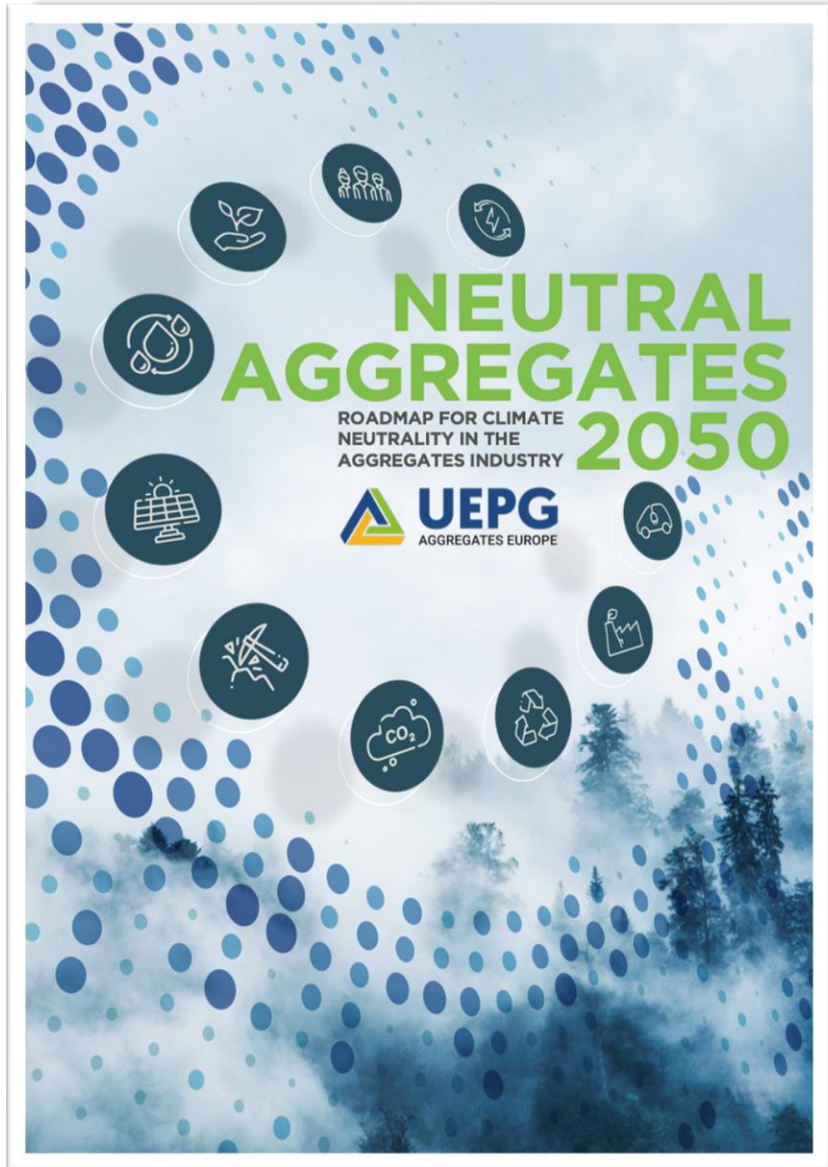


\_\_\_ WHAT WE WILL DELIVER



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# RECENT IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS



# ACTIONS ...



A key partner for EU Biodiversity  
(EU Strategy)



OCTOBER 2021

## Extractive Sector Species Protection Code of Conduct:

A manageable approach for planning  
and permitting procedures respecting  
EU legislation and fostering biodiversity



The European Aggregates Industry is  
NOT a threat to the environment!  
The European Aggregates Industry is  
PART OF THE SOLUTION and  
a very good example to be followed  
worldwide!



At the IUCN Conservation Congress!



# ACTIONS ...



**THANK YOU!**

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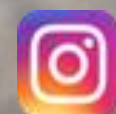
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