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SUSTAINABLE AGGREGATES RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Aggregates (crushed stone, sand and gravel) are crucial for infrastructure and construction. Europe is rich in aggregates, but their supply is not coordinated within or across these countries. Development of a more responsible aggregates industry with higher standards of operation and restoration, and with more recycling will create wider community and stakeholder support.

This conference will bring together **all stakeholders linked to sustainable management of mineral resources**: researchers, public and private sector representatives, non-governmental and environmental associations and societies and all that are interested in the topic. Topics of the conference can be summarized into three large groups, extraction and demolition at the site level, regional and national level of raw materials supply and transborder cooperation in raw materials supply. Main issues addressed (but not limited to) are:

- illegal quarrying: causes, issues and solutions;
- recycling of aggregates;
- environmentally friendly extraction practices;
- sustainable management of natural resources;
- promotion of transborder cooperation in aggregates supply;
- international trade of raw materials.

Vision is developing a common approach to sustainable aggregates resource management with the aim of ensuring efficient supply. This shall be done on three scales. **Local site-level** activities will focus on environmentally friendly extraction practices, recycling, and stakeholder involvement. **Regional / national activities** will focus on sustainable management and supply policies, considering EU guidelines and directives. **Transnationally**, a structure for South East Europe or possibly European - wide aggregates information transfer will be created, and harmonized policies and management promoted.

Special attention will be placed to the outcomes of the **SARMa project**, co-financed by the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation programme.



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SARM International Conference Committee welcomes extended abstract (2-6 pages) contributions with 20' oral or poster presentations (type of the presentation will be determined by the organizing committee) **from stakeholders connected to the mineral resources:** researchers, public and private sector societies, non-governmental and environmental associations and all interested in the topic. Special attention will be put on the **outcomes of the SARMa project**. Official language of the conference is **English**.

Important dates:

1 st of April	Opening of short paper (1500 – 3000 words) submission and registration form, SARMa web page http://www.sarmaproject.eu/
1 st of August	Deadline for the paper submission ¹
16 th of August	Notification on the type of presentation (oral 20', or poster)
8 th of September	Closing of registration form
20 th – 22 nd September	Conference ² , field trip ²

¹ paper submission guidelines can be found on SARMa web page: <http://www.sarmaproject.eu/index.php?id=1928>

² registration fee for the conference and field trip is free of charge

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- Ljubljana tourist information: <http://www.visitljubljana.si/en/tic@visitljubljana.si>
- Ljubljana Airport: <http://www.lju-airport.si/eng>
- Transportation from airport to any address in Ljubljana: <http://www.prevozi-markun.com/en/>
- Slovenia tourist information: <http://www.slovenia.info/>
- Comprehensive interactive map of Slovenia (in Slovene) <http://zemljevid.najdi.si/>

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