



“Explore the World of Minerals”

In Portugal, 8 events took place coordinated by ANIET - the National Association of extractive and transformation of rocks and mining industry, welcoming more than three hundred visitors: schools, customers, residents and workers. At the end of the guided visit of the quarries, crushing plant facilities, transformation of ornamental rocks, mines, production and processing, laboratories, Arouca Museum and workshops, some companies offered a convivial lunch for participants.



Alenquer - Agrepor Agregados – Extracção de Inertes, S.A. organised a guided tour of the facilities of the quarry on May 13th.

Alpendorada e Matos - Construções Pardais – Irmãos Monteiros Lda set up a guided tour of the plant (quarry, saw-mill, processing manual ...) and offered a snack on 14 May.



Arouca - Ardósias Valério & Figueiredo, Lda organised a guided tour of the quarry / gazebo, to the processing plant, the Center for Geological Interpretation of Canelas - Arouca and offered a snack from 12 to 14 May.



Castro Verde - Somincor – Sociedade de Mineira de Neves Corvo, S.A. allowed the visit of a group of 15 students and teachers of the Masters ISEP - School of Engineering/ Polytechnic of Porto, inside the underground mine and in the plant facilities to discover how it functions on 5 May.

Condeixa-a-Nova - Agregados Extracção de Inertes S.A. organised a guided tour of the facilities of the quarry on 13 May.

Marco de Canaveses - Two companies held an open day on 13 May: GN – Granitos do Norte Lda set up a guided tour of the processing plants of ornamental rock and offered lunch to visitors and school children on 13 May. Granitos Irmãos Peixoto Lda organised a guided tour of their processing plants of ornamental rock facility.

Penafiel - Agrepor Agregados Extracção de Inertes S.A. organised a guided tour of the facilities of the quarry on 13 May.

Rio Maior - Sibelco Portuguesa welcomed the local community, customers, and students of the Faculty of Science, to a Workshop “Evolve Sustainably”, with speakers representing various entities on May 12.



The European Minerals Day 2011 welcomed more than 30.000 visitors to more than 200 events at 180 sites in 32 countries.

Overview of Portuguese events:

Total visitors: 405
Open door days: 1
School/childrens' projects:

Themes: quarry activities, crushing plant facilities, transformation of ornamental rocks, mines, production and processing, laboratories

Partners: Secondary School of Rio Maior, City Council, Firefighters and Police Manager of Rio Maior

Number of articles: 5
Web publications:

The European Minerals Day has been launched in 2007 as a biennial awareness raising and educational event. It aims to increase public understanding of the importance of minerals in daily life and promote biodiversity conservation and enhancement.

Participating companies organise events for their local communities - such as school projects or open days - while their European trade associations ensure the coordination, support and visibility at European level: IMA-Europe in partnership with CEMBUREAU and UEPG.

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They also offered a guided tour of the mine (zone extraction, production, laboratory). On May 13th, fishing in the pond was allowed only for workers, and a convivial lunch was offered to them afterwards.



Santa Maria da Feira - Irmãos Cavaco, S.A.'s visit consisted of a short classroom presentation of the company's activities, especially the exploitation of aggregates, followed by a visit to crushing and exploitation.

