



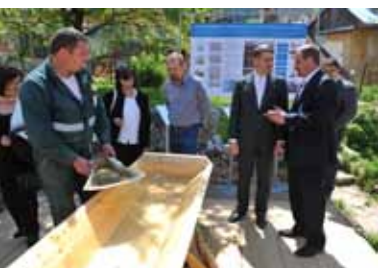
“Explore the World of Minerals” -

Timisoara - The Official Opening of the Patars quarry and Inauguration of the new chips production plant from Hengl Romania took place at the occasion of European Minerals Day 2011.

Mr. Florian Hengl, managing director of Hengl Romania SRL welcomed the guests to the Official Opening Ceremony and introduced guest speakers Mr. Calin Bibart, prefect of the Arad county and Mr. Valentin Covaliv, vice-mayor of the Ususau community. The blessing of the plant was performed by Mr. Daniel Ungur, priest. Then the public enjoyed a demonstrative blasting, plant tours as well as a buffet and get-together.



Piata - At the occasion of the European Minerals Day, Rosia Montana Gold Corp opened on 13 May the temporary geological exhibition “Flowers of the Deep” with mine gems and minerals from the Rosia Montana and Maramures areas in the presence of officials from Alba County and students from neighbouring schools. The visitors were presented with information about minerals and mining and also had the opportunity to participate at practical demonstrations of ancient mining techniques.



Several guided visits and practical demonstrations took place for the duration of the exhibit.

Among the participants there were children from different schools from Alba County, students from the Technical University in Cluj-Napoca, foreigners (Hungarians, Italians, Germans, Irishmen, Austrians), visitors from other counties (Hunedoara, Cluj, Prahova, Constanta, Iasi, Timis etc.). The exhibition was opened until the 3rd of June.



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

Overview of Romanian events:

Total visitors: 2900
Open door days: 0
School/childrens' projects: 0

Themes: inauguration new plant and quarry, ancient mining techniques, geology, minerals

Partners: Baia Mare Mineralogy Museum, Romanian Geological Institute, Pro Rosia Montana NGO, Pro Dreptatea NGO, The Future of Mining Union

Number of articles: 20
Web publications: 13

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 & UEPG. With the support of the European Commission, Members of European Parliament, EMCEF (trade union), EuroGeoSurveys, European Minerals Foundation, ELO, Association of Geologists, IUCN.

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