



# European Minerals Day 2011

## European Launch Event

*Bulgaria, 12-13 May 2011*

### *PROGRAMME*

#### *12 May 2011 (18h00-21h00) – Ruse Historical Museum*

- 18h00** Opening of minerals exhibition “Shadows in the rocks. Minerals and biodiversity” – Cocktail Reception
- 19h00** Results of the international children’s drawing contest “The minerals, quarries, and nature. Hand in hand”
- 19h15** Gala Dinner on the occasion of the European Minerals Day

#### *13 May 2011 (10h30-15h00) – Quarry site of Vetovo (Ruse Region, Bulgaria)*

- 09h30** Bus transfer from the hotel in Ruse to the Vetovo quarry



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## Opening Ceremony (10h30-12h00)

- 10h30** Welcome by **Aleksandar Prokopiev**, CEO of Kaolin & introduction of the speakers
- 10h35** Key Note by **Boyko Borisov**, Prime Minister of Bulgaria (tbc)
- 10h45** Bulgaria and the Raw Materials Initiative, **Traycho Traykov**, Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism (tbc)
- 10h55** Biodiversity conservation in the Bulgarian minerals sector, **Nona Karadzova**, Minister of Environment and Water (tbc)
- 11h05** Introduction to the European Minerals Day 2011 initiative, **Michelle Wyart-Remy**, Secretary General of IMA Europe on behalf of the EMD Partner Associations
- 11h15** Welcome word of **Ognyan Donev**, Chairman of Confederation of the Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria (KRIB)
- 11h20** Brief Introduction to the Bulgarian minerals sector, **Lachezar Tsotsorkov**, Chairman of the Managing Board of the Bulgarian Chamber of Mining and Geology (BMGK)
- 11h25** Perspectives on Bulgarian aggregate sector, **Tomas Guillot**, Co-Chairman of Bulgarian Association of Producers of Inert Materials (BAPIM)
- 11h30** The European Parliament view on the Raw Materials Initiative, by a Bulgarian MEP (tba)
- 11h35** The contribution of the non-energy extractive industries to biodiversity conservation, **Christopher Boyd**, from François Wakenhut's office, Deputy Director, DG Environment
- 11h45** **Video message by Commissioner Potocnik on the EMD 2011**
- 11h55** Biodiversity film "The Minerals Sector: Together for a Sustainable Future" (6' min)
- 12h00** Lunch and art show
- 13h00** Visit of the Vetovo quarry, Vetovo factory and tailing dam (13h00-15h30)  
Presentation of particular show case for **Resource efficiency** in the extraction and production, and for **Biodiversity**
- 15h00** Closing of the event
- 15h30** Transfer to the airport

