



Union Européenne des Producteurs de Granulats  
Europäischer Gesteinsverband  
European Aggregates Association

## UEPG Statement of Biodiversity

*We, UEPG Members, representing suppliers of natural aggregates and construction materials throughout Europe, operating from more than 28,000 sites and employing 350,000 people, recognise:*

- That each activity, product and service that we provide has a potential impact on biodiversity, both on our operational sites and within each local community;
- The importance of biodiversity at each stage of the aggregate production activities: before, during and after the extraction, enabling the creation of new natural areas and habitats;
- The positive impact of the newly created natural areas for local communities and their wide variety (e.g. cliffs, humid zones, water reservoirs).

*To implement these considerations, UEPG is committed to:*

- Ensuring compliance with existing legislation in the area of biodiversity;
- Encouraging the continuous improvement in site practices, including the incorporation of biodiversity considerations in environmental management systems and employee training programme;
- Disseminating biodiversity management good practices towards its Members;
- Developing dialogue with stakeholders including EU Institutions, Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs), scientific experts and local communities;
- Achieving the biodiversity targets of the European Commission and of Countdown 2010;
- Promoting the compatibility of aggregates industry activities within Natura 2000 areas.