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The UEPG Sustainable Development Awards 2019 – the European Aggregates Industry committed to a sustainable Europe

Tonight, in the Brussels Concert Hall 'La Madeleine', UEPG – the European Aggregates Association showcased and celebrated its European Rocks Stars; the 53 entries received from 13 countries on sustainable development in the European Aggregates Industry. Out of these 53 cases of excellence 9 companies received a Trophy and 21 companies were specially mentioned for their achievements for environment, social progress, economic contribution, communication and biodiversity.

The event welcomed around 200 participants from 20 countries including high-level representatives from the European Commission such as key-note speaker Peter Dröll, Director Prosperity in DG Research & Innovation and William Neal, Advisor of the Director for Circular Economy and Green Growth in DG Environment. In response to the future policy trends laid out by the two key-note speakers, the companies [E-MAK](#) and [INFORM](#) presented their innovative products and solutions for the non-energy extractive industry.

UEPG President Thilo Juchem opened the Ceremony by saying that aggregates producers too often are holding back their success stories in sustainable development. We need to show what we do, communicate on it but also learn from each other and from external expertise.

The purpose of this major UEPG event is to reward and showcase the commitment of the European Aggregates Industry to sustainable development. Moreover, it also creates opportunities to promote and disseminate good practice examples and encouraging projects that go well beyond what is required by regulators, setting new standards of excellence others could follow.

The five fully independent Jury Members had the difficult task to select the best of the best. UEPG is sincerely grateful to Ester Asin, Director of the WWF European Policy Office; Jean-Pierre Damm, Co-chair of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee Extractive Industry; Anna Ostreġa, Associate Professor at the AGH University of Science and Technology; Slavko Šolar, Secretary General of the European Geological Surveys; and Guy Woodford, Editor of the magazine Aggregates Business Europe.

Antonis Antoniou Latouros, 1st Vice-President of UEPG officially closed the Ceremony and stressed that all 53 companies have made him proud of our industry.



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