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### Trainee at ANIET, Portugal in June 2014

Miette Dechelle, UEPG Public Affairs Manager, spent two full days with the Portuguese UEPG Member – ANIET.

Miette Dechelle visited the global company [SECILbritas](#), nearby Porto area, in Penafiel. The company founded in 1988 produces natural aggregates, with a capacity of 6,650,000 tonnes spread across Portugal. Despite the crisis, its top priority is Health and Safety continuous improvement, from its strategy to site's activities, as e.g. reported actively at the 2014 NEPSI Reporting.



Francelina Pinto, Executive Director of ANIET, Pedro Martins, SECILbritas Administrator, João Miguel Ribeiro, SECILbritas Regional Manager.

The second company Britafiel, located in the same area, extracts aggregates and ornamental stones since 2006. The company has invested recently on new technologies in collaboration with local University to set



up an innovative product called 'Stoco', coloured natural granite.

On the second day, Miette Dechelle intervened at a workshop organised by ANIET on European project, with speakers such as Jorge Manuel de Mira Amaral, President of ANIET and UEPG Board Member, Francelina Pinto, Executive Director of ANIET, Anabela Carvalho, Representative of the Portuguese Ministry of Education and Science and Portuguese national contact person of the EC Horizon 2020 project, and Ricardo da Mota Veiga, Legal advisor of SOMINCOR, representing KANDANDU project, global platform to exchange good practices in the extractive sectors. Miette Dechelle gave a presentation on UEPG activities, good practices and services to its members.



It was also an opportunity to meet ANIET Board Members and Members present as well as ANIET Team and to exchange on current challenges from the crisis to permitting, and on ANIET's activities to support its members from HSE training, enhancing the sector's visibility and create new markets' opportunities for its members.

### Trainee at SBMI, Sweden in June 2014

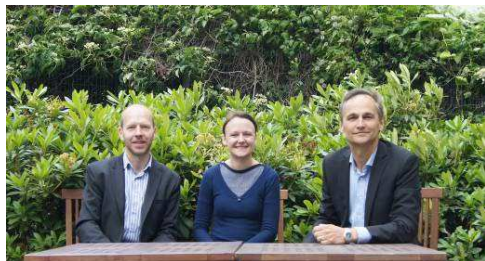
Sandrine Devos, UEPG Public Affairs Manager, spent two full days with the

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Swedish UEPG Member – the Swedish Aggregates Producers Association (SBMI).

Björn Storkirk, Managing Director, and Joakim Heise, Project Leader, presented the association and its key role in addressing the challenges which the Swedish aggregates producers face, for instance taxation on waste. SBMI is especially active in promoting health & safety and implementing the Construction Products Directive. One of the objectives of the Association is to stimulate a more efficient dialogue between quarries and neighbours.



Sandrine Devos visited an NCC Roads site, in the Stockholm area. The site's major activity is to recycle C&DW and to crush raw materials extracted from tunnels, but it recently obtained its licence to resume the extraction of virgin materials. This was an excellent opportunity to discuss the specificities of the Swedish demand for aggregates, the particularities of the licensing process and the future of recycling in Sweden.

SBMI will host the next UEPG Committee meetings of March 2015 in Stockholm.



### Trainee at ICF, Ireland in July 2014

UEPG Secretary General Dirk Fincke spent two full days with the Irish UEPG Member – the Irish Concrete Federation (ICF). The ICF represents concrete and aggregates producers and stands for 70% of the national production. Gerry Farrell, Chief Executive and Liam Smyth, Sustainability & Marketing Manager explained the structure and activities of the ICF and discussed how Irish Producers could better benefit from UEPG services. With 11 Irish MEPs and others in EU key positions, UEPG will assist in building up and maintaining an Irish network in Brussels.

Dirk Fincke visited the well managed Mc Grath's Quarry in Cong, Western Ireland – a winner of the 2010 UEPG Sustainable Development Awards. Challenges for many Irish Aggregates Producers are permitting, environmental impact studies and Natura 2000 weakening the predictability needed for long-term investments.



### Upcoming UEPG meetings

August is also the preparation of coming meeting to note into your calendar:

- 17 Oct.** Recycling Task Force Meeting, Brussels
- 11 Oct.** Biodiversity Task Force Meeting, Brussels
- 8-9 Oct.** Committee meetings, Brussels
- 10 Oct.** GAIN – Global Aggregates Information Network meeting, Brussels
- 14 Oct.** PR and COM Task Force Meeting, Brussels
- 20 Nov.** NEEIP Conference, Brussels
- 19-20 Nov.** Board Meeting and Board Policy Dinner, Brussels