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On 14 July, Jean-Marc Vanbelle, Chairman of the UEPG Technical Committee and Geert Cuperus, Technical Director of the Fédération Internationale du Recyclage (FIR) discussed key issues on recycling, including construction waste under REACH, end-of-waste criteria, the Review of the Waste Framework Directive and the Raw Materials Communication. The meeting was part of the cooperation within the European Platform for Recycled Aggregates (EPRA) launched on 12 February 2008.

### Recycled Aggregates are Articles

On 3 July, Jean-Marc Vanbelle briefed Otto Linher from DG Enterprise and Industry on recycled aggregates under REACH.



#### Aggregates are articles

Jean-Marc Vanbelle (right) demonstrating Otto Linher, DG Enterprise and Industry using samples that aggregates have a designed shape for their use.

Aggregates including recycled are used because of their physical properties and not for their chemical properties. The production process (crushing, screening and washing if relevant) has only one goal, namely production of material with specific shape, size and surface characteristics. Chemical composition is not an item of interest once fitness for use has been validated.

For the time being and depending on the national legislation, recycled aggregates can be considered waste or articles in relation to REACH. For this reason we assume that at the moment no (pre-)registration is required.

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### Biodiversity Task Force Meeting

On 16 July, Liam Smyth, Chairman of the UEPG Biodiversity Task Force reviewed the progress made on the implementation of the Countdown 2010 declaration which UEPG signed on 2 May 2007.



#### Our Nature with Aggregates

Laverne Bell, Biodiversity Officer from QPA Northern Ireland (second from left) presents a strategy to Conserve and Enhance Biodiversity and Geodiversity.

Members of the Task Force proposed to create a biodiversity database of case studies to be completed by 2010 and to be updated quarterly. UEPG members are invited to send their contribution to the General Secretariat.

### UEPG Staff Changes

Our intern Marta Górecka has moved to London and we thank her for all her efforts, especially in strengthening links with Poland.

Julian Gonthier, Public Affairs Officer will depart from UEPG on 31 July to take on new professional challenges. We thank him for all his work for UEPG and wish him well for the future. We are currently recruiting successors.

### Next EU Insight issue in September

Due to the low activity of the European institutions in August, the next issue of EU Insight will be published end of September 2008.

The UEPG General Secretariat wishes you a well deserved and relaxing summer break.

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