

Press Release

Sustainable Development Awards 2022

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67 entries from 15 countries were recognised during the Sustainable Development Award Ceremony, organised by Aggregates Europe – UEPG, that took place on 30 November in the Brussels concert hall ‘La Madeleine’. “The European Aggregates Industry is part of the solution”, said Aggregates Europe – UEPG President Antonis Antoniou Latouros at the beginning of the event which was brilliantly moderated by Peter Woodward. High-level keynote speakers Costas Kadis, Cypriot Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment and European Parliament Vice-President Rainer Wieland were addressing an audience of more than 230 participants from companies, environmental organisations, academia, European and national authorities.

A distinguished jury of experts, comprised of Martin Harper, Regional Director of BirdLife Europe and Central Asia; Yuri Bruinen de Bruin, Expert from the EU Agency for Safety & Health at Work; Bernd Lottermoser, Chair in sustainable resource extraction and Director of the Institute of Mineral Resources Engineering at the University of Aachen; Brenda O’Brien, Official Brussels representative of the EU Agency for Safety & Health at Work; Guy Woodford, Journalist for Aggregates Business Europe selected the following 9 Award winners and kept this as one of Europe’s best secrets until the very day of the Ceremony:

- **Aggregate Industries**, in the category of Restoration, with the project “Ripon City Quarry Restoration”;
- **Lasselsberger GmbH**, in the category of Environmental Best Practice, with the project “Greener Construction”;
- **Nederzand Projectmanagement BV**, in the category of Local Community Partnership, with the project “Over de Maas”;
- **Tarmac Ltd – Nether Langwith Quarry**, in the category of Health & Safety best practice, with the project “Creation of an Occupational Health and Wellbeing (OHWB) Learning Centre at “The Park””;

- **Teunesen Zand & Grint B.V.**, in the category of Economic contribution / added value to society, with the project “Bakel - Milheeze Integral Area Programme”;
- **domingos da silva teixeira S.A.**, in the category of Operational best practice, process or product Innovation, with the project “Gouvães: A quarry & aggregates plant designed to provide a green energy infrastructure: Product and process Innovations”;
- **Wilhelm Stürmlinger & Söhne GmbH & Co. KG**, in the category of Best practice in innovation or recycling, marine or manufactured aggregates, with the project “Processing of excavated Tunnel Material to produce Aggregates according to the German Construction Products Directive”;
- **LafargeHolcim España**, in the category of Communication, with the project “Communicating the value of biodiversity in extraction sites”;
- **Hermann Trollius GmbH**, in the category of Biodiversity, with the project “Transplantation of the Lady’s Slipper Orchid”.

Several projects also received a Special Mention:

- **LafargeHolcim España, S.A.U.**, in the category of Restoration, with the project “La Chanta quarry: a key to Sustainability in the Aggregates sector”;
- **Bocahut SAS**, in the category of Health & Safety best practice, with the project “Manage quarry prevention plans with the “EPDP” web and mobile application developed by BOCAHUT”;
- **Prebetong Áridos, S.L.U.**, in the category of Economic contribution / added value to society, with the project “ONE GRAVEL, MANY LIVES: from gravel to orange grove (and boutique hotel)”;
- **Candesa Group - Canteras de Santander**, in the category of Operational best practice, process or product Innovation, with the project “Mining 4.0: Future technology for a sustainable present”;
- **Zukunft Niederrhein**, in the category of Communication, with the project “Regional public relations work: TOGETHER for sand+gravel and more raw material awareness among the population”;
- **Hanson Aggregates**, in the category of Biodiversity, with the project “Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve, Milton Keynes”.

Out of the 67 entries, the audience was asked to vote for their favourite and recognised **Arids Garcia Pedrera Gar 1, SLU** with the Public Choice Award for the project "Commitment to biodiversity "if there is quarry, there is life".

At the end of the night, **César Luaces Frades**, ANEFA’s Director General and Secretary General received special recognition from the President Antonis Antoniou Latouros for the outstanding and highly valuable expert contribution to the European Aggregates Industry and involvement in Aggregates Europe - UEPG leading several Committees, Task Forces and Working Groups.



Nigel Jackson, also received special recognition from the President Latouros and Secretary General, Dirk Fincke, for his great professionalism, diplomacy and constructive input as Vice-President of Aggregates Europe - UEPG 2012-2022.