



# ***LIFE IN QUARRIES***

## ***EU Working Group***



## **Introduction**



## Key facts of extractive industry in Belgium



73 million tonnes of  
rock extracted and sold  
in Belgium in 2015



200  
production sites

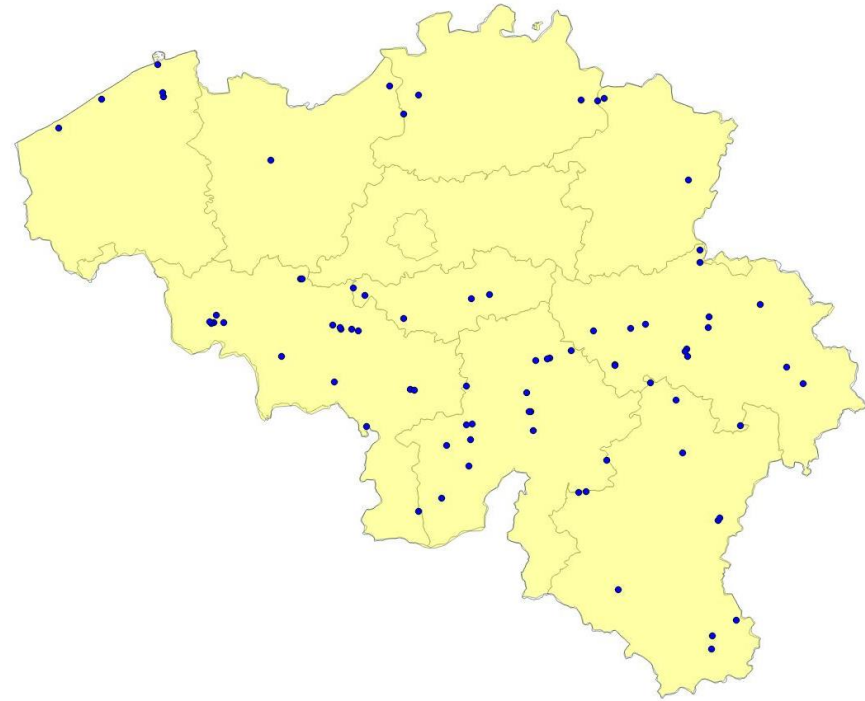


3500  
direct employees



10.500  
indirect employees

Extraction of raw materials (limestone, sandstone, porphyry, sand, gravels ...) essential for our society, infrastructure and daily activities.





# A brief history...

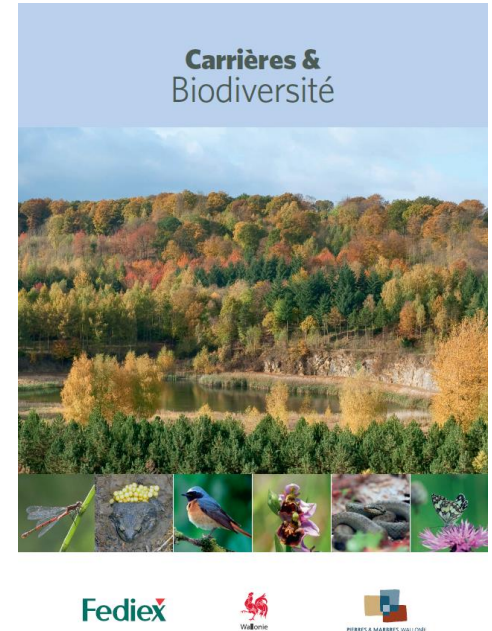


**May 2012 : agreement between Fediox and the Walloon Region on Biodiversity**

**Implementation of a 3 years-action plan in cooperation with Université de Liège**

**October 2015: Start of the *Life in Quarries* project**

**May 2016 : First EU workshop**







# The *Life In Quarries* project



**How can we make these 2 animals live together ?**



**Dynamic management  
of biodiversity**

**Cooperation**

**Legal certainty**



***Take advantage of the species and extraction dynamics!***



# Program



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10h    **Opening**  
**Introduction to the meeting**

Benoit LUSSIS (Environmental advisor - Fediex)  
Dirk FINCKE (Secretary general - UEPG)

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10h15    **The LIFE in Quarries project:**

Alexandre SNEESSENS (Project coordinator)

- Project implementation;
- Core concept of biodiversity management in active quarries;
- Status and progress;
- Discussion.

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11h15    **LIFE IN QUARRIES in action**

Maxime SELECK (Scientific responsible)

- Biological evaluation of active quarries;
- Concrete conservation actions implemented after 2 years;
- Potential and perspectives;
- Discussion.

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12h30    **Lunch**

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13h30    **Legal aspects of dynamic management of biodiversity (DMB)**

- Presentation of the legal study by Pr. Charles-Hubert BORN (ULouvain) and Dr. Hendrik Schoukens (UGent);
- Discussion/analysis of practical case studies.

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15h50    **Closing note**

Fotios Papoulas (European Commission - DG Environment)

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16h00    **Drink**

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