

# Reports from EUExc<sup>o</sup>ert Partners

## Italian Partner Nitrex Points out the Positive Effects of the European Project

**In Italy the importance of EUExc<sup>o</sup>ert is to be seen in the fact that “expert” people in different sector decided to use their knowledge for the production of EUExc<sup>o</sup>ert booklet, especially for what it concerns safety.**



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The production of two new books and courses are in program, one about “Safety for the use of explosive in the mining and tunnelling sector”, also focusing on the national legal settlement to be followed and the other in on “Mining practice”, more general, focusing on the practice, following also the requirement foreseen by law.

**Most important now**, it is to have a clear plan for the future development of EUExc<sup>o</sup>ert. The problem of the loss of competencies it is not only limited to the explosive sector, it a problem that concerns all areas, but in the explosive sector the consequences of this looseness can be very tragic. Maybe a positive solution will be to put in place a Company, composed by people and not by institution, selling certifications and courses. In this way, only the most useful works/courses/materials will be used all over Europe and the knowledge in the explosive sector will spread, hopefully, more rapidly. Nitrex will continue to produce EUExc<sup>o</sup>ert booklets and courses also after October 2008, be

**During** these first 18 months, Nitrex, due to the Italian system, focused on the dissemination of EUExc<sup>o</sup>ert project

as a practical project in order to inform everyone connected to the explosive sectors.

In fact, the project activities and results were presented in articles published in technical magazines, in booklets published as EUExc<sup>o</sup>ert material and especially through Nitrex’ web site.

**EUExc<sup>o</sup>ert permits** to exchange ideas, experiences, methodologies, materials throughout Europe, which is a very important toll if we want to create a European culture of explosives. Although, it must be said that the cooperation between several countries vary different from each other, it is not always easy to focus on the best solution from an honest European point of view, overlapping the regional-national limit and egoistic approach.

**The interest** shown by the Public Authorities and Entrepreneurs could have been bigger. The Authorities must be prepared to approach new ideas and be willing to take responsibility, the Entrepreneurs are focused on the direct production. The National Reference Group often see education and training as a cost for the enterprise and not an opportunity.



*An explosion planned by the Italian company Nitrex .*

A positive effect of the project is the collaboration with people expert in different sector of the “explosive field” such as safety and mining.

The work must go on. Now people start to recognize the work made within the EUExc<sup>o</sup>ert.

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