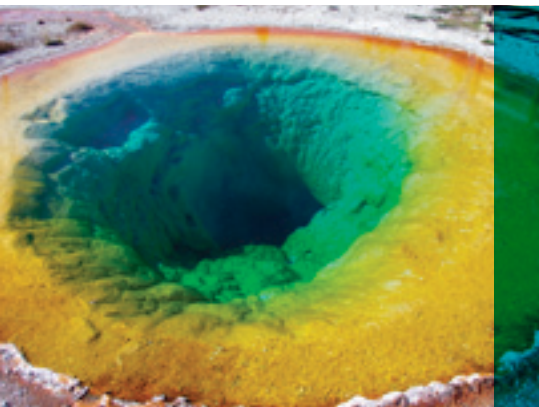




➤ **SINCE 40 YEARS
THE EARTH IS ALL OUR CONCERN**



EuroGeoSurveys is an organisation
which today represents 40 national
and regional institutions in 32 countries



Our General Secretariat is based in Brussels, and more specifically in the European Quarter near the European Commission, the EU Council, the European Parliament, the offices of the European presidency, and the political seat of NATO.

We have a total yearly budget of more than one billion euro and a workforce of over 20,000.

We represent an exceptional example of cooperation between national institutions thanks to our ability to synergistically integrate both information and activities of the member's organisations. This has allowed our association to make impressive progresses over the recent years, permitting geology to become a subject deserving great attention within the European Union's political agenda.

Our strength is to bring diverse groups together to help solve geological problems of a political, economic and social nature.

Our principal purpose is to provide scientific knowledge that underpins European policies and regulations for the benefit of the society.

Our organisation is composed of an Executive Committee which includes 4 Directors elected from among the members of EuroGeoSurveys, and a Secretary General with the task of carrying out the activities agreed with all the directors of the Geological Surveys of Europe.

Our knowledge base can be useful to the heterogeneous public, from institutions, to companies, to media, to universities...

An aerial photograph of a landscape featuring rolling green hills. A prominent red dirt road or path winds through the terrain, starting from the bottom left and curving towards the center. The hills are covered in dense green vegetation, and the overall scene is captured from a high angle, showing the undulating topography.

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EuroGeoSurveys for the EU INSTITUTIONS



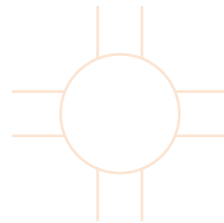
Our main partners are EU institutions. In particular we provide the Commission, the Parliament and other EU bodies with knowledge and unbiased technical advice. Through the years, we have become more and more a preferred provider of expertise, knowledge and data for decision-making of the EU, also thanks to the strong relations established with other European and international associations, organisations and institutions.

One of our strengths is the ability to establish Expert Groups in response to specific policies and demands from the European Union.

Specifically, the European Commission acknowledges that EGS and its Members have significant roles to play in the definition of some of the most important and recent legislative initiatives and provisions, such as:

- The “INSPIRE Directive”
- The “Raw Materials Initiative” and the “European Technology Platform on the Sustainable Use of Mineral Resources”
- The Directive on the geological storage of CO₂
- The EC’s Maritime Policy
- The “Water Framework Directive”
- The “Mining Waste Directive”
- The European Technology Platform on Geological Disposal of Radioactive Wastes

EuroGeoSurveys for the Private Sector



We have built relations with industrial and other organisations operating in the Earth Science sector. A successful example of cooperation is represented by the joint participation in the European Technology Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources (ETP-SMR).

Our role in the ETP-SMR, in the implementation of the Raw Materials Initiative and in the Geochemical Mapping of Agricultural Soils (GEMAS) are also important demonstrations of EGS' will to create stable relationships with the world of production.

Moreover, recent months witnessed the Geological Surveys of Europe organising important research activities such as OneGeology-Europe, which has developed, through the cooperation of experts and users, a geological digital language (GeoSciML) which is able to make data accessible, uniform and reliable, assuming the role of a useful working tool both for national and local authorities, and for the industrial world.

Such intensive research activity together with the construction of a network of both institutional and non-institutional relations, has given EGS great visibility and recognition. For instance, EGS is now one of the 58 international partner organisations involved in the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS - www.earthobservations.org).





EuroGeoSurveys and the Media

Today, the relationship with the media becomes really important to provide clear and specific information about how to deal with natural disasters and prevent the spread the information that can create alarm among the population. In recent years there were in fact a lot of disasters that have plagued Europe and the world.

Our main objective is to establish permanent contacts and lasting relationships with reporters to become an authoritative point of reference, provide them with scientific data that can meet the need for unbiased information.

Our press agents organise press conferences, and write press releases with the aim of bringing to the attention of the media and the general public the many activities in which we are involved.

The information is disseminated country to country through the network of contacts that has been consolidated over the years which strengthens the structure of EGS.

EuroGeoSurveys for the University



We closely collaborate with universities across Europe based on knowledge exchange and cooperation that represents a source of mutual growth. Many of our activities are, in fact, carried out together with the research conducted by the universities.

At the same time we represent a major professional opportunity for young researchers, who can practically test experiment what they learned during their education, participating actively in our activities.





EuroGeoSurveys in the daily life



Our main objective is to contribute to social welfare. Geology, in fact, also represents the science that studies the exploitation of resources and prevention and mitigation of natural disasters. We are organised into Expert Groups integrating all information, knowledge and expertise deriving from all participating countries in fields such as geochemistry, spatial data / INSPIRE, geological hazards, water, Earth observation, energy, carbon capture and storage, marine geology, mineral resources and soils.

The study of rocks is essential for the detection of oil and gas, for understanding the dynamics of explosive volcanic eruptions and the risks to people living in surrounding areas.

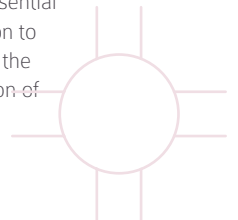
The study and management of water resources is essential to establish criteria for use of water reserves in relation to climate change, pollution of aquifers and their rehabilitation.

Hydrogeochemical investigations are important for assessing water quality.

Some geological processes are a danger to the public as they occur very quickly and unpredictably. Some examples are earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, flooding of rivers and landslides; it is important to know them in order to prevent, manage, and mitigate natural disasters.

The study of ground stability and their mechanical characteristics helps to establish technical criteria for the construction of engineering works. A geological map provides essential information for administration planning.

The retrieval of mineral resources is essential to all human activities, from construction to the construction of road surfaces, from the creation of monuments to the production of ceramic materials.





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