



II European Network

Overview

European Union policies reflect the political priorities of Member States. To influence EU policies EFG must actively position itself as the “voice of European geologists” and provide reliable information to EU policy makers on geoscientific issues and the way they relate to protection of the public, sustainable use of natural resources and environmental protection.

Whenever it has the knowledge and expertise to do so, EFG will actively seek out opportunities to participate in EU (policy) working groups and to cooperate with European institutions to achieve EFG’s aims, for example, by organising workshops and issuing public statements.

Objectives and drivers

1. Increasing the visibility of EFG among EU institutions and EFG’s capabilities to influence the EU in policy development regarding geosciences related issues;
2. Building and maintaining an updated database of contacts in European institutions;
3. Reinforcing EFG’s capability to act as facilitator to NAs.

Outcomes

1. Reinforcing EFG’s role in the development of EU policies that relate to the geosciences;
2. Building awareness of EFG among European Commission officials;
3. Reinforcing EFG’s collaboration with kindred European associations;
4. Reinforcing communication between EFG, the NAs and relevant national organisations such as Geological Surveys or industry associations;
5. Reinforcing EFG’s role to set standards for geologist’s professional practice under European guidelines.