



VI Projects

Overview

Many EU organisations recognise EFG as having experience in participating in large EU collaborative projects with expertise in disseminating information and in contributing a professional geoscience perspective. The Federation is increasingly being invited to participate as a partner in project proposals.

The H2020 framework programme places emphasis on the supply of critical raw materials for European industry and mineral resources will have a prominent role. Although resources are currently the main focus of prospective projects, opportunities relating to education and groundwater topics are also being identified.

Objectives and drivers

1. Ensure funding of EFG's current activity through participation in dissemination tasks (or management/co-ordination tasks) of EU funded projects where there is a geoscience element;
2. Strengthen the bond between the EFG, the NAs and national entities (countries and organisations in Europe and elsewhere) related to innovation and R&D;
3. Enhance the prestige and credibility of the EFG within the EU institutions, businesses and institutions of R&D;
4. Involve as (staff and individual members with appropriate expertise) for their financial benefit.

Outcomes

1. Build on the existing accumulated project surplus funds to allow funding of all EFG non-core (investment) activities;
2. Make at least a 40% contribution to core funding before 2017 allowing reduction of NA fee budget;
3. Enhance the competences of EFG in communicating to the public, the community of geoscientists and decision makers;
4. Enhance the competences of EFG in the preparation of applications for EU funded projects and in delivering excellence as a project partner or co-ordinator;
5. Strengthen EFG relationships with NAs, Laboratories and Universities of the countries (European or not) involved in the applications/projects;
6. Establish EFG and its member NAs as 'first choice' partners for pan European dissemination of geoscience topics and leading to a 'pipeline' of unsolicited invitations to participate.