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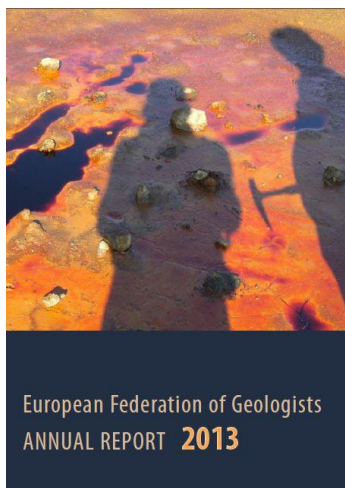
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**The deadline for submitting news items for the next issue of GeoNews is the 10th of June. The EFG Office looks forward to hearing from you.**

**1. EFG News and News from EFG Members**

**EFG:**



**EFG Annual report 2013.**

In its annual report for the past year EFG gives an overview of its activities according to its seven strategic action plans.

You may download the report at:  
<http://eurogeologists.eu>



Consiglio Nazionale  
dei Geologi

**EFG Workshop and Council meeting, Palermo, Italy,  
29 May – 1 June 2014.**

The Consiglio Nazionale dei Geologi - Italian National Council of Geologists (CNG), National Association member of the European Federation of Geologists, is pleased to host the International Workshop "Geologists of Europe in the 3rd millennium" which will be held in Palermo on 29 May 2014. The workshop is intended as an open forum on current state of the geological profession for the various national organisations representing the profession within the European Federation of Geologists.

The Workshop will be followed by the 2014 EFG Summer Council Meeting, which will be held at the National Gallery of Modern Art. You may find more information [here](#).



**EAGE/EFG Photo contest "Geoscientists at work"**

This month the 12 most popular photos will be printed and included in a travelling exhibition that will visit several EAGE and EFG events throughout Europe. During the exhibition period you will be able to vote for the Top 3 winners of the contest.

You may have a look at all entries at:

[www.houseofgeosciences.org](http://www.houseofgeosciences.org)

**EAGE**

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GEOSCIENTISTS &  
ENGINEERS

**GSL, UK:**



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Geological  
Society

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**GSL Annual review 2013.**

The Geological Society of London recently released its annual report for 2013.

You may download it at the following link:

<http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/annualreview2013>

**SGD, Serbia:**



**XVI Serbian Geological Congress "Optimal Research and Sustainable Usage of the Geological Resources", Donji Milanovac, Serbia, 22-25 May 2014.**

The Serbian Geological Society (Srpsko geološko društvo - SGD) in partnership with the Society of Geological Engineers and Technicians of Serbia is pleased to host its 16th Congress.

In addition to the scientific programme, several fieldtrips will be organised.

More information: <http://www.sgd.rs>

## 2. General

### Survey:



#### **YES Network 'Women in Geoscience' Survey**

The [YES Network](#) has recently launched the 'Women in Geoscience Survey', a global initiative launched with the UK Chapter of the International Association for Geoethics, with the aim to establish the needs and challenges faced by women in geosciences.

You are invited to share your opinion at the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms>

### European Institutions:



#### **EC Public consultation on the Europe 2020 strategy.**

The objective of this consultation launched by the European Commission in May is to inform the review of the Europe 2020 strategy and to seek the public's views on its further development.

The consultation will be open until 31 October 2014.  
More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020>



#### **Consultation on introducing the European Professional Card (EPC) for engineers.**

The European Professional Card (EPC) is a key element of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications, as amended by Directive 2013/55/EU. The amending directive took effect on 17 January 2014, and the EU countries are expected to implement it by 18 January 2016. The point of the EPC is to make it easier for professional qualifications to be recognised and for members of a regulated profession to practise elsewhere in the EU. This will be achieved by involving the relevant authorities in professionals' home countries more, and through electronic procedures.

The objective of the public consultation is to seek further views and collect data on issues including the mobility of professionals, application procedures & fees from the professional associations & the authorities responsible for recognition of professional qualifications in the EU

countries. The Commission will use the responses to assess whether the EPC is appropriate for the professions concerned, and what impact it will have on EU countries.

Deadline for participation: **2 June 2014**

More information: [http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market)

#### Events:



#### **EFG participation in the European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April – 02 May 2014**

For the first time, EFG was present at the EGU General Assembly as an exhibitor. The EGU General Assembly is the most relevant geosciences event in Europe.

More information: <http://eurogeologists.eu>



#### **GEO Business 2014, London, UK, 28-29 May 2014.**

GEO Business, is a major new geospatial event for everyone involved in the gathering, storing, processing and delivering of geospatial information. A hands-on geospatial event that not only incorporates an international trade exhibition and a cutting edge conference, but also a programme of live workshops and demonstrations featuring the technology and services used by those working with spatial data.

[www.GeoBusinessShow.com](http://www.GeoBusinessShow.com)



#### **14th International Multidisciplinary Scientific GeoConference & EXPO (SGEM 2014), Varna, Bulgaria, 17 June 2014.**

The 2014 edition of this international conference combining all fields of geosciences will bring together researchers, educators and practitioners representing research and educational institutions, companies, government agencies and consulting organisations from all over the world to exchange ideas, to define the research priorities in the fields of geosciences. The overall objective is to propose potential solutions of problems related to the global changes, to contribute to the integration of environmental consideration into the decision-making process - hoping to ensure that present consumption will not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

More information: <http://sgem.org/>



### **IESO 2014, Santander, Spain, 22-29 September 2014.**

The next International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2014) will be celebrated at the Palace of La Magdalena, Santander (Spain) in September. For further details please contact:

COC - Core Organizing Committee

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<http://www.ieso-info.org/>

## **3. Minerals**

### **News:**



### **EFG associated partner of ERA-MIN.**

ERA-MIN is a network of European organisations owning and/or managing research programs on raw materials. ERA-MIN's objectives are to contribute to overcome the current state of fragmentation and to foster research in the field of industrial production and supply of raw materials by:

- Networking stakeholders
- Roadmapping research priorities
- Implementing joint actions.

In March 2014, EFG was formally admitted by ERA-MIN as [associated partner](#).

As an Associate, EFG commits itself to applying its best efforts to supporting the goals, tasks and activities of ERA-MIN.

More information on ERA-MIN: <http://www.era-min.eu.org/>

### **Asia Pacific Stock Exchange ("APX") recommends to accept PERC reporting standard.**

The Australia based Asia Pacific Stock Exchange ("APX") has recently published a consultation paper in relation to APX Listing Rule Amendments and Guidance Notes. In terms of Reporting Standards, APX proposes to use the JORC Code concerning minerals, and the SPE-PRMS with regards to oil and gas. With regards to international reporting standards (for the purpose of qualifying international estimates), APX proposes to accept the following standards:

- NI 43-101 and the CIM Standards;
- The SAMREC Code; and
- The PERC Code

EFG is one of the founding members of PERC and its European Geologist title holders are considered as Competent Persons according to the reporting code.

The APX consultation period will end on **23 May 2014**.

More information: <http://www.apx.com.au>

## **4. Renewable Energy**

### **Events:**



GEOTHERMIE  
BODENSEE

**3rd International Congress GEOTHERMIE  
BODENSEE, St.Gallen, Switzerland, 22 May 2014.**

For this third edition of the congress experts and policy makers will again meet with the aim of analysing the future of geothermal energy. The programme contains keynote speeches, talks and discussion on the future role of geothermal energy and will also highlight technical, financial and legal aspects.

More information (in German): <http://www.geothermie-bodensee.ch/>

**TransGeoTherm – Geothermal energy for development of the Niesse region. Pilot project, Görlitz, Germany, 13 June 2013.**

TransGeoTherm is a common project of the Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute, Lower Silesian Branch (lead partner) and the Saxon State Agency for Environment, Agriculture and Geology (Germany). It is co-financed by the European Union (EU) within the framework of the Operational Programme for Transboundary Co-operation Poland-Saxony 2007-2013. It started in October 2012 and will last until June 2014. The realisation of TransGeoTherm is based on innovative methods analysing and interpreting geological, hydrogeological and geothermal data with respect to 3D modelling processed by using the software GOCAD. The seminar will be held in German and Polish (simultaneous translation will be provided).

More information: [www.transgeothem.eu](http://www.transgeothem.eu)

## 5. Oil & Gas

**Events:**



**GeoShale 2014, Warsaw, Poland, 24-26 September 2014.**

This 2<sup>nd</sup> international conference dedicated to mudrocks will be held in September at Warsaw. The organisers invite you to submit your abstracts by 30 May.

More information: <http://www.geoshale.com>

## 6. Natural Hazards

**Events:**

**European ministerial meeting on disaster risk reduction, Milan, Italy, 8 July 2014.**

The meeting, taking place within the context of an Informal Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council, will allow for Ministers from EU Member States and those part of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) to exchange views towards the development of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, to be endorsed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR), 14-18 March 2015 in Sendai City, Japan.

More information: <http://www.preventionweb.net>

## 7. Hydrogeology

**Events:**





**Implementation of Green Infrastructure: how to make it a success?, Brussels, Belgium, 2 June 2014.**

The European Technology Platform for Water - Working Group on Green

Infrastructure, Deltares and IUCN are co-organising this workshop to exchange knowledge and examples on the implementation of green infrastructure.

More information: <http://wsstp.eu/events/workshop-green-infrastructure/>



**EWA seminar: A guide to EU water policy, Brussels, Belgium, 16 June 2014.**

Water does not respect political or administrative boundaries, neither on pollution nor on floods. Planning and decisions in water management are thus increasingly shaped by EU legislation and initiatives, as well as conventions under international law. An understanding of legal basis, context and decision-taking mechanisms are thus of increasing importance for policy makers and planners at all levels. This seminar will intend to follow up on the success from last year. It will be led by Dr. Helmut Blöch, the former head of the Water unit at DG Environment, who will introduce the participants to all aspects of EU Water Policy.

More information: <http://www.ewa-online.eu/>

**Publications:**

**Free MAR books repository available freely on the internet**

The MAR project has established a compilation of hydrogeology books dedicated to the MAR technique available on the Internet for free. You may consult the library at: <http://www.dina-mar.es>

## 8. Jobs and Training

For more information on jobs and training possibilities please visit the [EFG website](#). You will also find there an updated list of job vacancy platforms all over Europe.

We hope you enjoyed reading our monthly newsletter and would be pleased to receive your comments, feedback or information on events relevant to the geological profession in Europe.

Kind regards,  
EFG Office

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