



III Global Network

Overview

In the light of the increasing pace of business globalisation and rapid changes to both the regional economic balance and in Europe's role, EFG must seek alliances with geoscientific organisations outside Europe to promote adoption internationally of criteria and standards relating to the professional practice of geoscience. EFG is committed to setting standards in geosciences, covering the professional exercise, ethics, reporting and training. Mutual recognition of professional qualifications is critical to extend the opportunities for EFG's members working overseas and to benchmark existing European standards and the achievements in skills enhancement.

Through its broad base of NAs, EFG has a network of contacts with countries (and regions) with different languages and cultures, including America, Africa, Oceania and parts of Asia. It can also rely on the support of the European Commission with its interest in setting international standards.

Objectives and drivers

1. Share and benchmark best practice among geoscience organisations (professional, technical, scientific, etc.);
2. Seek opportunities to develop international standards based on the concept of Qualified Person or Competent Person, to ensure delivery of high levels of professional competence (see also the Strategic Action Plan VII EurGeol Competent Person);
3. Develop a common and reciprocal process for the mutual recognition of professional qualifications among kindred professional geological bodies;
4. Develop a common code of ethics for all professional geologists;
5. Attract NAs from outside Europe to join EFG, initially as Observer Members.

Outcomes

1. Widen recognition and acceptance of standards based on individual professional competence;
2. Ensure the recognition of the EurGeol title and the mobility of Eurogeologists in Canada, USA, South America, Asia and Africa;
3. Reinforce the EFG network with scientific and professional geoscientific organisations;