



## 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.