

EuroGeoSurveys

International Cooperation Policy Sector

THE PROBLEM

- Shortage of clean drinking water
- Global change
- Coastal erosion
- Natural catastrophes
- Environmental pollution

HOW TO HELP

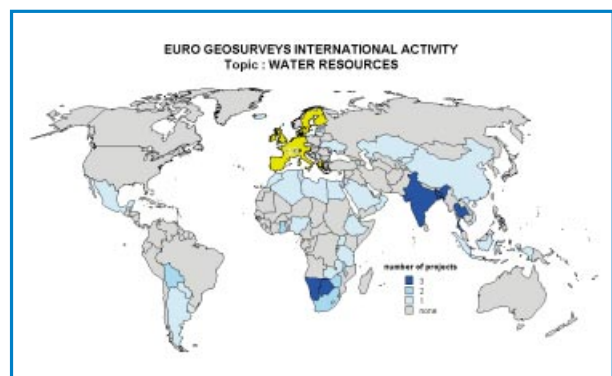
Geoscientific knowledge is fundamental to solve these problems.

The aim of EuroGeoSurveys is to provide European Union institutions with expert advice and policy formulation in areas such as:

- the sustainable management of environmental issues
- promoting good governance, policy and economic management
- natural hazards and coastal management
- land use planning, urban development
- the use of natural resources (water, energy, minerals, aggregates, soil)
- environmental and mining legislation

EuroGeoSurveys has access to unrivalled experience in these areas through its component members. Each year, members participate in over 100 international projects worth at least 100 million Euro, in about 60 developing countries around the world.

The EuroGeoSurveys member organisations can facilitate, on behalf of the European Union, various geoscientific activities by improving physical infrastructure and environmental health in countries with economies in transition or development.



EuroGeoSurveys is a non-profit association comprising the geological surveys of 22 European states.

The main aim of EuroGeoSurveys is to provide the entire range of European Union institutions with expert, balanced and practical pan-European advice and information as an aid to problem-solving and policy formulation for the sustainable management of environmental issues, pollution, natural hazards and the use of natural resources (minerals, water, energy and soils).

ACHIEVEMENTS

The economic development of many countries depends on natural resources development. The Geological Surveys in Europe have worked with governments in Africa, Asia and South America to identify and promote target areas for mineral and hydrocarbon licensing.

The European Geological Surveys have been involved in Institution Building and advice to the same governments in a variety of topics related to groundwater monitoring, agriculture, sustainable development, geohazards as well as pollution of soils and the subsurface.

FUTURE PLANS

The International Cooperation Policy Sector plans:

To keep under review and to promote member Surveys' overseas activities in order to help strengthen the ability of recipient national organisations in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the New Independent States, the Mediterranean, the ACP states, Asia and Latin America to apply geoscience information to develop environmental, resource and sustainable development strategies in issues such as groundwater, desertification, pollution, soils and the mineral economy and the training and technology transfer needs of the recipient organisations.

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