

# EuroGeoSurveys who we are and what we do?

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#### Legal status

EuroGeoSurveys is the Association of the Geological Surveys of Europe

Our Association is legally registered in France and under French law, however the office is located in Brussels: Rue Joseph II 36-38

Office staff is the Secretary General, Assistant and Secretary

The real strength of our Association are the Members contributing with their knowledge, capabilities, capacities, experience and finances

## Statutory objectives

To jointly address European issues of common interest

To promote the contribution of geosciences to European Union affairs and action programmes

To assist the European Union to obtain technical advice from the members of the Association

To provide a permanent network between the Geological Surveys and a common, but not unique, gateway to each of the Surveys and their national networks

#### **Objectives**

In other words the goal of EuroGeoSurveys is:

To develop a common strategy in order to ensure better understanding of geology and Geological Surveys on European and national levels

The target group of our activities are officials and decision makers on EU and national (regional) levels

#### EuroGeoSurveys membership

Our member organizations are the geological surveys of:

EU Member States: 26

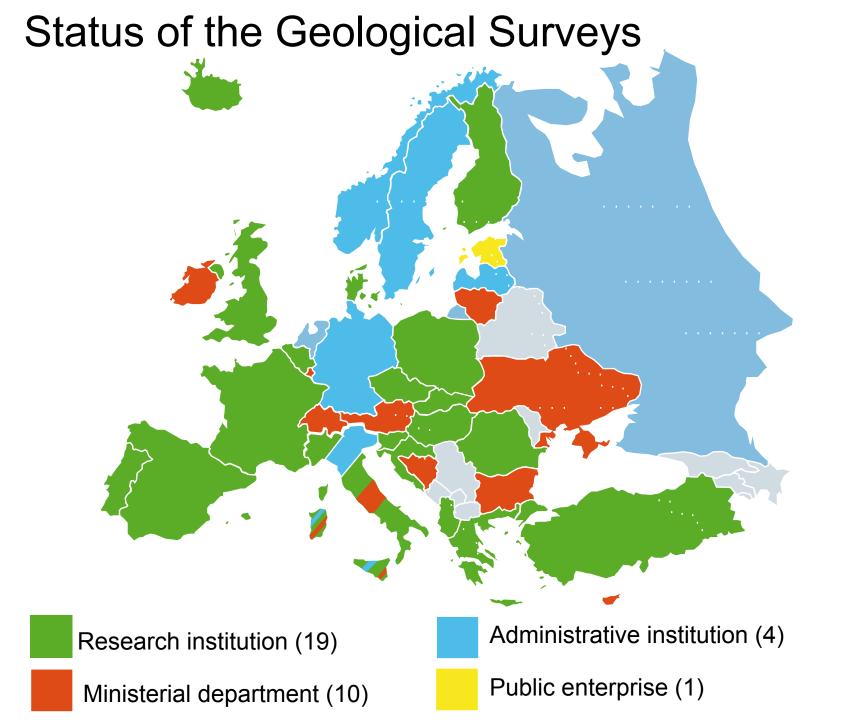
EU candidate countries: 1

EFTA countries: 3

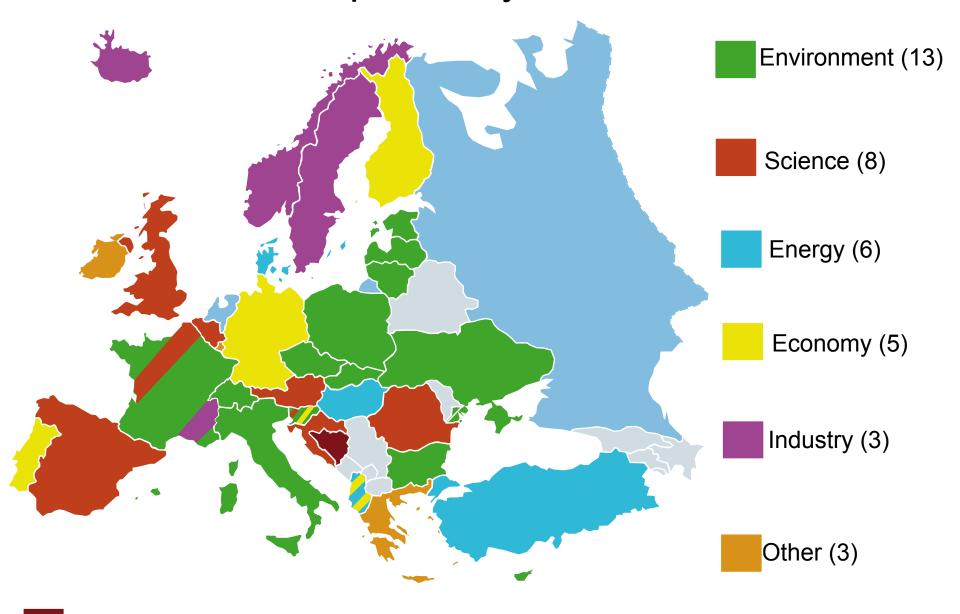
Other European countries: 3

EuroGeoSurveys membership



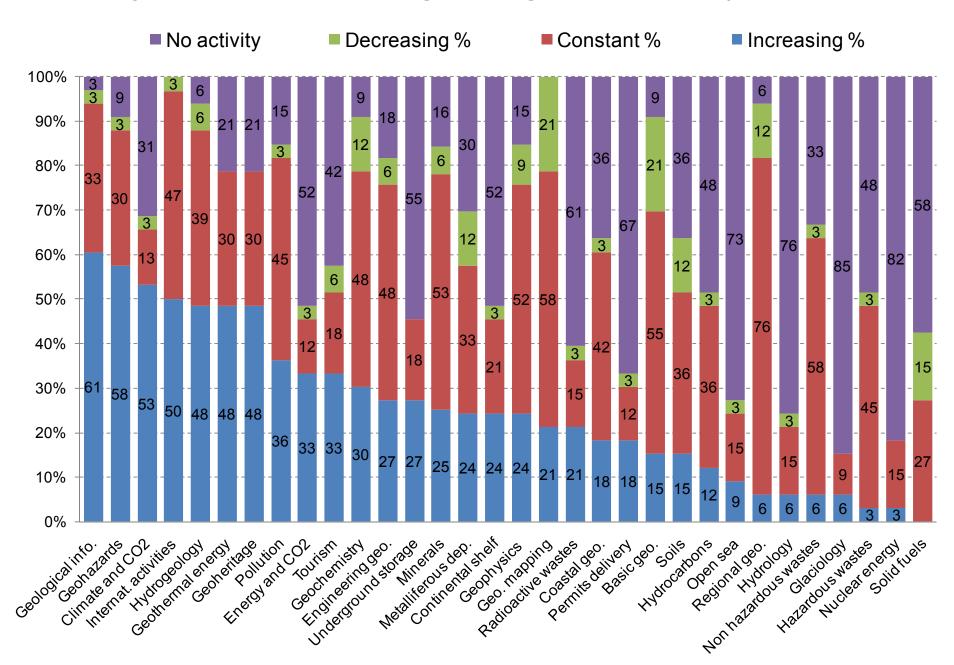


#### Governmental supervisory bodies



Direct supervision of government (1)

# Major activities of geological surveys 2007



DG DEVELOPMENT

DG ENERGY & TRANSPORT

DG ENLARGEMENT

DG ENTERPRISE

DG ENVIRONMENT

DG INFORMATION SOCIETY

DG REGIONAL POLICY

DG RESEARCH Document the contribution of Geosciences to European Policies

Provide advice
Participate to work groups
Formulate proposals

#### **Proactivity**



General Assembly

Executive Committee

Contact Persons

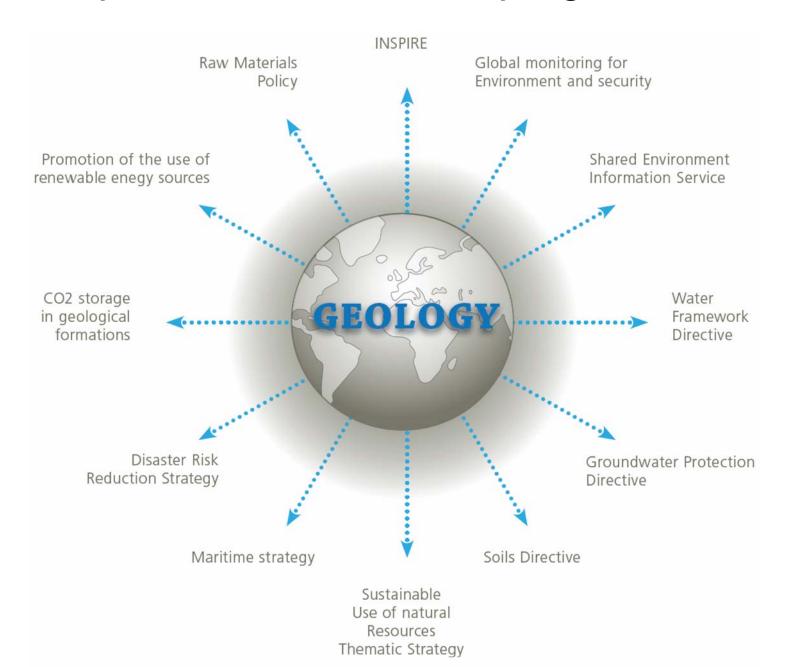
Working Groups

#### Reactivity

Identify policies, programmes & opportunities

Transmit requests and enquiries

# EU policies and relevant programmes



#### Internal structure

National Geological Surveys (33): Directors + Contact Persons

#### **Executive Committee (4)**

**EEIG** 

Working Groups

President: José Pedro Calvo Sorando, Spain

Treasurer: John Ludden, United Kingdom

Vice-president: Zdeněk Venera, Czech Republic

Member: Arne Bjørlykke, Norway

Office Staff (3)

**Secretary General** 

# EuroGeoSurveys Working Groups

Geochemistry

Marine and Coastal Geology

Water

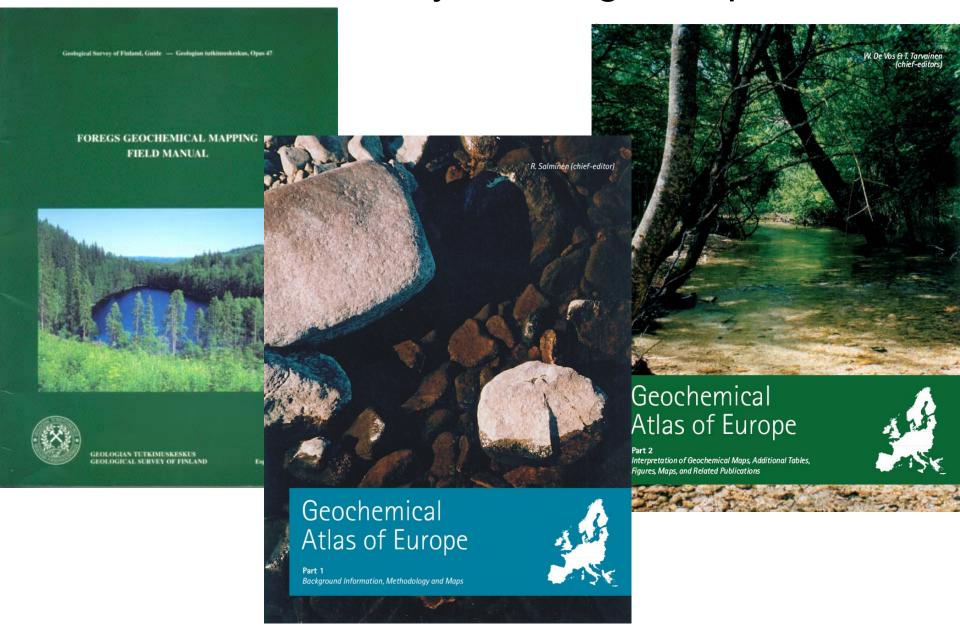
**Minerals** 

Geographic Information and INSPIRE

Soils

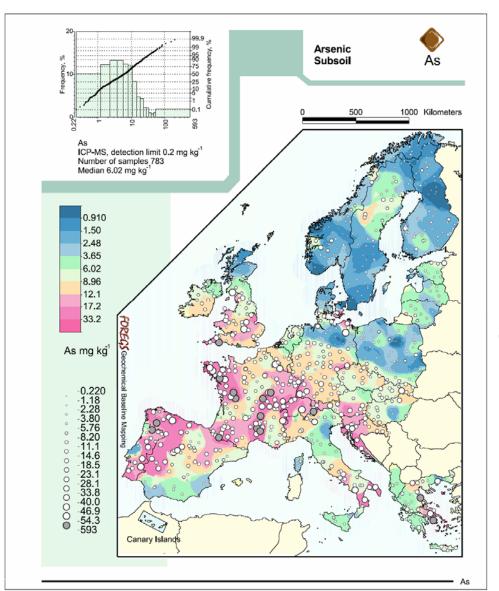
Geohazards

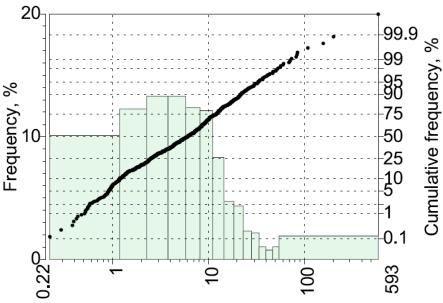
# **Geochemistry Working Groups**



http://www.gtk.fi/publ/foregsatlas/

# Geochemistry Working Groups





The natural variation of Arsenic-concentrations in European subsoils covers 4 orders of magnitude (from 0.2 – 600 mg/kg).

# Geochemistry Working Groups



#### Marine and Coastal Geology Working Groups

Southern North Sea Project (1989-1991)

EuroCore (1998-2001)

EUMARSIN (1998-2000)

THEMES (Thematic Maps of the European Seabed)

**MARINERS** 

(Marine Information Network for the European Regional Seas)

**EUROSEISMIC** (2002-2005)

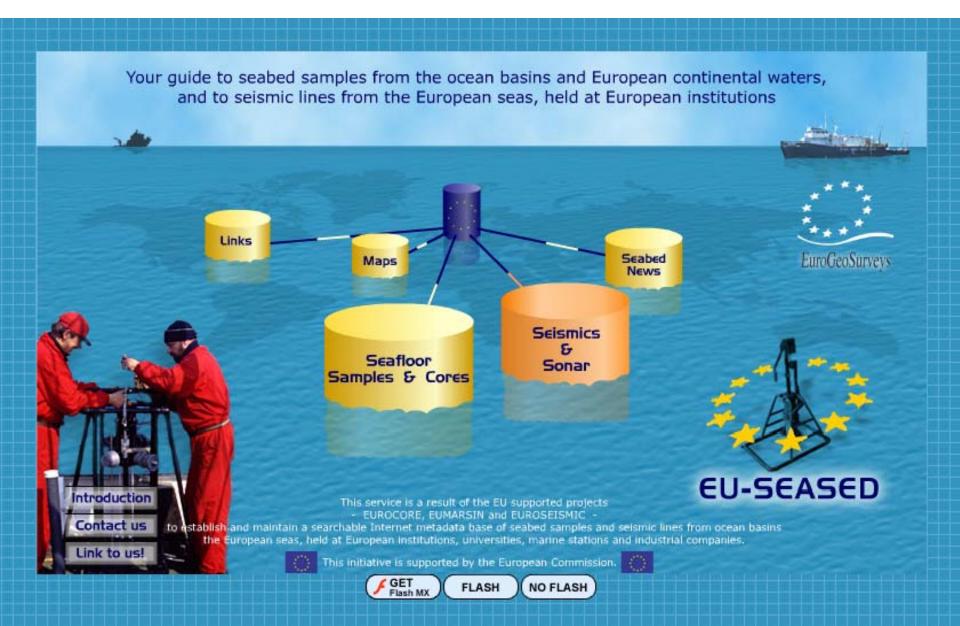
EUROSEISMIC-NAS (2003-2005) 23 partners, 20 countries

**MARINERS-NMS** 

**IMAGINE** 

GeoSeas

#### Marine and Coastal Geology Working Groups



## Other Working Groups

#### Water

Water Framework Directive

**Groundwater Directive** 

#### **Geographic Information and INSPIRE**

**INSPIRE** directive

#### Soils

**Draft Soils Directive Proposal** 

#### **Minerals**

Forthcoming EU non-energy extructive raw materials policy

#### Thank you for your attention

Any questions?